

## Parrots Boast Built-in Choices

**DELFT, Netherlands** Devices that can communicate with the increasing number of telecom networks that now surrounds the radio reporter — the You/Com Parrot is one such device.

The idea behind the development of the Parrot was to build a multifunction device that fulfils the daily requirements of a reporter — a device that works with the equipment already in his possession.

Think of the mobile phone, laptop or PDA. To work with these communication devices, the Parrot features Bluetooth wireless for voice and data.

### Clever connections

Thus, rather than the Parrot, it is the mobile phone or smartphone that handles the “connection” to the outside world.

You do not have to be a clairvoyant to predict that better and smarter mobile phones that work with even faster networks will continue to come to market.

At You/Com, we believe that it is better to leave it up to the mobile phone manufacturers to accommodate these new and faster networks. That is their core business.

Ours is to make clever connections to the services that these devices offer. And we believe that we have succeeded in doing so by building the Parrot with file transfer and live options. Operation does not require a PC.

The Parrot is a combination of a GSM hybrid and a flash recorder. It is already widely known that it is possible to do live reports with this device, in which case it operates as a GSM interface.

But the file transfer option is far more exciting. During live demonstrations, we have noticed that everyone is amazed that you can send a file to the studio in perfect sound quality by just pressing the “Go-file” button on the Parrot.

### Standard connectors

There is no need to use a laptop or PC. In daily life, there are many situations in which a reporter

is under such pressure that there is no time to even open up the laptop much less get started. That is the moment you like the Parrot most.

Thanks to the introduction of UMTS, HSDPA and EVDO, it is now possible to send an audio recording as a digital file to the studio extremely quickly.

Communication options that the Parrot offers range from sending a recording as an item in a live contribution to high-speed file transfer.

To work with professional equipment, the Parrot has standard connectors and interfaces such as XLR for the microphone or line input, a 6.3-millimeter headphone jack, a USB interface and SD card for exchanging audio files to a laptop if editing is necessary.

By connecting the USB cable between laptop and Parrot, the unit can also act as a USB soundcard.

To make the unit robust, the housing is made of extruded aluminum. It runs on a full battery load of four built-in AA NiMH cells for more than 10 hours.

### Ultimate quote

The built-in limiter has an overload indicator to indicate that the preamplifier input gain requires adjustment.

A front-panel control allows adjustment of the volume of the headphones, the input and also the return signal from the studio

during a live contribution.

The roving news and sports reporter is now able to capture the ultimate quote and send it to the studio in top quality and without the hassle of a computer right on time for the next news bulletin.

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