

A Mobile Phone in Pocketwatch Form

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One of the more unusual mobile phones at Mobile World Congress 2015 looks nothing like a mobile phone-- the Runcible is a circular device modeled after the pocketwatch or compass of years ago.



"Runcible is designed to help you create a more civilized relationship with your digital life," creator Monohm claims, before describing it as nothing less than "the premier device for the post-smartphone era." It runs on Firefox OS and promises a "quieter" hybrid of smartphone and wearable, combining the connectivity demanded by modern life (including LTE, wifi, Bluetooth and NFC) with simple notifications, camera, a contact list limited to 12 individuals and, perhaps aptly, a virtual compass handling GPS duties.

As mentioned earlier the device is small and circular, with a gently curved wooden back. The (unspecified) internals are supposedly easily upgradeable, and Monohm says it can act as an "electric heirloom," passed down from one user to the next over the years.

Also in the works are accessories users can plug into the built-in USB port, as well as niceties such as watch chains and leather cases.

The Runcible will be available on an as yet unspecified date.

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