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## Editors' Top Cell phones

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You're intelligent enough to know that carrying around a cell phone and a PDA is inefficient. Lighten your load by picking up an all-in-one device. Whether you use it as an organizer, an e-mail device, a cell phone, or all of the above, getting a smart phone is a smart move. Here's our list of your best bets in a phone/PDA hybrid. As this list will be updated regularly, sign up for our [On Call Newsletter](#) to keep tabs on new models. -- [Bonnie Cha](#), senior associate editor

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Cell phones	Editors' rating	Price	Summary
<b>Palm Treo 650 (Cingular, GSM/GPRS)</b> 	<b>8.3</b> Excellent	▶ <b>\$199-\$548</b> from 4 stores <input type="button" value="Check prices"/>	Though it has its shortcomings, the Palm Treo 650 offers solid performance and adds some key features to maintain its reign as smart-phone leader.  <b>Specs:</b> Palm OS 5.4 , Up to 360 min , GSM 850/900/1800/1900 , Cingular Wireless
<b>Palm Treo 650 (Sprint, CDMA)</b> 	<b>8.3</b> Excellent	▶ <b>\$299-\$599</b> from 2 stores <input type="button" value="Check prices"/>	Though it has its shortcomings, the PalmOne Treo 650 offers solid performance and adds some key features to maintain its reign as smart-phone leader.  <b>Specs:</b> Palm OS 5.4 , Up to 300 min , CDMA 800/1900 , Sprint PCS
<b>Samsung SCH-i730</b> 	<b>8.3</b> Excellent	▶ <b>\$429-\$499</b> from 2 stores <input type="button" value="Check prices"/>	Small, light, and powerful, the Samsung SCH-i730's high-speed data support and built-in Bluetooth and Wi-Fi make it an excellent choice for those who have to stay connected at all times, though the crippled Bluetooth support may spoil the party for laptop road warriors.  <b>Specs:</b> Microsoft Windows Mobile for Pocket PC Phone Ed. 2003 SE , 64 MB, Up to 132 min , CDMA2000 1X 800/1900 , Verizon Wireless
<b>RIM BlackBerry 8700c</b>  Released: 11/21/2005	<b>8.0</b> Excellent	▶ <b>\$0-\$299</b> from 3 stores <input type="button" value="Check prices"/>	Armed with an Intel processor and EDGE support, the RIM BlackBerry 8700c offers mobile professionals a winning package of performance, productivity, and design.  <b>Specs:</b> BlackBerry Handheld Software , 16 MB, 240 min , GSM 850/900/1800/1900 , Cingular Wireless
<b>T-Mobile SDA</b> 	<b>8.0</b> Excellent	This product is currently not in stock at any of our online merchants. Check the manufacturer's Web	For those who want to do more on the go, the T-Mobile SDA offers a winning package of productivity tools, multimedia, and great performance. We just wish the smart phone had a better keypad layout.  <b>Specs:</b> T-Mobile

I-mate Jam



7.6  
Very good

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Similar to the I-mate SP3i, the I-mate Jam is a fun multimedia-capable smart phone. That said, the lack of a keyboard makes it better for reading e-mail than sending it.

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Editors' rating Excellent 8.0 out of 10. Reviewed by Bonnie Cha. Review date: 12/6/05. Release date: 11/21/05. Average user rating: 7.6. See all user ratings

The good: The RIM BlackBerry 8700c benefits from an Intel processor and EDGE support, as well as a bright display, a full QWERTY keyboard, and a slim design.

The bad: To our disappointment, the RIM BlackBerry 8700c uses a proprietary instant-messaging client, and Bluetooth is limited to use with headsets and car kits.

The bottom line: Armed with an Intel processor and EDGE support, the RIM BlackBerry 8700c offers mobile professionals a winning package of performance, productivity, and design.

Read CNET's review of the RIM BlackBerry 8700c

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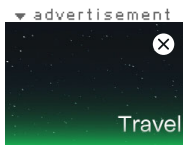
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