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FCC Approves Motorola iTunes Phones

More details on the new iTunes "blessed" devices

The Federal Communications Commission published some pictures and the manual for Motorola E790 - the much-discussed cell phone for use on U.S. mobile networks, on a government Web site. Some information was posted also on sites like Apple Insider. That means it's really happening! The i-Phone with VGA-quality camera, stereo speakers and the ability of holding a gigabyte of songs on removable "mini-SD" flash storage cards may be available sooner than we expected. Apple and Motorola officials confirmed that the cell-phone will come out in the near future, states FCC report. Users can purchase songs on iTunes and transfer them from the PC to the E790. This is the good news. The bad news is that wireless providers like Sprint or Verizon may not allow the transfer to happen with services they plan to launch, according to TechWeb. They will only allow over-the-air downloads of songs, and those downloads come with a price, of course. Reportedly, Sprint wants to charge \$2 per download, and that when an iTunes purchase is 99 cents.