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years. Business phones are still designed to work and work well, but many
manufacturers are beginning to understand that esthetics can be used as a
selling point. The modern phones of today have a functionally "smart" look to
them, as though they were destined to meet the futuristic expectations placed on
them by movies and television shows from the seventies, such as "Star Trek" and
"Star Wars". In fact, just about every business phone I've encountered lately
seems to have had it's design parameters pulled directly off of Darth Vader's
chest.

While these phones aren't exactly attractive, they also manage to stay out of
the eyesore category, which is somewhat of an improvement. The biggest
difference one encounters when comparing new to old business phones is the sheer
heft and bulk that the old phones possess. Of course, technology has allowed
modern manufacturers to produce phones that are miniscule by the standards of

yesterday and the actual size and weight differences are astounding. It makes one wonder if quality was compromised in the loss of all that size and weight. It wouldn't surprise me. I know they don't make desks quite like they used to. I don't think my desk could hold one of the old style telephones without bowing, which is exactly what happened when I placed a CRT monitor in the middle of it. I suppose that phones, like all products, are susceptible to the old but true adage that they really don't make them like they used to, which reminds me of another popular saying.

Looks aren't everything.