

Volla Phone 22: The perfect smartphone for Ubuntu Touch, Volla OS and other open source alternatives

Crowdfunding on Kickstarter to kick off next generation of secure phone

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The young company "Hallo Welt Systeme" is presenting the second generation of its smartphone on the crowdfunding platform Kickstarter. The Volla Phone 22 not only becomes more elegant and faster, but also enables the use of several operating systems at once, including Ubuntu Touch, with the multi-boot function. It is the ideal product for all purists and Linux enthusiasts who want to be completely independent of Apple and Google.

Two years ago, the start-up "Hallo Welt Systeme" had already completely rethought the "smartphone" concept with the Volla Phone: customers have the choice between the company's own Android operating system Volla OS and the mobile Linux alternative Ubuntu Touch. While Volla OS introduces a new intelligent user interface, both options offer consistent respect for privacy.

The innovations at a glance

With the second product generation, the young company is now taking an evolutionary leap. The Volla Phone 22 for Volla OS is the first smartphone to introduce a security mode that can block apps and Internet connection.

Also premiering on a smartphone is the multi-boot function, which allows users to install, launch and also test multiple operating systems for now.

The hardware gets an extensive update in terms of performance, while the minimalistic design with recessed camera lenses under a glass back makes the Volla Phone 22 look even more elegant and at the same time promises even higher sustainability with the replaceable battery.

Pre-orders of the Volla Phone 22 with Volla OS and Ubuntu Touch Volla OS are available via a crowdfunding campaign on Kickstarter at the introductory price. The manufacturer wants to deliver the first Volla Phone 22 as early as June.

Premiere on a smartphone: security mode and multi-boot function

A special security mode of Volla OS offers consistent privacy protection. Protected by a password, it turns the Volla Phone 22 into a fortress. Users can activate it and specify apps that should be hidden and prevented from running. A firewall blocks or allows certain web addresses to be called up. This is ideal for parents who want to give their children a Volla Phone 22 with a clear conscience and for all those who do not want to give trackers in apps a chance. Because the security mode is deeply integrated into the system, it can be operated together with the preinstalled but optional VPN from [hide.me](#).

The multi-boot function, which was previously only possible on Macs or PCs, is also a premiere. Users can install one or more operating systems - as simple as an app - and select them when starting the Volla Phone 22. Founder Dr. Jörg Wurzer: "This not only gives the curious and undecided the opportunity to try out an operating system like Ubuntu Touch, but also allows private and professional users to strictly separate and protect personal data."

The multi-boot feature makes it easy to switch to an alternative operating system like Ubuntu Touch without losing data. If a user needs an Android app that is not available for Ubuntu Touch or another alternative, the Volla OS is available, which is based on the open-source variant of Android.

The preinstalled Ubuntu Touch system is ideal for users who use Ubuntu on the PC and value a uniform program world and recognizable concepts like the sidebar. And for purists who want to use basic smartphone functions such as telephony, text messages, photos, browsers, etc., but don't want to sacrifice privacy and security.

"With the Volla Phone 22, we want to give users back their freedom. That freedom from time and attention that today's smartphones demand," says founder Dr. Jörg Wurzer. This includes being able to decide for oneself which operating system to use and with whom to share which data, he said.

In order to be able to offer Ubuntu Touch for the Volla Phone 22, Hallo Welt Systeme is working closely with the UBports Foundation, with which the operating system is being jointly developed. Commenting on the partnership, Ricardo Mendoza of UBports Foundation said, "Ubuntu Touch stands for freedom of choice and Volla's new mobile offering will undoubtedly come into strong focus - both for existing Ubuntu Touch users and newcomers. With the Volla Phone 22, we see a fantastic leap forward in terms of quality, ease of use and putting control back into the hands of the user. We're excited to be able to help everyone in the world have a choice again when it comes to something as

important as a cell phone."

The concept has been delighting users around the world since its launch: thousands of Volla Phones have since been shipped to over 55 countries around the world. An international community of developers and users has emerged. Their suggestions and ideas have inspired Dr. Wurzer and his team to prepare another evolutionary leap: the Volla Phone 22.

The hardware: elegance meets performance

The next generation of the "Made in Germany" smartphone combines elegant design, high performance and sustainable hardware, which is again manufactured by partner Gigaset Communications in Bocholt. The elegant casing comes with a glass back and is available in piano lacquer look or fresh white. The camera lenses are embedded in the casing and thus emphasize the minimalist design. With its rounded sides, the Volla Phone 22 also fits perfectly in the hand and the discreet LED lighting for notifications fits seamlessly into the purist concept. Sustainability is now also justified by a replaceable battery in addition to the slim operating system and powerful processor.

Pre-order possible via Kickstarter

Since mid-April 2022, the new generation of the smartphone has been presented on the crowdfunding platform Kickstarter. The first 50 devices are available at Early Bird conditions for 358 euros, after which the Volla Phone 22 can be purchased for presumably 439 euros with Volla OS or Ubuntu Touch as a "reward" for supporting the campaign. It is expected to appear in stores for 398 euros later.

The decisive factor for the start of production and delivery in June 2022 is reaching the target sum of 10,000 euros. Founder Dr. Wurzer is confident: "We also partially financed our first generation via crowdfunding. The community has confirmed to us that it is time for a smartphone alternative away from the big tech companies. With the Volla Phone 22, we want to deliver again on the promise we made and appreciate any support on our way to give our customers back their freedom."

Direct link to Kickstarter campaign: <https://bit.ly/volla22>

Volla Phone 22 performance features (special features).

- * 6.3-inch display with notch for selfie camera
- * 8-core processor with MediaTek HyperEngine Technology.

- * 48 MP main camera + 8 MP ultra-wide and macro camera.
- * 4 + 128 GB internal memory
- * 2 SIM cards + 1 memory card for up to half a TB
- * More frequency bands for international networks

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About the Volla Phone

With the Volla Phone and the Volla Phone X, Hallo Welt Systeme UG from Remscheid completely rethought the "smartphone" concept two years ago: control elements such as the springboard make operation simple and fast: after unlocking the device, the user starts typing into a text field and the Volla Phone recognizes what the person wants to do: for example, call someone, send a message or record a note. Frequently used functions can be called up with a single gesture, without having to launch the appropriate app first.

As an alternative to the variant with the in-house development Volla OS, the device is also available with the mobile Linux version Ubuntu TooCh, which around 30% of Volla customers have opted for so far.

Together with other small and medium-sized companies and organizations, Volla Phone founder Dr. Jörg Wurzer has launched an alliance for more independence, self-determination, privacy protection, which aims to advance issues such as data protection, digital self-determination, open source, privacy and independence from the big technology companies. Partners include Gigaset Communications, the UBports Foundation, the VPN provider Hide.me, the search engines Startpage and Metager, and the secure, encrypted e-mail service StartMail.