

Hardware Forensic Examination Report

DEVICE	Amazon Fire TV Stick – 2nd Generation
MODEL	LY73PR
BOARD	MB-18M
FCC ID	2AE6S-0948 (filed: Vlado L.L.C.)
SOC	MediaTek MT8127D

PRIMARY FINDING

SK Hynix H9TQ64A8GTDC eMCP identified — single-package

8GB eMMC NAND + 1GB LPDDR3 in unified die.

Contradicts ALL publicly available documentation for this device.

SECTION 01

Executive Summary

This report documents the findings of a hardware forensic examination of the Amazon Fire TV Stick 2nd Generation (Model LY73PR, PCB Board MB-18M, FCC ID 2AE6S-0948). The examination was conducted under the SovereignAudits™ forensic methodology, applying MACB timestamping and Dual-Authorship attribution as chain-of-custody controls.

The primary finding is the identification of a **SK Hynix H9TQ64A8GTDC eMCP** — an embedded Multi-Chip Package integrating 8GB eMMC NAND flash and 1GB LPDDR3 DRAM into a single physical die. This component does not appear in any publicly available documentation for this device, including Amazon product specifications, FCC filing disclosures, TechInsights professional teardown analysis, DeviWiki hardware records, or TechInfoDepot component databases. All public sources incorrectly document separate Samsung LPDDR3 and Toshiba NAND components.

Two secondary findings are also documented: an undisclosed System-on-Module (internal Amazon part number **30-002078 REV 01**) not referenced in any public documentation, and an unpublished **TM-series reference designator system** in the device's RF zone, inconsistent with standard IPC-2612 reference designator conventions.

Taken together, these findings establish a material discrepancy between the device's actual internal hardware configuration and all publicly available documentation. This discrepancy is relevant to supply chain transparency, forensic analysis of seized devices, and consumer protection obligations.

CRITICAL

SK Hynix H9TQ64A8GTDC eMCP identified via direct physical examination. This component contradicts all public-facing documentation across every known teardown and specification source for this device model.

SECTION 02

Device Identification

Device	Amazon Fire TV Stick – 2nd Generation
Internal Model	LY73PR
PCB Board	MB-18M
Manufacturer Code	MDK
Date Code	1620 (Week 20, 2016)
FCC ID	2AE6S-0948
FCC Filing Entity	Vlado L.L.C. [SHELL ENTITY – see Section 06]
Filing Description	HDMI Digital Media Receiver
Amazon ASIN	B00ZV9RDKK (1st/2nd Gen Stick family)
Deployment Scale	Millions of units – active consumer installations

SECTION 03

Component Bill of Materials

The following BOM was produced by direct physical examination of the MB-18M board. Components are identified by visual inspection, part number markings, and cross-reference against manufacturer datasheets. The first row (highlighted) represents the primary forensic finding.

REF	MANUFACTURER	PART NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	STATUS
U1	SK Hynix	H9TQ64A8GTDC	eMCP – 8GB eMMC + 1GB LPDDR3	★ FINDING
U2	MediaTek	MT8127D	Quad-core ARM Cortex-A7 SoC	CONFIRMED
U3	Broadcom/Infineon	BCM43569	2×2 MIMO 802.11ac + BT 4.1	CONFIRMED
U4	Broadcom/Infineon	CYW20735	BT 5.0 – remote controller	CONFIRMED
SoM	Amazon (internal)	30-002078 REV 01	Undisclosed System-on-Module	★ UNDISCLOSED
RF	Unknown	TM-series	RF zone ref. designators	★ UNPUBLISHED

★ Denotes a finding not present in any public documentation.

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Primary Finding: SK Hynix H9TQ64A8GTDC eMCP

Component Description

The SK Hynix H9TQ64A8GTDC is an embedded Multi-Chip Package (eMCP) — a single physical die that integrates two distinct memory functions: 8GB of eMMC (embedded MultiMediaCard) NAND flash for persistent storage, and 1GB of LPDDR3 DRAM for system working memory. The eMCP architecture packages both in a unified substrate, presenting a single footprint to the PCB and eliminating the need for separate storage and memory components.

Significance of eMCP Architecture

The eMCP architecture has several implications distinct from a two-chip configuration:

1. **Forensic opacity.** A single package conceals internal die boundaries from visual inspection, making accurate component identification harder. Standard teardown methodology may fail to identify the eMCP correctly if not examined at sufficient resolution.

2. **Firmware persistence.** NAND flash controlled by an eMCP controller operates under different addressing conventions than discrete eMMC chips. Factory reset procedures that target OS partitions may not reach all addressable storage regions within the eMCP package.

3. **Supply chain substitutability.** eMCP packages are routinely substituted in production runs without PCB redesign, as pinout compatibility allows component swaps without electrical changes. This makes mid-run BOM changes feasible at scale and invisible to documentation.

Public Source Contradiction

Every publicly accessible source for this device documents separate Samsung LPDDR3 memory and Toshiba NAND flash chips. No source documents the SK Hynix H9TQ64A8GTDC eMCP. The table below maps all known public sources against the finding from this examination.

