

Belatedly – Happy New Year! The **BIG** news as we move into 2007 is the launch of a **BRAND NEW PRODUCT** from DynaVox – read all about it here – a week before the official UK launch!!.



Announcing the new V and V Max

A new product range, called the “V” was announced at the ATIA conference last week in Orlando, Florida, and was received with tremendous interest. The product has been designed based on feedback from clients, professionals, carers and other interested parties, and will be available alongside existing ranges of products like the Series 4 and the Dynamo and Mo2.

The V series includes the new InterAACT language framework, providing individuals of all ages and abilities a system that supports successful and efficient day-to-day communication, as well as language and literacy skill use and development. Other features include: - **AT & T Natural Voices** delivering natural sounding speech-output that is easily understood by listeners; - **increased audio output** and forward firing speakers to improve sound quality and volume; - **word and phrase prediction**, “slots” and “quickfires” to enhance rate of communication; - **drag-n-drop editing** making it easier to select images, sounds and video from the Internet, a computer or external drive and assign them to pages or buttons; - **user Setup Wizard** to help with quick customization of preloaded communication page sets; - **text messaging** capabilities with Bluetooth-enabled cell phones (purchased separately); - **the ability to send e-mail and text messages** from within the Series 5 communication software, or via other programs such as Microsoft Outlook.

The devices can be **open architecture** allowing users to run any **Windows XP-compatible** software, or “closed”, thus stopping the use of the device for anything other than pure communication. In addition users can select one of five different case **colours**, to suit their own preference. Mayer-Johnson’s popular Boardmaker™ and Speaking Dynamically Pro®, is also included on each device, to provide a familiar operating environment on a new platform.

To read the full press release go to <http://www.dynavoxtech.com/pressroom.aspx>

To read more about the new devices go to <http://www.dynavoxtech.com/dynavoxv/>

When can we see it/try it?

We have arranged a series of mini road shows around the UK, in February. If you are on our mailing database you should have received an invitation. If not, there is still time to book (call 01384-446789). There are two “tours” running concurrently covering the South West and Northern England during week comm. February 5th, the South East and the Midlands/Wales week comm.12th and Scotland the week after.

What happens to Series 4?

Series 4 products **WILL** continue to be available – the V is **NOT** a replacement device. It is merely that many people have been asking for new features and facilities that we could not handle on the series 4 so we needed to rethink our hardware strategy to accommodate those requests. We will continue to issue software upgrades for the Series 4 (version 1.07 is being worked on now), but by it’s nature of being a Win CE based device there will be many things that the Series 4 will never be able to handle that can be done on the V.

What about trade ins?

The current 3100 “Trade Up” program will be extended to cover trade ups from a 3100 to a V instead of a Series 4, with the same offer, and also upgrades from the Series 4 to the V.

How much?

The V Max (the bigger of the two) will be £5,870 and the V will be £5,395, so despite the increase in features, we have managed to keep the prices down to only £45 more than the series 4. For **ALL** devices purchased before June 30th we will also supply 2 years warranty instead of the normal one.