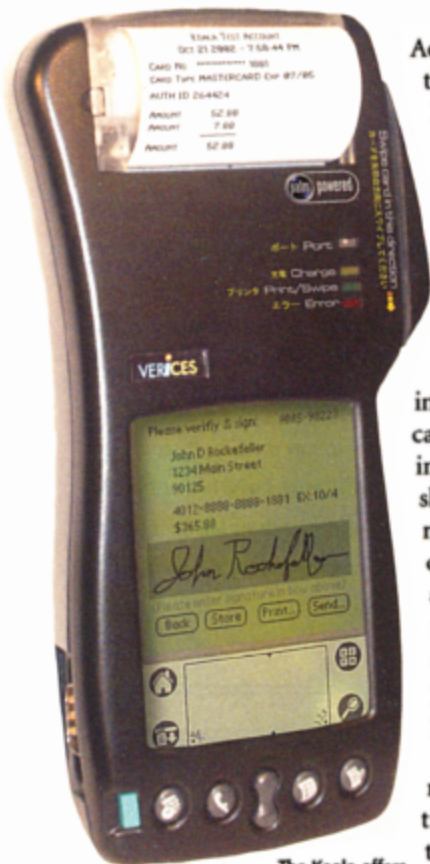


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Mobile POS with a Cute Name



Advanced Merchant Solutions, a mobile POS vendor that currently offers software for Palm OS and Pocket PC devices, is readying the Koala portable merchant terminal for sale early this year. The Koala is a Palm OS-based PDA with integrated magnetic card reader, mobile printing, wireless support, and a high-capacity battery for extended mobile operation.

The Koala will be positioned as a comprehensive mobile POS solution for sales and line-busting applications (see the "Queue Busting" feature in the January 2003 issue of *Mobility*). An integrated card reader will let vendors swipe credit cards and immediately verify charges via the communication slot that accepts PC Card and CompactFlash wireless modems. The PDA features 4MB of Flash RAM, designed to allow one-button transaction backups at any time during the sales day. The device also features a DB9 serial port for connecting bar code scanners for inventory control and invoicing. The printer has a 42-column thermal print engine and prints on 2.5-inch wide paper tape.

Palm OS software allows for signature capture, multiple merchant accounts, and a flexible transaction database with search features and transaction cancellation capabilities. The Koala is expected to sell for approximately \$799, or about \$849 with a wireless communication card. For more information, visit www.koalapad.com.

The Koala offers card reading, signature capture, mobile printing, and wireless transaction verification, all in one Palm OS device.