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RUGGED HANDHELD NOW BUILT WITH ANDROID™ – [GETAC PS236](#)

One of the world's most rugged handheld devices – [Getac's PS236](#) – is now available with Android™, a move that follows the manufacturer's collaboration with Android developers across the globe.

The military standard mobile handheld now comes equipped with Android 2.2, for those partners and customers looking to run the open-source software.

Peter Molyneux Vice President [Getac UK](#), says offering Android in addition to the Microsoft® Windows Mobile® platform provides users with a wider range of applications, across utility and field service sectors.

"The trend of field-based operators using Android applications continues to grow, and the platform is becoming business-critical in a number of sectors. We're continuing to work closely with developers in the UK, Europe and globally through our Beta Testing Programme to make the most of Android, and we're pleased to be offering it on one of the fastest and most rugged handhelds in the world."

As well as offering a different Operating System to the Windows version of the PS236, the Android unit incorporates some hardware variations, including 256MB of internal memory (as opposed to 128 MB), and USB client 2.0.

At 806MHz the PS236 remains the fastest device of its kind on the market and the only handheld that is IP67 rated and a phone.

"The device is built to withstand vibration, drops and shocks, and is the ultimate tool for handheld data input and communication in the field," Mr Molyneux says.

The rugged device is built with e-compass, altimeter, integrated GPS, and hi-res display, making it ideal for GIS surveying and other GPS/mapping-based applications.

In addition to IP67 certification, which protects against dust and allows the unit to be water-proof to 1 metre, the PS236 has full MIL-STD-810G certification, which is the generally accepted standard of military ruggedisation and compliance for mobile computers and equipment.

“The 3.5 inch touch-screen display is readable in sunlight, offering both anti-glare and anti-reflective capabilities required to perform in the field, and with 8GB of Flash Memory, expandable up to 24GB (with 16GB SDHC), the PS236 offers Android users the ultimate combination of speed, processing power and rugged reliability,” Mr Molyneux says.

Getac PS236 Android Key features include:

- Android 2.2
- 3.5” LCD VGA, sunlight readable display and pressure sensitive touchscreen
- SDHC card slot; USB Client 2.0;
- 3.5G WWAN; Bluetooth; GPS
- 3 megapixel auto-focus camera; E-compass; altimeter

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For more information visit: <http://www.Getac.co.uk/products/PS236-Android/PS236-Android.html>

About Getac

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