



Dataphone:

How could we pay by credit card using a Teide phone?

This is a telephone set designed by Telefónica by adapting the Teide model. It could be used as a conventional telephone or as a credit card payment device (like today's POS terminals). It was very popular in shops and businesses, which until then had used manual receipts with charcoal for card transactions.

The dataphone made Spain a world leader in the commercial take-off of credit and debit cards. In 1997, the number of dataphones in Spain was more than twice as high as in France and the United Kingdom, four times higher than in Italy and eight times higher than in Germany. As a result of this early development, Spain is still one of the countries with the highest use of payment cards in the world.

