

Orange shows off high definition voice calling

The future's clear, the future's Orange

At the La Collection showcase in Paris yesterday, Orange was proudly showing off everything new under its cellular belt, laying out the company's plans for the near future.

One of the most impressive features we saw was the network's plan to improve voice clarity on calls using technology called 'High Definition Voice'.

The software - which will be embedded in selected Orange handsets from December 2009 - doubles the standard spectrum for picking up the human voice, thus reducing the effect of background noise. The science behind the technology is an Adaptive Multi Rate-WideBand (AMR-WB) codec, which Orange claim other networks will be experimenting with in the near future, and it can produce HiFi quality sound between enabled handsets.

So does it work? In our opinion, the difference between standard quality and the HD codec call is staggering. What's more, handsets with HD Voice will be able to improve the quality from calls coming from non-HD phones.

We can't wait to stop shouting down our mobiles. What about you? Let us know below.

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