

10 February 2007

By: Alex Vochin, Technology Editor

## [A VoIP Phone So Thin It's Indecent](#)

### *The USB SkyPhone from Aiptek*



VoIP is just about everywhere right now, and it will most likely become the communication method of choice in the future, considering all its great advantages and low costs of calling. We've got VoIP voice services in the most important IM clients around, and also a service that has become a synonym for calls made via the Voice Over Internet Protocol, Skype. That's the reason why more and more manufacturers are launching all sorts of VoIP-compatible devices, and one of the thinnest and most stylish such gadgets I've come across lately is the VoIP phone from Aiptek, a device so thin it can rival a credit card. The phone sports a very sleek and attractive metal mobile phone-like design (although I guess a better description would be remote control-like design), with a brushed-metal back and a glossy faceplate, which will surely represent a sort of a magnet for fingerprints. Moreover, it has an extremely small form factor, measuring just 7.5 x 36.5 x 123 mm, and is compatible with Skype and most of the other services or IM Clients that use this protocol of communication, as for example MSN/Yahoo Messenger/Gtalk etc. Another interesting fact about the VoIP phone from Aiptek is that it supports voice-recording functions, at least when connected to a PC running the Windows OS, so that you can record every word you say during your conversation. However, this phone does have a relative serious problem, and that's the USB cable. The VoIP phone from Aiptek would have been a lot better if there were no wires attached to it, but even so, it has a pretty cool look and, at around 40 US dollars, it could represent a pretty interesting solution to your VoIP appetite. We are just a few, but there are many of you, Softpedia users, out there. That's why we thought it would be a good idea to create an email address for you to help us a little in finding gadgets we missed. Interesting links are bound to be posted with recognition going mainly to those who submit. The address is .