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[Softbank's 709SC Slider Goes Above and Beyond](#)

A phone taking 3G to a whole new level of functionality.

In your entire life you must have encountered your fair share of copies and many of them have probably disgusted you mainly because they were made with a clear intention of ripping off the true owner, writer or inventor of the original thing, be that of money or recognition. Whatever the case, I think you have also rubbed your eyeballs against some other types of "[clones](#)", so to say, that have come up with a number of things that finally made them better than the thing they tried to copy. Therefore, you could very easily call them upgrades and because everyone loves them, I suppose you were not that offended as in the case of the ones with a clear target to be true rip offs. The Softbank 709SC mobile phone can easily be viewed as one of those upgrades I told you about because analyzing only the design of this super-speed enabled 3G handset, you can easily get the same [Samsung](#) deja-vu sensation I have experienced at the first glimpse of it. But, despite that design thingie, there are lots of good things beyond the actual design that makes it a truly extraordinary phone, even if you won't be able to take it for a drive test on the [3G](#) highway provided by your carriers in USA, Europe or any other place around the world because this device is only purchasable by the Japanese people. The phone is a tri-band GSM slider working on 900, 1800 and 1900 MHz networks and is able to provide its users with W-CDMA and HSPDA super-speed data transfers. The ones that will buy it will also get their hands on a pair of digital cameras, a 2 megapixel one and a VGA CMOS for the video calls, a 2.1 inch 260k colors QVGA TFT screen, a more than enough 130 MB of internal memory, a microSD memory expansion slot with support for cards up to 1 GB, an integrated music player and wireless Bluetooth connectivity with [A2DP](#) stereo technology. Apart from these, let's say usual things to be found on a 3G enabled cellphone, one will also be provided with a bunch of business-like features, some of them being the Office viewer, the built-in Internet browser and the businessman's necessary e-mail functions. That pretty much sums up all the things I know about the 709SC handset because the price hasn't been released yet by the Japanese carrier, but as a bonus, I can tell in which colors will the phone be available: in white, silver, "lead-lead" red and purple.