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[NEC Flask Phone: Fuel Cell Power and Transparency](#)

Could it be real?

NEC, the Japanese electronics manufacturer, recently unveiled a new [concept phone](#) that uses fuel cell as power. While the idea is not new, as [Motorola](#), Samsung and Toshiba also consider implementing this technology into handsets, NEC's fuel cell phone is really something that we haven't seen until now. The handset is apparently named NEC Flask Phone and, at a first glance, it looks like a giant lighter that Bigfoot might really love (if he exists and if he smokes). At a second glance, things seem a bit more serious, as this device is said to pack some sort of a touchscreen that also has the role of a keypad. The phone has a transparent case that allows users to see how much fuel is consumed, thus knowing when to recharge, and it's intended to be a device that perfectly integrates advanced technology and simple but elegant [design](#). There are no technical details regarding the Flask Phone concept, so we don't know much about the nature of the fuel powering it or about the features the phone has to offer. However, judging by its appearance, it's hard to believe this NEC is able to offer multimedia features, so it will probably be a basic phone for calls, text messaging and maybe games - the transparent case and the visible liquid could offer an interesting gaming experience. Although it seems a concept meant to be only a concept, the [NEC](#) Flask Phone might be ready to hit the market before the end of 2008, as the Japanese company is confident that such a phone can be created. Of course, there is no info on how much it would cost, nor about the countries that can get it, but if we are good fellas, this year's Christmas Santa might come with a mobile liquid surprise for us. And, why not, for Bigfoot too.