

Jump Technologies unveils wireless proof-of-delivery service

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St. Paul-based Jump Technologies Inc. said it will unveil a system today that allows businesses to sign for deliveries by writing with their fingers on smartphones and tablet computers.

The JumpPod service enables touch-screen phones and tablets to substitute for more expensive wireless devices equipped with a stylus, such as those used by package delivery services like UPS, Jump Technologies CEO John Freund said.

The traditional proof-of-delivery system costs about \$1,500 per device compared with a smartphone for a fraction of that, Freund said.

Jump Technologies would charge customers \$75 a month per vehicle for JumpPod, which is offered as a service, Freund said.

A wireless system that automatically feeds information to the company would be more efficient and speed up payments, Freund said.

Jump initially is aiming the service at small businesses such as office suppliers that find traditional proof-of-delivery systems too expensive, Freund said. The office-supplies business is a mainstay customer of Jump Technology's flagship product, JumpCart, a software tool that makes it easier for businesses to keep track of inventory and reorder supplies.

Two office supply companies in California and Ohio are using a test version of JumpPod, Freund said.

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