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## Digital Experience

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One of the CES events that I always try to attend is **Pepcom's** Digital Experience, a showcase where manufacturers set up tables and small booths so that invitees - editorial press and analysts only - can attend for a *slightly* less hectic experience than that on the CES convention floor. It's a great way to see neat new products without having to battle the exhaustive floor plan of the LVCC North Hall, Center Hall, South Hall, Hilton, Venetian, and Sands Expo. Hmm...I might have even left out some of the places that CES events occur. Anyway! It would be impossible for anyone to try to see everything at CES, mainly because it is so spread out; in that regard, these smaller shows are helpful.

This year's Digital Experience had an interesting line-up of products, some from familiar companies as well as a few newcomers. One of the more interesting items being shown was the **LG Watch Phone**. This watch appears to be the love-child of the Dick Tracy watch and something from Q's lab.



all photos by Kevin

From LG's press announcement:

*The Watch Phone is as technologically advanced as it is stylish. It is the first touch watch phone in the world to feature 7.2 Mbps 3G HSDPA compatibility, enabling high-speed data transmission and video phone calls using the built-in camera.*

*LG did not sacrifice functionality in favor of size and the Watch Phone is fully capable of sending text messages, making phone calls, and, of course, keeping accurate time. This is all achieved using the phone's touchscreen interface on its 3.63cm (1.43-inch) screen and LG's intuitive Flash Interface.*

*Voice recognition features, which can be used with or without a Bluetooth headset, make it easier to place calls and look up contacts. Text to Speech (TTS) reads text messages and other information out loud for even greater convenience. The phone also includes stereo Bluetooth and a built-in speaker for playing back music files. A large phonebook and scheduler help with organization.*

I can't even imagine trying to tap out a text message on this tiny thing, but I like the idea that it can be done.

Side note: Correct me if this has already been medically disproved, but since there's been a lot of talk about the **radiation emitted from mobile phones**, and how it may or may not contribute to various cancers, I have to wonder if having a mobile phone strapped to a user's wrist is really a safe thing to do. I'm not saying I wouldn't want one or that I wouldn't wear one, I'm just asking...

Here's a live demo of the watch that the **Engadget** team managed to film.



WowWee was showing the **SpyBall** Wayne recently posted on, the **Alive series of baby animals** and a few other goodies.

