

Pocket Translators

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I received information on two portable translators at CES. Each is versatile and easy to use.

Vasco

When you're traveling to a foreign country, it's helpful to know the local language, but if that's not possible, Vasco is a good solution for getting around and ordering at restaurants.

It comes in several sizes and functions, but all translate with ease and accuracy from each of 50 languages to English and vice versa.



What's amazing is that the translation can be short phrases or long sentences and can even include technical, business or medical terminology!

The company says the device uses up to 5 translation engines and thus provides up to 95% accuracy. Not only that, but noise cancellation is built in reduce background noises.

The product also allows Internet access in 150 countries, which would be very handy to have.

Vasco translator

www.vasco-electronics.com

Price from \$299

Pocketalk

This product does two-way translation of 74 languages, including local dialects and slang.



What's different about this translator is that it can use its camera to take a photo and then translate text that is either handwritten or typed. If you want an audio translation of it, it can do that, too.

Another feature is the ability to translate currency easily. It's time-consuming to figure out oneself how much something costs, and perhaps inaccurate, as well. This feature makes the job simple.

The device includes a two-year subscription to a data plan that provides data usage in over 130 countries and in addition, can communicate via WiFi, a personal hotspot, or a SIM card.

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