

handheld

or **hand-held**

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adjective

- held in the hand or hands:
a handheld torch.
- small enough to be used or operated while being held in the hand or hands:
a handheld hair drier.

noun

- something small enough to be used or operated while held in the hand or hands:
She traded in her bulky old movie camera for a handheld.

Origin of handheld

1920-1925

1920-25

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Contemporary Examples

There, visitors got a *handheld* audio guide identical to ones given out at museums.

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The joint venture entails Corgenix migrating the rapid diagnostic tests into a *handheld* device designed by Nanomix.

 [This New Ebola Test Is As Easy As a Pregnancy Test, So Why Aren't We Using It?](#)
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More boos, and some emphatic waving of *handheld* American flags.

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"I stopped and yelled on my *handheld* radio for help," the affidavit reports.

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We shot it on a *handheld* consumer camera, the kind that anyone can buy in the store.

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Historical Examples

The spinning wheel came into existence to replace the *handheld* spindle.
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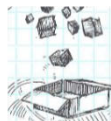
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