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## NEWS

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### PocketSurfer2 beats iPhone at mobile web

#### 'Free' mobile internet in your pocket

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Datawind yesterday announced the launch of the PocketSurfer2. The PocketSurfer2 is a handheld device that delivers the internet rapidly and wirelessly, for up to 20 hours a month for free. Unlimited internet access costs £5.99 a month. The 152x75x15mm, 174g PocketSurfer2 has a 640 x 240 colour widescreen display and will cost £179 when it goes on sale at the end of July.

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The advertisement features a grid of logos for various websites: Amazon, BBC, Yahoo!, Flickr, Myspace, Comet, and The Cloud. Below the grid is an image of the Nokia N800 device displaying a webpage. A 'Buy Now' button is positioned to the left of the device image.

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Pitched against the limited functionality and small screens on [mobile phones](#) or smartphones, Datawind claims the PocketSurfer2 has page-load times of under seven seconds over GPRS. At the launch event, Datawind challenged anyone to produce a faster handheld web experience, and load times were impressive - for a mobile device. The PocketSurfer browsed through several web-pages and downloaded a PDF in the time it took an Apple iPhone to post one page.

Datawind said the PocketSurfer is intended to replicate the [desktop](#) web surfing experience on the go, and to supplement a user's smartphone rather than replace it.

Free usage for the PocketSurfer2 is available everywhere a mobile phone works, not restricting you to [WiFi](#) hotspots. The relatively quick load times are down to Datawind's compression technology, and the free internet access is supported by search-engines, who pay every time a PocketSurfer user posts a query.

**For more details on the PocketSurfer2, go to [www.datawind.com](http://www.datawind.com).**



**PocketSurfer2**