

PUNKT MP02

The MP02 from Punkt is what is affectionately called a dumb phone, this means it has the basics you need, like in the old days but with less of the distractions that keep us glued to the screen all day, this model has now been launched in a brand new beautiful light blue colour.

If you are looking to step away from the apps and endless scrolling but don't feel comfortable with leaving the house without internet access the MP02 might be a perfect choice thanks to the built in 4G. When you choose to go online the MP02's 4G LTE connection can be shared with a tablet/laptop, making it easier to type with than the smartphone, the few more steps needed to go online means you will be conscious about connecting, there will be a reason to go online rather than simply out of habit or in an attempt to distract yourself. The MP02 has a robust and comfortable feel in your hand with a textured finish and physical, intuitive buttons, it is worth noting it is splash resistant but not fully waterproof.

This phone no longer uses a BlackBerry-controlled workstation unlike the previous versions and now runs on Apostrophy which is a new OS made by Punkt allowing security to be all done in house rather than outsourcing.

It is also the first voice phone to offer a downloadable privacy feature that uses the Signal protocol to provide free, encrypted Internet-based calls and texts worldwide via Wi Fi or mobile data (subject to data charges), the Signal system also adds group messaging and voice messages to the MP02.

The monochrome+ display is 100% text-based with no tempting app icons in sight, texting will require going back to that old school way of texting with tapping each button multiple times to scroll through the letters, however you will be surprised by how quickly this skill comes back to you. The MP02 comes at a rather hefty cost which may put some off considering that you are effectively paying for less, however, if you are looking to break away from all the distractions of a smartphone but without sacrificing the connectivity we are all so reliant on, this is certainly a suitable contender.



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