

New smart card reader from Farfisa

Farfisa, an Italian videointercom manufacturer from Osimo, near Ancona, launched a Bluetooth version of the proximity reader from its Alba line this summer. It offers a wide range of new possibilities. "To start with, it means that you can also operate the card reader with your phone," says Lorenzo Gambetti of Farfisa. "Even if you don't have internet access - your phone connects to the reader automatically as soon as you're within range. Once that happens you can open the gate using our easy Farfisa app. It means that you don't have to get out of your car, or even have a tag with you. Have you ever thought that everyone - at least once - has lost their keys, but none now goes out without his phone."

Programming and managing the card reader is easier too. "We have a separate app for that," Gambetti says. "It makes adding users and maps much faster. On top of that, you can set a time schedule for each user. So for example the cleaning lady can only get in on Tuesday mornings, and the gardener only on Saturday afternoons. It gives the customer more control over who they let in and when. And finally, if you control the reader with the app, you can activate four different outputs with a single reader. The reader itself has one relay and you can buy additional relays, or use the app to control the relays in the Alba audio and video intercom. So, for example, the owner of a villa can use a single app to open several gates or doors, while for the gardener they only unlock the entrance gate on the driveway."

The new card reader is called FP51SAB, comes with 5 smart cards, and has memory capacity for 2000 cards and 50 smart users. ■

