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NEW CASTLE, DE, UNITED STATES, February 27, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The global wearable payments market size was valued at $46.9 billion in 2023, and is projected to reach $393.4 billion by 2033, growing at a CAGR of 23.7% from 2024 to 2033.

Highlights:
1) Understanding the concept behind wearable payment devices
2) Key technologies used in these modern devices
2) Diverse use cases of these payment solutions
3) Notable acquisition by industry leaders in the domain

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In the post-pandemic era, changing customer priorities and fintech advancements have accelerated the wearable industry. Furthermore, increase in the demand for fast, secure, convenient, and contactless payments among millennials, Gen Z, and Gen X consumers has increased the development of wearable payment devices. These innovative solutions, including smartwatches, fitness trackers, rings, belts, and even jackets, seamlessly facilitate transactions by linking to users' bank accounts through payment platforms like Apple Pay, Samsung Pay, and Google Pay.

Reasons why wearable payments are booming worldwide
The advent of wearable technology has offered greater convenience to users globally. Users do not have to carry wallets or search for credit cards. These cutting-edge payment devices enable them to make payments with a single touch, offering them speed and convenience when making payments and providing a desirable option for expedient and sanitary checkout. Moreover, wearable payment devices use encrypted technology, reducing the risk of theft or fraud. Many devices require authentication, like a PIN or fingerprint scan, to authorize transactions, providing an extra layer of security. Along with a payment solution, these devices combine multiple functionalities such as fitness tracking, communication, and entertainment services.

Technology used in designing wearable payment devices

Wearable payment devices, like smartwatches or rings, need to be connected to an individual's bank account and credit/debit cards. Once the linking is done, with the help of these devices, customers are simply able to tap and scan to initiate payments at the merchant's site. The matchless speed and ease of use of wearable payments allure tech-savvy consumers who want transactions to be processed as quickly and painlessly as possible. Furthermore, payments made through these wearable devices utilize wearable technologies like NFC and radio frequency identification (RFID) with an integrated chip and antennae.

Depending on the size of the device, integrated batteries and chips are manufactured. Users need to ensure that the gadgets are properly charged and the distance from point-of-sale (POS) terminals is sufficient for the RFID range before initiating the payments. Customers simply have to wave or tap their devices near a contactless payment terminal to initiate payments, without the need for any physical card. Nowadays, wearables use host card emulation technology to imitate a physical smart card during transactions and use NFC to make contactless payments. Some devices also use QR codes with RFID sensors for payment check-out experiences.

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Real-world applications of modern wearable payment solutions

The wearable payments industry has experienced prominent growth due to the increase in the adoption of contactless payment solutions across modern-age businesses. The rise of wearable technology has revolutionized events, these days, by providing a convenient, hands-free payment method. RFID-enabled wristbands and smart rings act as a single pass for admission, parking, VIP access, and payments.

On the other hand, GPS-powered wearables facilitate location-based tracking, which is helpful for measuring workouts like running and cycling. These devices are also beneficial for individuals by enhancing their user safety. In addition, as devices connect through IoT, payment integration through wearables becomes increasingly useful, opening new payment channels between IoT devices and users. Moreover, many leading wearable device manufacturers have started incorporating beacon technology to communicate with nearby devices and systems, enabling them to receive personalized deals, check in at events, and visit stores.

Mastercard and boAt collaborated to launch a tap-and-pay feature

In August 2024, Mastercard, a leading provider of digital payment solutions announced its collaboration with boAt, a leading wearables brand in India to incorporate tap and pay functionality on its devices. Through this partnership, Mastercard cardholders using boAt's payment-enabled smartwatches are expected to avail of this feature via Crest Pay, boAt's official

application for users to seamlessly make payments through their wearable devices.

Moreover, under this partnership, cardholders are now able to tokenize their existing Mastercard debit and credit cards from supported banks and enable tap-and-pay functionality on their boAt smartwatches. This feature allows seamless transactions of up to INR 5,000 via POS devices without requiring a PIN, enhancing everyday convenience. The use of Mastercard's device tokenization technology with cryptographic security makes these transactions fast and highly secure.

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By Devices
Smart Watches
Payment Tracker
Payment Wristbands
Smart Rings
Others

By Technology
Near Field Communication Technology (NFC)
RFID (Radio Frequency Identification)
QR and Bar Codes
Others

By Application
Grocery Stores
Bar and Restuarants
Pharmacies/Drug Stores
Entertainment Centers
Others

By Region
North America (U.S., Canada)
Europe (UK, Germany, France, Italy, Spain, Rest of Europe)
Asia-Pacific (China, Japan, India, South Korea, Australia, Rest of Asia-Pacific)
LAMEA (Latin America, Middle East, Africa)

Key Market Players
Giesecke+Devrient GmbH, Infineon Technologies AG, Visa Inc., Digiseq Ltd, Google, Inc, PayPal, Inc., Garmin Ltd, Barclays Plc, Mastercard Inc, Tappy Technologies Limited, Apple Inc., Fidesmo

AB, Aevi International
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