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FPR2 Human Powered Radio

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The FRP2 Human Powered Radio and its cousin, the Lifeline, convert the mechanical energy of winding a handle into enough electricity to charge the radio battery in an emergency. The Freeplay Foundation distributes the radios to remote communities in Africa. The company also produces wind-up cell-phone batteries.

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Manufacturer: Freeplay Energy Plc., South Africa (1998)

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