

Suppliers Debut Spring DECT, VOiP Home Telephone Lines

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NEW YORK – Spring has sprung major home phone rollouts from three suppliers.

Advanced American Telephones (AAT), an AT&T licensee, announced the availability of a three-SKU line of new **AT&T**-branded DECT 6.0 cordless phones including models with Connect-To-Cell technology, that enables answering both cellular and landline calls through the home phone system.

At the top of the line is the AT&T TL92271 Connect-to-Cell system. Up to four Bluetooth-enabled cellphones can be paired to the system -- two simultaneously -- allowing one user to make landline calls on one handset while another user makes cellular calls on a different handset.

Users can also download cellphone directories (up to 6,000 entries) directly into the TL92271 system.

The TL92271 features new HD Audio sound quality and an equalizer function with four preset audio profiles to better match the user's hearing, AAT said.

The TL92271's Caller ID Announce setting enables call screening without picking up the handset and push-to-talk for instant communication on handsets placed throughout the home.

Other features include a digital answering system with 14 minutes of recording time, jumbo pre-dial text on the display, high-contrast white backlighting with black text and a backlit keypad, 200-name and number phonebook directory, 50-name and number Caller ID history, ten-number redial memory, and 7-day/7-hour battery performance.

It has a suggested retail price of \$79.95 and is available now.

The stepdown model CL83201 is a dual-handset phone system with optional expandability up to 12 handsets. It also features dual Caller ID with dial-in-base speakerphone, 14-minute digital answering recording, HD audio, equalizer function with four preset audio profiles, Caller ID Announce, Push-to-Talk between handsets, 50-name and number phonebook directory, 50-name and number Caller ID



AT&T TL92271 Connect-to-Cell system

history, and 10-number redial memory.

Design elements include a metallic silver primary color with a taupe highlights, chrome accents on the handset and base, a white backlit handset LCD display and large base tilt display, and a large large backlit seven-segment message counter

It retails for \$69.95 and became available in May at RadioShack, Target and Office Depot.

A one-handset SKU, the CL82201, has the same features as the CL83201 at a \$59.95 retail price.

It shipped in May to Walmart, Target, Sta-



Gigaset's C610A IP DECT phone is a hybrid landline/VOiP model.

ples and OfficeMax.

All three models boast a range of 1,800 feet, AAT said.

"Consumers who desire a high-value product and simplistic function in their home or small office will enjoy the rich quality, look and features of the new 2011 AT&T line," said Matt Ramage, senior VP, product management. "The lineup includes a range of great features that offer affordable communication solutions for today's fast-paced families and home-based businesses."

New from **VTech** is a line of five new DECT 6.0 phone models, including a Connect-to-Cell model at the top of the line. All the new models feature HD Audio with equalizer and four audio profiles as well as Voice Announce Caller ID.

The top-of-line DS6421-3 is a Three-handset system with Connect-to-cell and Bluetooth syncing of up to four cellphones. It stores up to 6,000 directory entries from up to four different cellphones.

It also features push-to-talk functionality between handset speaker-

phone, 14-minute digital recorder, and is expandable to 12 handsets, or 10 handsets and two headsets.

It's available now www.vtechphones.com for a \$99.95 retail price.

Also new is the three-handset LS6475-3 (\$99.95) which includes a cordless headset (IS6100) mounted directly on the base. For the design-conscious, the LS6475-3 also features enhanced cosmetics with a thin, curved, high-gloss metallic handset featuring piano-style keys.

Also featuring Voice Announce Caller ID, HD audio and PTT, the LS6475-3 is expandable with up to 12 handsets (LS6405, \$19.95 suggested retail) or 10 handsets and two cordless headsets (IS6100, \$49.95 suggested retail). VTech also offers the LS6475-2 (\$59.95) system with two handsets instead of three.

For the budget-conscious Vtech is offering the CS6419 and the CS6429-2 cordless phones systems featuring comfortable curved handsets, oversized keypad, a bright backlit green LCD display and a 50-name and number phonebook directory. The

CS series starts at \$19.95 and is expandable up to five handsets (CS6409, \$14.95) with the ability to use intercom, transfer and conference between handsets.

The line is Energy Star rated and RoHS compliant. VTech's phone packaging also uses 100 percent recyclable materials and feature FDA-approved aqueous coating that eliminates hazardous chemicals.

All of VTech's DECT phones are also TIA-1083 Hearing Aid compatible, for reduced noise and interference when used with most T-coil equipped hearing aids and cochlear implants.

Gigaset last week announced the availability of DECT 6.0 cordless VOiP phone with social media features and customizable Skinit designs.

The new Gigaset C610A IP DECT telephone is a hybrid landline telephone which enables four parallel active calls (three VoIP and one PSTN) and features three built-in answering machine accounts.

The C610A IP allows a user to check emails and interact with Facebook and Twitter directly from the handset.

The C610A IP also supports a room monitoring function where upon detecting a noise, the handset dials another extension or pre-determined phone number.

The system supports High-Definition Sound Performance (HDSP) using the G.722 CODEC to deliver exceptional quality audio when calling via the Internet, the company said.

Up to six VoIP accounts and six DECT handset registrations can be configured on the system. Each VoIP account can have a distinctive ring assigned to it. The C610H handset that comes with the C610A IP system has a 1.8-inch color display, a standard 2.5mm headset jack and storage for up to 150 phone numbers.

In addition, Gigaset announced that customized phone Skins from Skinit.com are now available for the C610A IP, as well as other Gigaset phone models including the SL785 and C590/C595. Customers can use the many existing designs on the Skinit.com website or upload their own images to create a custom skin for the handset. Currently, any purchase of a C590 or C595 series Gigaset DECT telephone, includes a PIN card for one free Gigaset skin.