

NEC VS Yeastar



It's time to move forward.





Global IP PBX Market Values

USD 28.14 billion

In 2022 with a CAGR of 13.75%

In the past decade, the SMB PBX industry has undergone significant changes, and Panasonic's exit from the market is a valuable lesson to learn—stay attuned to market trends or you get replaced.

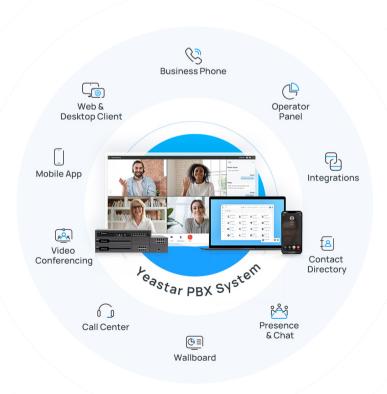
Given the increasing number of businesses ditching analog and proprietary PBX systems, coupled with NEC's lagging behind in IP/Cloud communications innovations, it is essential to consider the future and explore alternatives to stay ahead of the curve.

The Difference in General

Compared with NEC on-premise PBX targeting SMBs (less than 100 users), Yeastar on-premise PBX outperforms by not only fulfilling daily business demands but generating needs with all-included modern features built for business efficiency.

With its powerful product design, modern interfaces, simple yet lucrative licensing model, plus the company's channel-orientated partner program and support, Yeastar PBX is an easy win for resellers to increase their customer base and growing revenue streams.

In the following pages, we will compare the NEC's SMB phone system with Yeastar PBX of the same level of user capacity in detail.



System Capacity and Future-proofness



| | NEC | Yeastar |
|--------------------------|---|---|
| Hardware Architecture | Complex PBX components and assembly with a minimum of 16 independent blades and cards. Clumsy in size and design. | One compact PBX cabinet featuring a field-upgradable modular design for flexible analog trunks & telephony ports. Simple, compact, and plug-and-play ready. |
| Software Architecture | Obsolete vendor locked-in. Low interoperability with 3rd-party devices and applications. No API feature, and limited resources for CRM, helpdesk, and other popular platform integrations. | Flexible open-standard. High interoperability with built-in auto-provisioning support for mainstream IP phones and other standard-based SIP terminals. Featuring powerful APIs for easy integrations with 3rd-party platforms, an open ecosystem, and immense opportunities. |
| Users & Trunks | Analog-centric. Require extra license per SIP user and SIP trunk. | Flexible-centric. No extra license is required for SIP users and trunks. |
| Features | Lack of business-demanding features such as call recording and call flip. UC features are basic and cost-heavy. | All-inclusive features plus innovative efficiency features like Operator Panel, Contacts, Remote Management, and more. Leading UC feature list and growing. |
| Future- proofness | The proprietary design and insufficient R&D investment make upgrades slow and even stopped. Cannot fulfill the growing customer demands and changing market landscape. | Focus on innovations and user experience. Release product updates continuously to keep up with the market trend and increase customer lifetime value. |

UC Softphone Clients and Mobility



| | NEC | Yeastar |
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| Clients | Three different softphone systems with inconsistent UI and experience across different clients. • ST500 Mobile Client (iOS & Android) • SP310 Desktop Client • InUC Web Client | One simple Linkus softphone system with more client support and consistent experience across different clients. Linkus Mobile Client (iOS & Android) Linkus Desktop Client (Win, Mac) Linkus Web Client Linkus Chrome Extension |
| Features | Less ST500: only support basic call control, contacts, and video calls. SP310: only support basic call control InUC: supporting call control and basic UC Features, WebRTC video conferencing, presence, instant messaging, etc. | More + All features of NEC clients + Call recording & voicemail list + Call flip to seamlessly move a live call between mobile, desktop, and IP phone. + Call Operator Panel (for Web/Mobile) + Call Center Console (for Web/Mobile) + Powerful integrations: Microsoft Teams, Zendesk, Salesforce, HubSpot, Zoho, etc. |
| SIP Forking | One extension can be registered to only one SIP device. | One extension can be registered to multiple IP phones and support simultaneous login on Linkus Mobile/Web/Desktop Clients. |
| Mobility & IT Management | Complex Require additional VPN settings for off-premises connection (ST500 requires additional SBC devices) | Simple One-click Simple one-click off-premises connection for all Linkus clients using the PBX's innovative Remote Access Service feature. |
| Costs | Cost-heavy Licenses Require extra per-user licenses to use ST500 as standard SIP endpoints and separate licenses for InUC. | Free Client Usage No extra license is needed to use all Linkus UC Clients. The supported features will follow the PBX system. |
| Interfaces | Legacy and inconsistent across different clients | Modern, simple, and consistent across different clients |

