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Stay in Touch (and in Sight)

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- Product: Vialta Beamer BM-80
- Price: \$299.99 list — [Check Prices](#); two units, \$499.99.
- Company info: Vialta Inc., www.vialta.com.



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The Vialta Beamer BM-80 turns Jetsons-style technology into reality. The attractively designed videophone has a 2.88-by-2.25-inch color display and plugs into any standard analog phone line; it's as simple to install as an answering machine. Once you connect with another Beamer user, you just press the Start button to begin the video session. Though the video tends to be a little jerky due to the low bandwidth of a dial-up phone line, the Beamer is a perfect way to reach out and touch—or at least see—your friends and family.

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Ever since my work transferred me to Hawaii, it's been very hard on my relationship with my girlfriend back at California. Then, I discovered Beamer, which was incredibly easy to use and does a great job to bridge the distance between us. I highly recommend this product for those who have long-distance loved ones.

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I purchased the Beamer as a Christmas present to use with family back home (Naples, Florida). The setup was a snap, and I enjoy weekend get

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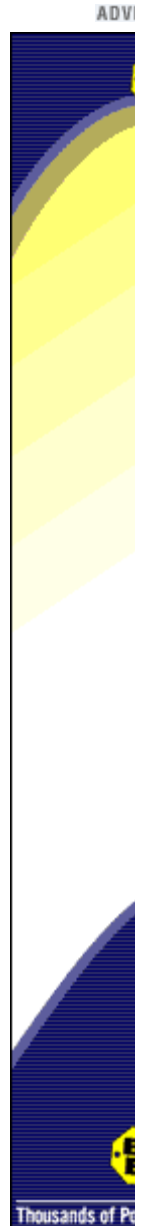
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together around the Beamer with family. Seeing is really believing, and being able to see my nieces smile is a heartwarming experience. Good Job Beamer.

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