

On the Way: NFC-Enabled Jewelry

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Is NFC-enabled jewelry the next step in the control of various consumer devices? At least two recent offerings suggest so-- the NFC Ring by British designer John McLear and the Geak Ring by China's Geak.



Currently looking for funding/preorders on Kickstarter (where it already surpassed the £30000 pledge goal), the NFC Ring is a titanium/steel band with an embedded NFC chip allowing users to operate smartphones, open NFC-enabled door locks and securely share.

The NFC functionality is passive, meaning it does not require a battery or charging.

McLear suggests the NFC Ring will also allow users to start "apps with custom settings, making it a really easy way to personalise the app experience to match [the] ring."

Meanwhile the Geak Ring allows users to bypass lock screens or share data with other smartphone users by waving the ring over the device in question.

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On the way: NFC-enabled jewelry. The ring is a silver-colored, ring-shaped NFC-enabled jewelry piece. It has a textured, ribbed interior and a smooth exterior. A small, rectangular NFC chip is visible on the inner surface of the ring. The ring is shown in a 3D rendering.