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BY BRUCE BROWN (/AUTHOR-BIO/BRUCE-BROWN), MARGE BROWN (/AUTHOR-BIO/MARGE-BROWN) If you carry 1,000 or fewer contact records in your PDA and don't plan to add extra memory, you are a great candidate for the 6.2-ounce Sprint PCS TP3000 phone with personal organizer. Not much larger than phones without PIMs, measuring 6 by 2.3 by 1 inches with antenna, the TP3000 presents a well-integrated voice and data interface on a 12-line, backlit, touch screen with virtual keyboard.

The TP3000 operates in two different modes. Partial-screen phone mode is used for making calls; managing contacts, call history, and messages (voice and text); and setting preferences. Full-screen PIM mode enables everything in phone mode plus access to the date book, memo pad, to-do list, sketch, calculator, world clock, and synchronization functions. You switch modes by opening and closing the lid, and the browser launches from a convenient button.

Voice communication features abound in the TP3000, with a headphone jack and speakerphone for hands-free calls, 20 voice-activated numbers, 99 speed-dial numbers, and alarms to call contacts. The phone also provides settings for ringer, environment, security, four-digit dialing, and options for call waiting, call forwarding, three-way calling, and caller ID. The TP3000 is rated for 3.5 hours of talk time and 135 hours standby on a lithium ion battery.

The phone's PIM applications are easy to navigate thanks to a common menu structure. Each contact record includes name, address, five contact numbers or e-mail addresses, ID ringer type, and group code. The date book provides day, week, and month views with audible and vibrating alarms.

With two screen taps, you can make a call from a contact's record, but the TP3000 does not integrate contacts' e-mail addresses with the browser. With the phone installed in its serial docking/charger cradle, we downloaded 1,000 contacts from Outlook 2000 in less than 5 minutes.

If you want one mobile device for basic PDA data management and full-featured voice communication, the TP3000 can boost your productivity as you speak.

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