Volla Phone Plinius. The multi-talented device from Germany

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Remscheid, February 25, 2026. The new smartphone from German manufacturer Volla Systeme combines opposites: robust construction with a slim design and intelligent user guidance with uncompromising privacy protection. Since 2017, the company has been developing smartphones and its own operating system with the clear goal of making digital self-determination suitable for everyday use. The Volla Phone Plinius offers a new simplicity without sacrificing functionality. This multi-talented device is suitable for both outdoor use and demanding applications.

"Today, a smartphone is the most personal digital device we own. It should serve us—not evaluate our data or force us into closed systems," explains Dr. Jörg Wurzer, founder and CEO of Volla Systeme GmbH.

Unlike many mainstream devices, Volla consistently focuses on a Google-free Android, local data processing, and real control for the user.

The proprietary Android operating system Volla OS has been purged of Google services and apps and consistently focuses on privacy. A unique security mode allows Internet connections to be blocked selectively, leaving trackers and malware no chance. Apps can also be temporarily frozen completely to prevent unwanted background activities and risks.

Volla Homescreen as a springboard

It allows users to perform many everyday tasks without having to open an app first: make calls, write and reply to messages, record reminders or ideas, or search the Internet. An intelligent text field recognizes the user's intention and makes suggestions for completion and appropriate actions.

Apps are automatically grouped—the most frequently used ones appear first. A customizable quick menu makes important functions and applications available with a single gesture.

Supportive intelligence

Supportive intelligence is at the core of Volla OS and is designed to assist users in their everyday lives without being patronizing—and always under their full control. It runs exclusively on the device, guaranteeing uncompromising data protection. Not a single bit leaves the smartphone.

The Volla Phone Plinius offers significant improvements in speech recognition, including punctuation, and speech synthesis with a more natural voice. For the first time, the camera app features AI to enhance colors, contrast, and sharpness – and it's open source, just like the entire operating system.

Powerful hardware – developed in Germany

As the successor to the rugged Volla Phone X23, the Volla Phone Plinius is also IP68 water and dust resistant. The back is coated with scratch-resistant glass in an ice-like finish. Despite its robust features, the device has a slim design and is significantly lighter than its predecessor. A tempered glass screen protector and a transparent back cover are included for additional protection.

A MediaTek Dimensity 7300 chipset with 8 cores in a 4 nm structure and an integrated Neural Processing Unit (NPU) ensures high performance – even for AI applications and gaming. Volla Supportive Intelligence also benefits from this. The triple camera offers a native resolution of up to 64 megapixels, while the front camera offers 32 megapixels.

Compared to the Volla Phone X23, the Volla Phone Plinius also supports 5G for the first time, which can be used via a physical nano-SIM or an active eSIM profile. The internal memory can be expanded by up to 1 TB via microSD card. A freely assignable additional button allows quick access to individually selected functions.

The Volla Phone Plinius is manufactured in Germany. The open-source Volla OS is also developed and provided on German servers. Despite being waterproof, the smartphone can be opened so that the 5,300 mAh battery can be replaced by the user with a standard screwdriver. The device is consistently designed for durability.

The Volla Phone Plinius is aimed at users who value data protection, durability, and ease of use.

Performance, colors, and mobile Linux – variants of the Volla Phone Plinius

Two variants of the new smartphone are available.

- **Volla Phone Plinius (8 GB RAM / 128 GB storage);** price: $698 – shipping from April
- **Volla Phone Plinius Plus (12 GB RAM / 256 GB storage);** with an extra-robust back and integrated Pogo PIN connector for magnetically attachable accessories; price: €698 – delivery from June

Pre-orders are now being accepted.

The scope of delivery includes colored inserts for the protective case supplied, which give the Volla Phone Plinius a personal and sporty character.

As an alternative to Volla OS, the mobile Linux distribution Ubuntu Touch can be selected. Using the multi-boot function of Volla OS, a second operating system can be installed and started from a memory card.

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Profile

Volla Systeme GmbH (formerly Hallo Welt Systeme UG) was founded in 2017 by Dr. Jörg Wurzer and is an independent German manufacturer of smartphones, available with either its own Android operating system, Volla OS, or the mobile Linux distribution Ubuntu Touch. Volla OS is characterized by uncompromising data protection and a uniquely intelligent operating concept.

After three years of research and development, the company unveiled the first Volla Phone in 2020 with a crowdfunding campaign. With the Volla Phone and Volla OS, the Remscheid-based company has completely rethought the concept of the "smartphone." As an alternative to the version with the proprietary Volla OS, the devices are also available with the mobile Linux version Ubuntu Touch, which around 20% 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 greater independence, self-determination, and privacy protection, which aims to promote issues such as data protection, digital self-determination, open source, privacy, and independence from large technology companies. Partners include the UBports Foundation, the Holochain Foundation, VPN provider Hide.me, search engine Startpage, and secure, encrypted email service Tutanota.

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