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Object name: Orange SPV Classic mobile phone

Vintage: 2002

Synopsis: First mobile phone to be based on Windows Smartphone 2002 software.

Tri-band 2G GSM mobile phone. S/N: HT246CK09339.

Description:

This is a good example of the first commercially available mobile phone based on Microsoft's *Windows Smartphone 2002* software, the *Orange SPV Classic* (otherwise known as the or *HTC PC20A*, *HTC Canary* or *Dopod 515*), introduced in October 2002 and made by HTC for the mobile phone operator Orange [1][2]. Unfortunately the SPV was locked to Orange's mobile network.

The SPV Classic had a Texas Instruments 32-bit single-core OMAP710 CPU (16kB instruction cache, 8kB data cache) running at 132MHz, with 16MB SDRAM and 32MB of Flash ROM, plus a mini-SIM and SD card, a 56mm 176x220 reflective TN-TFT colour display (64k colours, 128ppi), 18-key numeric keyboard, 115kbps IrDA, 2.5mm audio and proprietary USB 1.1 socket, 1000mAh Li-Ion battery (12 hour uptime), but no camera or Bluetooth. SPV stood for "Sound, Pictures, Video" with the emphasis being on the device's multimedia capabilities. It was quite compact (115 x 46 x 22 mm), and light (127g).

The *Windows Smartphone 2002*, code named *Stinger*, the successor to *Pocket PC200* (*PC20*), was a mobile phone operating system developed by Microsoft based on *Windows CE* that stressed mobile phone attributes, in contrast to the previous PDA orientations trying to be a mobile phone. It included cut-down versions of desktop applications like Outlook, Media Player and Internet Explorer as well as calendar, task and contact management, focused on business users. However, it could run some games, e.g. *Doom*.

The SPV was launched at a lavish event hosted at the Old Billingsgate Market in London next to the River Thames, with a gigantic SPV device on a barge, and a loss-leading campaign to sell them for £179 with a £6.50/month 12-month Orange voice, text and 96 kbps GPRS data contract. In April 2003 Forbes reported that the joint Microsoft/Orange marketing campaign had resulted in ~50k being sold in the UK.

Various succeeding Orange SPV models were produced until 2007, when the first Apple iPhone was released, introducing the modern era of touch-screen smartphones.

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Specifications

Manufacturer: HTC

Distributor: Orange, China Mobile

Availability: Europe, China

Design type: Candybar

Released: November 2002

Operating System: Smartphone 2002

Memory: TI OMAP 710 132 MHz

Additional Memory: SD & MMC cards

Screen Resolution: 176x220 64k colors

Bands: Tri-band GSM 900,1800,1900

Data: GPRS, WAP

Messaging: SMS, Email

Camera: Plug in adapter

IRDA: Yes

Bluetooth: No

WiFi: No

Java: No

Dimensions: 115 millimetres (4.5 in) x 46 millimetres (1.8 in) x 22 millimetres (0.87 in)

Weight: 127 grams (4.5 oz)

Battery: Li-Ion 1000 mAh

Talk time: 3-5 Hours

Standby: 70-100 Hours

Ringtone: WAV, MIDI

Media Sounds: WMA, MP3

Media video: WMV

Speakers: One

Figure 1: Orange SPV Classic specifications



Figure 2: Orange SPV Classic, front and rear views



Figure 3: Orange SPV Classic manufacturing labels
 Mobile: "PC20A, 5V@1A, CE0682, FCC ID: NM8CANARY, Assembled in Taiwan, IMEI:350399010194126, S/N: HT246CK09339, P/N: 99HM0000-00 A05"
 Battery: "PC26A, S/N: 5BJA02BC000946, P/N: 35H00007-00, 3.7V 1000mAh"