Integration & Ecosystem



Unlike NEC PBX with limited integration possibilities, Yeastar PBX Systems boasts an open ecosystem and immense integration opportunities. Customers have the ultimate flexibility to use their preferred IP phones, SIP trunks, and other standard-based SIP terminals without worrying about system interoperability.

| | NEC | Yeastar |
|--|--|---|
| 3 rd -party IP Phone Auto Provisioning | 8 | • |
| ITSP Support | No official ITSP certification program | Certified integration with 100+ mainstream ITSPs worldwide |
| Hotel PMS Integration | | • |
| CRM Integration | Outlook, Goldmine, ACT! | Outlook, Salesforce, HubSpot, Zoh Bitrix26, Odoo, SugarCRM |
| Helpdesk Integration | × | Zendesk, Zoho Desk |
| Microsoft Teams Integration | No bespoke integration. Direct routing via 3rd-party middleware is the only way. | Bespoke Yeastar Linkus for Microsoft Team integration and optional direct routing integration |
| Directory Service Integration | × | Microsoft Active Directory, Microsoft Azure AD |
| Open APIs | 8 | ② |



Ease of Use and Management



With Yeastar PBX systems, you spend less time educating your teams and customers on using the PBX. Even with minimal technical experience, you get everything up and running in less than an hour. To make it more tangible and straightforward, here is a simple rate chart showing how our current customers feel about Yeastar PBX compared with NEC PBX.

| | NEC | Yeastar |
|-------------------|---|---|
| Overall | Unfriendly interfaces and very complicated configurations. Require significant training and experience to use it effectively. | The setup & usage is a no-brainer thanks to the point-and-click configuration and smart user designs. |
| Easy to Deploy | * | **** |
| Ease of Use | ** | **** |
| Remote Management | 8 | |

Yeastar Strengths

Deployment

- Intuitive setup wizard

- PBX provisioning template* (available with Yeastar Remote management)

Daily Usage

- All communications in one simple Linkus app
- Intuitive call operations. No need to remember complex call control codes
- Advanced call operator panel, function keys, and more productivity-enhancing features

Maintenance

- Intuitive system status dashboard
- Granular event notifications

- Graphical call reports
- Built-in troubleshooting tool
- Remote Management



Yeastar Remote Management

Built for Yeastar resellers, Yeastar Remote Management allows you to remotely manage, configure, and maintain your customer-premises Yeastar PBXs securely, even if they don't have Public IP.

- Sulk PBX management
- ⊙ One-click device remote access
- ${f oldsymbol{arphi}}$ No need of port forwarding or VPN

Pricing Model and Sales Simplicity



With Yeastar PBX Systems, you are winning sales simplicity to reduce your investment in customer maintenance and sales management. Though NEC PBX might seem cheaper at first glance, however, the total costs of ownership are not. There are many hidden costs especially when it comes to some most basic IP/SIP PBX functionality.

Here we take Yeastar P-Series PBX Appliance Edition as an example to compare with on-premises NEC PBX.

NEC



One-off hardware
+ 79 separate, complex licenses
for the sales of 79 services/features



Basic features that require extra licenses:

SIP Extension, SIP Trunk, Mobility Extension, 3rd-party CTI, Encryption, Voicemail to Email Notifications, Remote Conference Bridge, etc.

Complex per-feature license management:

5 InApp licenses: InUC for web app, Inscheduler for conference management, Network Connect for call routing, Inguard for call security, Contact Center for call center, and tens of MyCalls license for call management.

The enablement of one functionality may require the purchase of multiple licenses.



- · Sales complexity multiples with each license
- Unmatched with customer expectations and market trends by charging even the most basic PBX feature
- · High business costs in customer/channel maintenance

Yeastar



One-off hardware
+ 3 simple subscription-based plans
for your easy sales and recurring revenue.



All basic features are included with PBX hardware:

All basic features that NEC charges extra (mentioned on the left) are included in the Yeastar PBX hardware. Customers don't need to pay extra.

Easy plan subscription for advanced feature package:

Standard Plan: Remote Access Service (RAS) and Instant

Messaging

Enterprise Plan: All in Standard Plan plus Call Accounting,

Phonebooks, Advanced Call Center features, Microsoft 365 Integration, CRM Integration,

and many more.

Ultimate Plan: All in Enterprise Plan plus video conferencing,

and Active Directory integration.



