

# Look back at the 9 photos of 'ducking swans' of the phone after 80 years

Let us take a look back at the 9 swan photos of the phone after 80 years in the article below!

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In 1876, inventor **Alexander Graham Bell** patented the first phone in the world: a bulky device with curved stethoscope and headphones connected by wires. Completely different from today's iPhone.

During the 10th anniversary of the iPhone's birthday held on June 29, it is an opportunity to look back on the development of the phone design after 80 years.



Inventor Alexander Graham Bell made the first long distance phone call around the end of 1870. Photo source: Wikikis

**Cooper Hewitt** Museum recently digitized more than 200,000 items in the collection, one of which records these phones obsolete and now in storage. Join us to see the **9 phones below to better understand this "spectacular molting"** , starting with the first Model 302 phone in the late 1930s.

In the 1930s, the famous designer **Henry Dreyfuss** created the principle that many consider to be **the first modern phone: the Model 302** . The design of this Model 302 phone is very different from the previous models with the phone ringing ( *instead of separation* ) and horizontal handle. Users can talk and listen at the same time on the handle bar.



The Model 302 phone was created by Henry Dreyfuss. Photo source: Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum

After the first Model 302 phone, **AT&T** realized they could sell phones to everyone. The phone's traditional square holder is replaced with a thinner base with the touchpad called **Trimline** . This device was first produced by the telephone company in 1965. The buttons " \* " and " # " were also added.



Trimline phone was created by Henry Dreyfuss. Photo source: Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum

In the 1960s, phones were even improved with a smaller size. **Cricket Cricket** was created by Italian designers - Marco Zanuso and Richard Sapper, who could fold or separate from other phones at the time. The shell shape also evokes many ideas for the design of a modern flip phone.



Cricket Cricket folding phone created by Marco Zanuso. Photo source: Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum

It wasn't until 1977 that AT&T won a monopoly on phone design in the United States. However, a year later, the Supreme Court made restrictions to prevent people from buying and designing phones for themselves. This decision meant that Bell had stopped investing in AT & T, resulting in innovative phone designs, including **80s Beocom**s below.



Phone Beocom Copenhagen was created by Lindinger-Loewy. Photo source: Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum

In the early 1980s, some companies tested phones with more advanced designs. Typical for this test line is the **box-type Enorme phone** , which is an omen of a series of popular phone models coming with basic shapes and colors.



Enorme phone was created by Marco Zanini and Ettore Sottsass, Jr. Photo source: Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum

During the 80s, wireless phones were born. The image below is a wireless phone design by British designer John Stoddard, called **Dancall 5000**.



Dancall 5000 cordless phone was created by John Stoddard. Photo source: Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum

In the 90s after that, the phone began to become more compact. And the **Talisman** phone launched in 1994 was the device that could charge with the most modern accompanying rack at that time.



Talisman phones and accompanying racks are designed by Takanobu Fujimoto, Greg Breiding, Seiji Wada, Takeshi Tsuruta, Keith Kresge and Deane Richardson, Mitsubishi Electronics and Fitch Inc. Photo source: Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum

Two years later, Motorola launched **StarTAC** , a small-sized gray flip phone with a display and buttons.



StarTAC flip phone designed by Albert Nagele. Photo source: Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum  
Speaking of phones today, we can not help but think about super products **iPhone** , his big smartphone Apple was first released in 2007. iPhone has made spectacular changes when changing the bulky phone into a small smartphone needs compact in hand. Although other touchscreen phones have been available before, the iPhone's " *eye-catching* " design interface has revolutionized the design of mobile phones.



iPhone phones are designed by Jonathan Ive and Apple's design team. Photo source: Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum.

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