

# 'Open-source' Rotary Cellphone

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While some would be quite literally lost without theirs, smartphones that give us access to a world of information in our pocket but constantly ask to be pulled out of there and stared at have become so complicated many people now find them annoying.

This has triggered the rise of 'dumbphones', which look like the mobile phones of the past while still having some modern technologies.

These devices range from the quite cheap to the weirdly expensive.

Some customers opt for these phones to disconnect from the always online world ? while others merely want to be seen to be doing so.

But if you're looking for the ultimate disconnected phone, one tinkerer has the perfect device.

Justine Haupt is an associate scientist at the Brookhaven National Laboratory in New York.

She's also the creator of the open source Rotary Cellphone, a mobile phone with a tactile spinning dial like the kind that was common on house phones until around the 1980s.

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Justine Haupt made this handsome and completely functional rotary cellphone. Her design is open-source and you can even buy a case kit from her company, Sky's Edge Robotics. You have to find and carefully modify your own rotary dial, though -- they're apparently no longer made -- as well as a few other components.

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