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Iconic mobile phones



Mobile phones have evolved enormously in a very short space of time. Just 20 years ago, brick-like phones such as the Motorola 8500x, with no display and no capacity to do anything other than make calls, were the norm.

Today's phones, by comparison, are technological miracles. In fact, everyday mobiles now have more memory than 1970s computers that filled whole rooms.

Like those old-fashioned number-crunchers, mobiles that were once the height of technology are now museum pieces. The Centre for Computing History, as well as being a [computer museum](#), also has a collection of old phones.

"Thanks to the advances in microprocessor and software technologies the miniaturisation of mobile phones has happened at a phenomenal pace," said Jason Fitzpatrick from the museum. "It is said that the mobile phone in your pocket today has more processing power than the computers that put man on the moon!"

Take a look at some of the most [iconic mobile phones](#) from through the years, all of which are on show at the museum. How many do you remember?

