



How to choose - **DECT (DIGITALLY ENHANCED CORDLESS TELEPHONE)**

DECT, or Digitally Enhanced Cordless Telephone, is the next step forward in cordless telephony for the home and office. With an ordinary cordless phone, when the user moves around you often get interference. DECT phones are much less prone to interference and have crystal clear call quality.

How far can you roam? The whole point of a cordless phone is that you can move around. However, all phone systems have to have a base station. This base station is sold usually with one handset and plugs into your standard phone line socket. Typically you can move up to 300 metres from the base station when outdoors, and 50 metres indoors; and still make and receive calls. You can also move anywhere in the house, even outside.

Additional handsets can be added to most base stations to create a fully wireless phone system. Many telephones are now sold in twin, triple and even quad packs which come complete with extra handsets. Calls can then be made from one handset to another free of charge. The number of handsets you can have registered to one base station varies on the model of phone. Any handset can be registered to any base station as long as both are clearly marked as GAP (Generic Access Profile) compatible.

Many DECT phones also come with the latest features such as digital answering machines, SMS messaging, caller ID, different ringtones, speakerphones, voice activated dialling and graphic displays. Check carefully to see which features your phone will provide.