- Adapt to customer expectations & market trends by charging business-enhancing UC features that bring true values
- Low business costs in customer/channel maintenance

Partner Program and Vendor Support



Both NEC and Yeastar are channel-focused and do not sell directly to end users, however, the partner support varies.

| | NEC | Yeastar |
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| Product Support (Update Frequency) | Seldom. Hardly keep up with the growing market demand. | Almost every quarter to help partners navigate the changing landscape. |
| Technical Support | Late response. Mostly depends on the distributor. | Direct Tier 1 and Tier 2 support for all partners, plus real-time chat support. |
| Training Support | No vendor-provided direct training and webinars. | Direct training, level-based certifications, and informative webinars to get partners up to speed. |
| Marketing Support | Limited and lack of customization support. | All-around covering customized marketing collaterals, joint events development, marketing development fund, etc. |

Yeastar Strengths

Specializing in the Unified Communications industry, Yeastar is dedicated to helping partners grow with a comprehensive set of financial, technical, sales, and marketing support.

Reach ROI Faster

- Promotions & Incentives
- Special Project Discounts

➤ A Dedicated-to-You Partner Success Team

Avail Yeastar people resources to grow your pipeline from day 1. Yeastar Teams are all ears and support you every step of the way.

- ✓ Dedicated Account Managers
- Pre-sales Engineers
- **Solution** Regional Marketing Specialists
- ▼ Technical Supports
- Training Experts
- **Troduct Development Teams**

Tailored Partner Productivity & Sales Enablement Tools

A real proof-of-concept evaluation and demonstration to speed up closing deals.

⊘ Deal Registration:

Special deal protection and project support from pricing to services.

⊙ One-stop Partner Portal:

Purchase & order, license management, product insights, marketing resources, latest promotions, warranty lookup tool, etc.

⊘ Remote Management:

Easy, secure, central management of customer-premises Yeastar devices.

⊘ Yeastar Central Management:

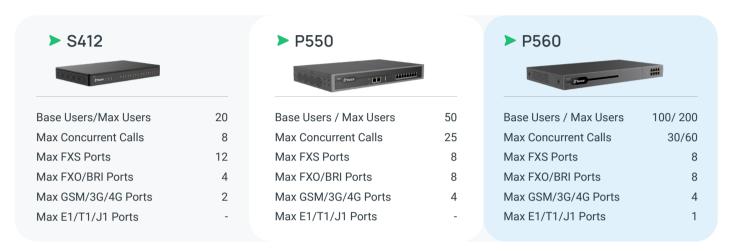
Put UCaaS service delivery & management on auto-pilot for partners.

Recommend Alternatives for NEC SL2100/SV9100



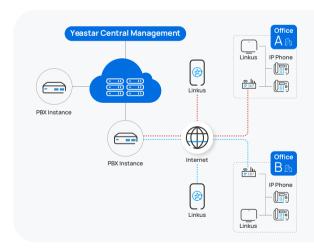
Yeastar PBX System has the capacity and scalability to serve the entire SMB market instead of just a portion of it. When you become a Yeastar channel partner, you have the ability to sell cloud, on-premises, software, or a hybrid solution. Here are popular Yeastar PBX models for businesses of less than 200 users

Hardware



Cloud

Supporting from 5 to virtually unlimited users, Yeastar P-Series PBX Cloud Edition makes the best-in-class UC features within reach of small businesses, with the highest standard of active-active high availability.



Turnkey Hosting Solution

Designed with a multi-instance infrastructure, Yeastar offer Yeastar Central Management (YCM) to put hosted PBX and UCaaS service delivery on autopilot for partners.

There is no need for you to prepare the servers. By accessing YCM, you can create PBX instances for customers in clicks and start to sell right away. Better yet, YCM is also capable of PBX status monitoring & task management, so you can have a complete control of your customers and services easily.

Software

For customers who prefer a software PBX or hosted the PBX system in their own hardware or virtual server, Yeastar P-Series PBX Software Edition is an ideal solution. It comes fully packaged and is scalable for up to 10,000 users.





Trusted by over

450,000

customers worldwide

Yeastar helps businesses realize digital values by making communications and workplace solutions easily accessible from ownership and adoption to daily usage and management. Yeastar has established itself as a leading provider of UC solutions with a global partner network and over 450,000 customers worldwide. Committed to delivering the right technology to value-oriented businesses, Yeastar offers products and services for UC&C, workplace scheduling, and hybrid workplace to enable them to win in the modern digital world.

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