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- **Rabbit R1: Is it Really a Scam?**

Rabbit R1 is a scam. It didn't deliver on its promises of Advanced AI capabilities. The company behind it, Rabbit Inc (formerly Cyber Manufacturing Co.), has been involved in unethical business practices.

These are the kinds of allegations faced by Rabbit R1 since its market launch in late April this year. But, are these claims legitimate?

Let's uncover the mystery!

Starting with the basics, what exactly does Rabbit R1 do?

In a few words, Rabbit R1 is like ChatGPT in a pocket.

But it's supposed to do much more than just chat. Here's how Jesse Lyu, Rabbit founder and CEO, explains it:

"We've come to a point where we have hundreds of apps on our smartphones with complicated UX designs that don't talk to each other. As a result, end users are frustrated with their devices and are often getting lost. Rabbit is now building towards an intuitive app-free experience with the power of AI.

"Large Language Models, like ChatGPT, showed the possibility of understanding natural language with AI; our Large Action Model takes it one step further: it doesn't just generate text in response to human input – it generates actions on behalf of users to help us get things done."

Rabbit R1 capabilities, in a nutshell:

➔ Basic Voice Commands
Order food, get directions, play music
➔ App Interaction (without directly running them)
To carry out demands like order a ride with Uber
➔ Trainable Voice Assistant
Learn from user's interactions through Large Action Model (LAM)

Well, only on paper. In reality, this appears to be nothing more than a dream for the buyers of Rabbit R1.

The newly launched hardware AI assistant seems to have disappointed everyone from tech reviewers to AI enthusiasts and YouTubers, who are describing it as 'half-baked', 'just an app', 'a broken toy' and 'barely reviewable.'

According to most people, the only good thing about Rabbit R1 is its design and look, which ironically is designed by another company called Teenage Engineering, famous for their innovative and aesthetically pleasing electronics.

Shortcomings of Rabbit R1

- ➔ Short battery life
  Contrary to what was marketed as 'All-day long companion', Rabbit R1's battery only lasts 5-6 hours maximum.

- ➔ Unreliable performance
  Users complained of it messing up basic tasks. For instance, filling wrong pick-up and drop-off locations on Uber, and misunderstanding song and artist names on Spotify.

- ➔ Touch trouble
  Using the touch panel on the Rabbit R1 is a hassle. It only works when you're typing, so you'll be scrolling with the wheel and dealing with a tricky interface the rest of the time. And forget easy settings access—prepare to shake the device, literally!

Is Rabbit R1 Only an App?

In this tear down video of Rabbit R1, it is shown that the 'Large Action Model' is embedded in the cloud, thus raising the question- could it be just an app? Isn't the whole concept of cloud computing to 'access data and programs remotely over the internet instead of on local hardware'?

Meanwhile, in this video by Android Authority, Rabbit's launcher APK can be seen running on Google Pixel 6A. While probably it won't offer all the functionality as the hardware device, it is pretty much like using the $199 R1.

An AI Enthusiast, Ashutosh Shrivastava, took to X to inform of Rabbit R1's leaked source code on GitHub (not available now), calling it a 'big scam'.

https://x.com/ai_for_success/status/1782966887644569920

Denying these allegations, Rabbit posted a statement on X,

"rabbit r1 is not an Android app... rabbit OS and LAM run on the cloud with very bespoke AOSP and lower level firmware modifications, therefore a local bootleg APK without the proper OS and Cloud endpoints won't be able to access our service. rabbit OS is customized for r1 and we do not support third-party clients."

Read the full statement here!

Rabbit R1's Developer Rabbit Inc. Questionable Background

Rabbit Inc. underwent a name change which raised red flags for consumers, suggesting an attempt to distance themselves from past issues. Cyber Manufacturing Co. (now Rabbit Inc) had launched an NFT project called GAMA. As per GAMA project roadmap, it would extend to become Gamaverse and also launch GAMA coins.

Some investors in the GAMA NFT project accused it to be a scam, alleging that:

- ➔ The promised functionalities of the Gama NFTs weren't delivered.
- ➔ Investors haven't received refunds they were entitled to.

Our Hot Take on the Issue

We completely agree with the internet's verdict of Rabbit R1:

A rushed out product that could be much more powerful in the future.

Ideally, Rabbit Inc should have been transparent about their product. If they had advertised it as a 'AI app' in hardware format, people wouldn't have such high expectations. But then, Rabbit won't have made such profits. And, unfortunately, in the technological space today, the expectations are too high with sophisticated products releasing every other day.

Here's the thing: The scam allegations on Rabbit R1 have garnered traction mainly due to their company's poor past reputation and empty promises. If we look at the likes of Rabbit R1 such as Humane AI Pin or Meta's Smart Glasses, they aren't also particularly promising 'Hardwared AI Assistants' and nowhere close to being the 'future of AI'.

The whole situation is a reminder that tech companies are more focused on being ‘the first to launch.’ The future of AI assistants is probably going to be built into our phones, with Google and Apple, who have access to all our information, being the frontrunner.

Overall, the Rabbit R1 is an interesting idea with a shaky start.