

The new generation of mobiles may be on the chunky side but they're crammed with features, says MARK HARRIS

Big can be beautiful

Orange Handspring Treo 600



With its full Qwerty thumb-board and touch-sensitive 64,000-colour screen, no one's going to mistake the Treo for a plain old cellphone. Handspring is a newcomer to mobile phones but a past master at PDA organisers, and the stylish Treo 600 is an almost perfect combination of the two. It's capable of running any of the thousands of Palm applications, from games and office packages to music and art software, and Web surfing is a breeze with its speedy GPRS connection. It even remains usable

as a PDA if you let your phone contract expire in the future.
Where: The Orange Shop; www.orange.co.uk; 0500 802080
How much: £120 with monthly contract

Nokia 3300

Turn on, tune in and drop out with the mobile that thinks it's a Walkman. Beneath the 3300's finger-twistingly modern keypad is a stereo FM radio and an MP3 player. You can load tunes from your PC via the USB cable or 64Mb memory card supplied – and then irritate everyone by using them as ringtones. You can even digitally record phone calls or songs from the radio. The colour screen supports Java for games and MMS picture messaging, although there's no built-in camera.
Where: Carphone Warehouse; www.carphonewarehouse.com, The Link; www.thelink.com. Or call Nokia; 0870 055 5777; www.nokia.co.uk
How much: free with some contracts, £100 pay-as-you-go



Orange SPV E200



The new E200 won't make you feel as though you're carrying a brick like some new phones, but it doesn't have room for a full keyboard. Weighing in at just 130g, it squeezes in a colour screen, PDA functions, digital camera and Bluetooth connectivity for easy transfer of contacts and files. The Windows Mobile operating system offers a familiar interface for PC users, but its Palm-based rivals have a wider selection of software available.
Where: The Orange Shop; www.orange.co.uk; Carphone Warehouse;

www.carphonewarehouse.com; 0500 802080
How much: £150 with monthly contract

Rim Blackberry 7230

If your daily work is interrupted by a constant stream of spam, you won't thank Rim for plucking this Blackberry from the gadget tree. It's a mobile phone that uses GPRS technology to stay permanently connected to the internet, continually checking up to 10 e-mail accounts. The service costs £10 per month on top of your normal phone contract. You can read attached Word, PDF or Excel files and compose replies on the compact Qwerty keyboard. If you're so 20th-century as to actually want to make phone calls, it comes with a tidy, hands-free headset.
Where: Available only on T-Mobile; www.t-mobile.co.uk; 0845 412 2212
How much: from £100 with contract



Motorola A920



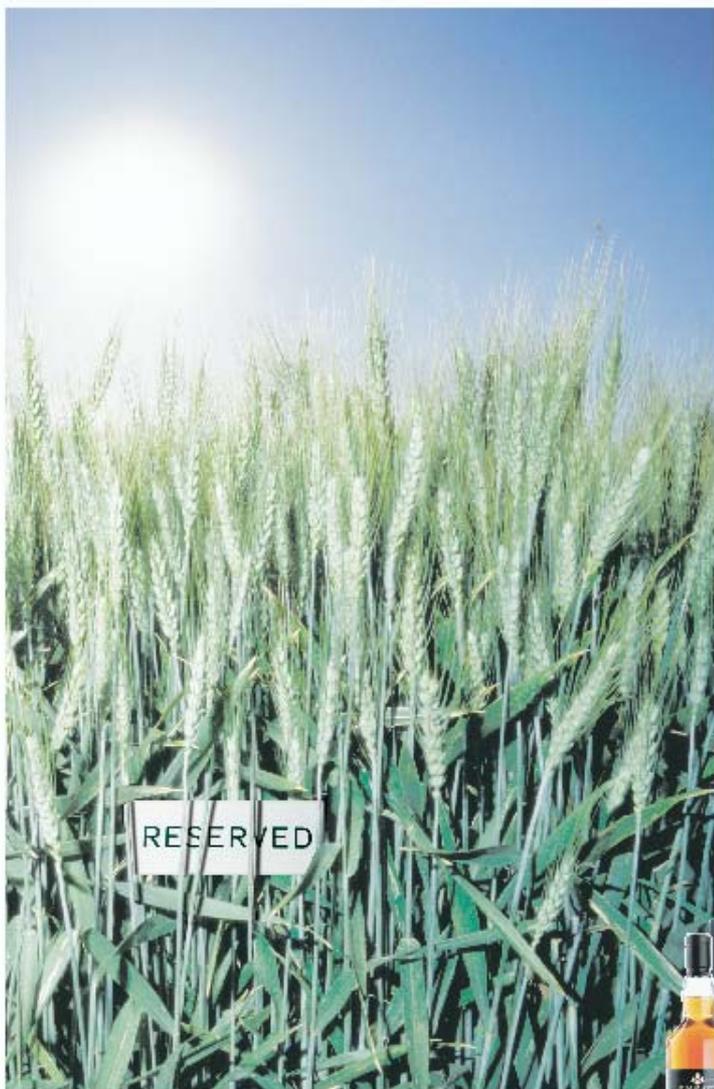
You could be forgiven for thinking it was 1997 all over again – this 220g monster is nearly 15cm tall and has a battery life of just an hour and a half. But there's nothing retro about the A920's luscious touchscreen or 3G capability. Video calls and clips look fantastic and it has widescreen for downloadable Java games. Its AGPS location services can show you the nearest bank or restaurant and it has basic PDA features. Web browsing is limited, and it cannot be used as a laptop modem.
Where: Three; www.three.co.uk; Carphone Warehouse; www.carphonewarehouse.com; The Link; www.thelink.com; 0870 733 0333
How much: £100 with contract

Nokia N-Gage

The N-Gage redefines mobile gaming with a digit-friendly joypad and a large 176x208-pixel display. Games come on tiny memory cards that load (a bit awkwardly) behind the battery and cost £25 to £35 each. Innovative features include connecting via Bluetooth to nearby N-Gages for seamless multiplayer games or via a GPRS connection to the virtual N-Gage Arena. On the down side, having to hold it vertically and at 90 degrees to your head to make



calls is a touch bizarre.
Where: The Link; www.thelink.com; Carphone Warehouse; www.carphonewarehouse.com; 08700 555777; www.n-gage.com
How much: From free to £200



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