

Simon Cellular Phone/PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) (1994)



This Simon was the first PDA (Personal Digital Assistant) device to utilize cellular technology. Simon was introduced in 1994 by BellSouth Cellular and was designed and built by IBM. At a cost of \$900, the Simon was a combination cellular phone/PDA that included an x86-compatible CPU, a fax modem, a PCMCIA Type II PC Card slot, 11 built-in programs, and a 4 1/2- by 1 1/2-inch touch-sensitive LCD screen. Simon measures 8 x 2.5 x 1.5 inches and has been described as a hip G.I. Joe Walkie Talkie. Only about 2000 Simons were made, the majority being returned to BellSouth and destroyed.

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