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Polaris' Soundshield 4G proves best with Dragon speech recognition software

A recent test carried out by an independent ITC vendor showed that Polaris' Soundpro Wideband Headsets combined with its Soundshield 4G device produces a 99% accuracy rate with Dragon NaturallySpeaking speech recognition software.

People at home and in the workplace turn to speech recognition software for a myriad of reasons. Some have no choice but to use it as they are no longer able to operate a keyboard due to conditions such as RSI; while others are following a company initiative which implements speech recognition software in order to increase workflow efficiency and productivity.

Dragon NaturallySpeaking, developed by Nuance, is by far the most advanced and widely recognised speech recognition software available. It goes far beyond simply capturing what you say on a computer screen. Dragon NaturallySpeaking also recognises text format commands, surfs and searches the Web, sends emails and instant messages, and is even able to update Facebook or Twitter.

The level of accuracy depends on how the voice commands are captured. In a typical office environment, using a headset is the most common method of communicating with the Dragon software, but not all headsets are able to transmit voice with the clarity required for Dragon to discern words and grammatical nuances.

To demonstrate the difference in accuracy levels using Dragon NaturallySpeaking, testing was conducted in an open-plan office environment with typical levels of background noise present to give as realistic results as possible. Testing showed that the Soundshield 4G, combined with Polaris' Soundpro Wideband headset, was up to 15% more accurate than any other major headset brand. Achieving a near-perfect accuracy rate, the Soundshield 4G proved it can capture and transmit voice to be translated into text with minimum error, allowing users to work quickly and efficiently without needing to backtrack.

For Polaris, the accuracy result is not surprising. While its Soundpro Wideband headsets have long been recognised for their crystal-clear voice transmission and noise-cancelling technology, the newly released Soundshield 4G, originally intended as an acoustic safety device, is also a desktop device which provides headset users with High Definition (HD) wideband sound quality as well as other key functionality. Its large touchscreen gives users easy access to all the necessary call controls, and the desk-phone / PC switcher allows them to easily switch between traditional desk phone telephony and softphone; giving them access to the world of VoIP and Unified Communications.

For users of Dragon NaturallySpeaking, the Soundshield 4G and Soundpro Wideband combination will ensure that they are able to carry out their work effortlessly and efficiently.

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