

A handy push-to-talk app checklist to use before you buy



With this checklist, you can identify the push-to-talk app that meets your professional requirements.

Check the boxes and compare apps

		App 1	App 2	Tactilon Agnet
Talk to a group without looking at the device	Is it easy for the finger to find the PTT button, even when eyes are on the action?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Is it easy to keep the PTT button “down” for as long as needed?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Can the app work with external accessories, for example an external PTT?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Instant connection	Does the app typically set up a group call in less than 0.3 seconds?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Queueing	Is there a queue? (If someone else is speaking, is there a way to easily queue for a turn to speak?)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
One-to-one calls	Can I make a PTT call to a single person (individual call or one-to-one call)? I don't want to close the app while I talk to one person	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
First things first	Can the app invite me to a group call if I'm engaged in a one-to-one call? (So that I won't miss communications in my group)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Can the app invite me to a group call that started while I was engaged in another call, or before I switched on my device?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In an emergency	Does this app include an emergency call or “red key call”?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Will the app automatically direct the emergency call to the right number/recipient? (I don't have to select a number to call)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Can the default number/recipient of the emergency call be any one of the following: dispatcher; team member; group of people; emergency centre?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Can the app automatically re-direct the emergency call to another recipient if the default recipient doesn't answer?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Does the app provide the “man-down” feature?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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More than talk	Can I send text and status messages within the app?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Is it possible to send data messages (text/status) within the app to the same groups that I speak to?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Can I also send data messages within the app to a single person?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Can I attach and send documents and multimedia within the app?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Can I make video calls?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Can the app be complemented with additional apps?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Location tracking	Can the PTT app track the position of my device? (Indoors as well as outdoors?)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Can the PTT app show me an overview of my team members' locations?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
KEY REQUIREMENTS:				
Security	Are communications (both voice and data) encrypted?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Controlled app adoption	Is the recommended set-up of this app "professionally and centrally managed"?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Can this professionally and centrally managed app be set up easily, and over a remote connection?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Groups and group management	Can this app prevent the use of ad hoc talk groups, set up by users themselves?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Is it easy to set up talk groups according to an organizational hierarchy?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Can this app dynamically set up groups which include users who are within a certain geographical perimeter?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
	Can the PTT app connect to people who only carry a narrowband radio?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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