

Phone and PDA combos reach out for the best of both worlds, with partial success

GCNLAB	T681	A388	i95cl	SPH-A460	SPH-I300	9290 Communicator
Vendor	Sony Ericsson Mobile Communications Research Triangle Park, N.C. tel. 800-ericsson www.sonyericsson.com	Motorola Inc. Schaumburg, Ill. tel. 800-331-6456 www.motorola.com	Motorola Inc.	Samsung Telecommunications America Dallas tel. 800-samsung www.samsungusa.com	Samsung Telecommunications America	Nokia Inc. Irving, Texas tel. 888-nokia-2u www.nokiausa.com
Wireless service	T-Mobile (VoiceStream)	Nextel	Nextel	Sprint	Sprint	T-Mobile (VoiceStream)
Weight in ounces	3	4.59	5.45	3.4	6	8.6
Dimensions in inches	3.9 by 1.9 by 0.8	3.9 by 2.3 by 0.95	3.6 by 2 by 1.7	3.4 by 2.1 by 0.9	4.9 by 2.2 by 0.82	6.2 by 2.2 by 1.02
Dropped calls per 20 made in urban area	1	0	0	3	3	2
Dropped calls per 20 made in rural area	1	3	3	0	1	2
Display type	256-color LCD	Four-level grayscale touch screen	More than 1,000 colors	Four-level grayscale LCD	240- by 160-pixel, 256-color LCD	640- by 200-pixel, 4,096-color LCD
Display quality	Excellent	Average	Good	Good	Average	Average
Standby battery life in hours	255	145	75	168	100	215
Talk-time battery life in minutes	420	270	205	144	240	600
Pros	+ Easy to use + Navigation joystick	+ Long battery life + Easy to use	+ Easy access to wireless Web + Speaker function	+ Small form factor + Excellent sound	+ Palm OS 3.5	+ Long battery life
Cons	N/A	- No speaker function	- Short battery life - Bulky and heavy	- Sunken buttons make dialing difficult - Low-resolution screen	- Big and bulky - Expensive	- Difficult to navigate - Expensive - Slow wireless e-mail
Price	\$250	\$400	\$400	\$200	\$500	\$600
Overall grade						
						