

Philips Intros Smartphone-Style SpeechAir Recorder

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The Philips Speech Processing Solutions unit presents the SpeechAir-- a voice recorder the company describes as the first deserving the "smart" descriptor through the inclusion of wifi connectivity and a touchscreen.



Described as "the missing link between the worlds of smartphones and dictation recorders," the SpeechAir is a smartphone-style touchscreen device running on Android. It features wifi and Bluetooth connectivity and a camera allowing the scanning of barcodes as well as the quick snapping of photos.

The actual hardware is also fairly tough, with a Gorilla glass display and a shock-proof housing complete with antimicrobial qualities for use in medical environments.

As for the actual recording part of the voice recorder, the SpeechAir features 3 microphone options-- a 360-degree microphones (for meetings and dictations), directional microphone (for ambient-sound environments) and a phone-style microphone for VoIP phone calls. All recordings are encrypted in real time using AES 256-bit security, while the device can be PIN or password protected, the camera locked and network access restricted.

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