

2009 FreedomIQ VoIP Phone Buyers Guide

So you're in the market for a VoIP phone but you're not sure what to get. Understandable, there are literally hundreds of choices out there. While this blog isn't going to touch on every VoIP phone being offered, we are going to give you the details on some of our favorites, including 6 Polycom options and 1 wireless VoIP phone from Cisco.

Polycom offers phones ranging from advanced and pricy to basic and cost effective. So what you need to ask yourself is, "Where do you and your business fit in the grand scheme of VoIP phones?" But before you answer, take a look at the most highly recommended phones for the FreedomIQ service.

Polycom 550

The Polycom SoundPoint IP 550 is one of the most highly recommended VoIP phones on the market. With ten feature access keys and Polycom's revolutionary HD Voice technology, this phone delivers unrivaled call clarity. What's more, the display is enormous, stretching 320 x 160 pixels and containing a backlit graphical LCD. This may be the most reputable phone being offered today. It works well with businesses of all sizes; however, there are other options too.

More on the 550 >

Cisco WIP310

The Cisco WIP310 is one of the first wireless VoIP phones to offer business-grade VoIP call quality, how cool is that?! The device gives you the unparalleled freedom of a portable wireless handset and the secure, reliable Wi-Fi communication allows you to tap into your powerful VoIP PBX features from remote locations. If you don't like being tied to a desk when you talk, this is the phone for you.

More on the WIP310 >

Polycom 330

If you're looking to cut costs and save desk space, the 330 may be your best bet. The Polycom SoundPoint IP 330 is a low footprint, two-line IP phone that is perfect for light office use. While this phone does not boast as many built-in features as the more expensive models, and does not offer HD Voice, you can still rely on it to provide professional-grade sound quality at an unbeatable value. This is a great VoIP phone if you're working on a tight budget and only want to place and receive calls.

More on the 330 >

Polycom 430

Falling somewhere in between the 330 and 550, the Polycom SoundPoint IP 430 offers users a reliable, two-line IP phone. The device has a larger graphical LCD than the Polycom 330 and provides added convenience, including the ability to connect a RJ-9 headset port for hands-free calls. This is a good option if you're not looking for HD Voice but still want a phone compatible with most PBX features.

More on the 430 >

Polycom 501

Looking for something a little more efficient? Try the Polycom SoundPoint IP 501 on for size. The VoIP phone is designed to be exceptionally easy-to-use, offering a large 160 x 80 pixel graphical LCD and an RJ-9 headset port for taking calls hands-free. The true value of this model, however, is in the rapid access to features provided by 9 dedicated keys on the body of the phone. In addition, the VoIP phone has a great look, offering a more distinct and colorful appearance than many of the other models.

More on the 501 >

Polycom 450

The Polycom 450 offers HD voice on a relatively inexpensive model. In fact, it is the least expensive VoIP phone to feature both Polycom's revolutionary HD Voice technology. The 450 carries a sizeable backlit LCD and fits well in any professional office setting. This is a highly recommended phone for business owners looking for quality calls, with less equipment expense.

More on the 450 >

Polycom 650

Want all the bells and whistles, and then some? The Polycom SoundPoint IP 650 is a premium VoIP phone, featuring Polycom Expansion Module support, two on-device USB ports, twelve dedicated feature keys, and an RJ-9 headset port for hands-free calling. Backed by Polycom's HD Voice technology and an easy-to-read 320 x 160 pixel backlit graphical LCD, the 650 model is the preferred VoIP phone for executives and busy receptionists. If you have high demands for your phone, and don't mind forking out a few extra bucks, this is the model for you.

More on the 650 >

Still having a tough time deciding which phone is right for you? Compare VoIP phones or watch individual VoIP phone video reviews.

FreedomVOICE hopes that this list has helped you pick the perfect VoIP phone for your business. Remember, every VoIP phone needs good VoIP service, the FreedomIQ hosted VoIP PBX is an excellent option for businesses large and small. Find out more about the FreedomIQ hosted VoIP PBX at FreedomIQ.com.