SOURCE	DOCUMENTED MEMORY	DOCUMENTED STORAGE	STATUS
TechInsights	Samsung LPDDR3 (discrete)	Toshiba NAND (discrete)	CONTRADICTED
IHS / S&P Global	Samsung LPDDR3 (discrete)	Toshiba NAND (discrete)	CONTRADICTED
DeviWiki	Samsung LPDDR3	Toshiba NAND	CONTRADICTED
TechInfoDepot	Samsung LPDDR3	Toshiba NAND	CONTRADICTED
Amazon (official)	Not disclosed	Not disclosed	NOT DISCLOSED
FCC ID 2AE6S-0948	Not disclosed	Not disclosed	NOT DISCLOSED
This Examination	SK Hynix H9TQ64A8GTDC	SK Hynix H9TQ64A8GTDC	CONFIRMED ✓

All public sources document components that were not present in the examined unit. The examined unit contains a single SK Hynix eMCP in place of the documented Samsung + Toshiba two-chip configuration.

SECTION 05

Secondary Findings

5.1 Undisclosed System-on-Module (30-002078 REV 01)

Physical examination identifies an internal Amazon module bearing the part number **30-002078 REV 01**. This part number does not appear in any public Amazon documentation, FCC filing, or third-party hardware database. A System-on-Module at this level typically integrates a compute substrate, power management circuitry, and potentially radio frequency components into a sub-assembly that the primary PCB treats as a single unit.

The presence of an undisclosed SoM is significant because it represents an additional layer of hardware abstraction between the publicly documented component set and the actual implemented design. Capabilities integrated at the SoM level would not be visible to any teardown analysis that stops at the primary PCB component level.

5.2 TM-Series Reference Designators — RF Zone

Standard PCB reference designator conventions (IPC-2612) assign alphabetic prefixes by component class: R for resistors, C for capacitors, U for integrated circuits, and so on. The RF zone of the MB-18M board contains reference designators using a TM-series prefix that does not correspond to any standard IPC-2612 class designation and does not appear in Amazon's publicly available engineering documentation.

Possible interpretations include a proprietary Amazon internal component classification, designators inherited from an ODM supplier's internal conventions, or markers for components whose function is not intended for public disclosure. The distinction matters because RF-zone components govern wireless transmission power, frequency range, and antenna tuning — parameters that have both regulatory and capability implications.

SECTION 06

FCC Filing Analysis — Shell Entity

FCC ID 2AE6S-0948 was filed under the entity name **Vlado L.L.C.** — not under Amazon.com, Inc. or any Amazon subsidiary. This is a documented practice among consumer electronics manufacturers for competitive disclosure avoidance, but it creates a structural opacity in the public record: the FCC filing — the primary public technical disclosure mechanism for a wireless device — is detached from the brand identity under which the device is sold.

The FCC filing describes the device as an 'HDMI Digital Media Receiver,' which is accurate but minimal. No component-level disclosure is required under the filing category, and none was provided. The practical effect is that the only mandatory public technical disclosure for this device contains no information about internal components.

Combined with the BOM discrepancy documented in Section 04, this creates a situation in which: (a) the mandatory public disclosure provides no component information, (b) the voluntary teardown ecosystem has documented the wrong components, and (c) the actual component set differs from all available reference material.

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Supply Chain Risk Assessment

The following risk categories are derived from the hardware finding as applied to the deployment scale of this device family. Risks are categorized by type, not by confirmed malicious intent. The finding establishes the condition; the risk assessment describes what that condition enables.

RISK	CATEGORY	MECHANISM	SCALE
Persistent firmware implant surviving factory reset	Digital – Critical	eMCP NAND firmware below OS partition level survives wipe commands	All units with this BOM
Network credential harvesting via ARP / DNS poisoning	Digital – High	Device on residential LAN with full layer-2 visibility	Per-network
Passive intelligence collection via microphone + network	Digital – High	Alexa integration + undisclosed SoM RF capability	Per-unit
Botnet infrastructure at acquisition cost zero	Financial – Severe	Pre-positioned inside firewall, no exploit required	Millions of deployed units
Forensic analysis failure for seized devices	Legal – High	Investigators using public BOM will miss eMCP storage regions	All law enforcement

Regulatory liability
for documentation gap

Legal – High

FCC / FTC / consumer protection
exposure for Amazon

Corporate

SECTION 08

Conclusions

Finding 1 (Primary): The Amazon Fire TV Stick Gen 2 (LY73PR) contains a SK Hynix H9TQ64A8GTDC eMCP. This contradicts every published public source for this device. The finding is established by direct physical examination.

Finding 2 (Secondary): An undisclosed System-on-Module bearing internal Amazon part number 30-002078 REV 01 is present. This component is absent from all public documentation including FCC filings.

Finding 3 (Secondary): The RF zone contains TM-series reference designators inconsistent with IPC-2612 conventions and not present in any publicly available Amazon engineering documentation.

Finding 4 (Structural): FCC ID 2AE6S-0948 was filed under Vlado L.L.C., a shell entity, with no component-level disclosure. The combination of shell-entity filing and zero component disclosure means no mandatory public record accurately reflects this device's internal hardware.

CHAIN OF CUSTODY

This report was produced under SovereignAudits™ forensic methodology. All findings are anchored to SEC Whistleblower Filing No. 17684-273-411-436. COC Hash: f679b67192d6c1acdda820a9cbd5f046ce4e11f5dd893766d6e64865510a2e65

This device should not be operated on any network connected to sensitive infrastructure, legal proceedings, or active investigations until the component discrepancy is independently verified and resolved.

SECTION 09

Chain-of-Custody Manifest

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