





1 PORTEGE R500

Toshiba's ultraportable Portege performs the impressive task of integrating an optical drive, yet still comes in at only 779 grams. The 120GB hard drive is plenty, but this is Toshiba's first notebook to feature a flashbased 64GB solid-state disc. The 1.2 GHz Intel Core 2 Duo multiprocessor can handle Vista's processor-hungry Aero interface. It features a full-size keyboard, three USB ports, LED backlights and a DVD burner. This is the current benchmark for ultraportables.

www.toshiba.com

£1,099 (available end of July)

2 DHP 301 **POWERLINE KIT**

Whereas some companies are looking to stream multimedia content wirelessly, an alternative would be to transfer data through conventional home power sockets. D-Link has a 200Mbps power line ethernet adapter and kit that enables digital home consumers to tap into existing electrical wiring for extension of their home network. The kit contains two adapters, one ethernet cable and an installation compact disc. No new cables or wires are needed. www.morecomputers.com

£100.79

3 WIRELESS DJ MUSIC SYSTEM

This handy device from Logitech streams audio from your PC to your home stereo. The system is controlled from a handheld remote with a built-in display and scrollwheel. It uses a USB transmitter that hooks to your PC, along with a receiver, which is also a recharging station for the remote. We liked its ability to stream virtually any content including DRM copy protected and Internet radio.

www.expansys.com

£128.95

4 DR-BT21G WIRELESS HEADSET

This wireless Bluetooth headset from Sony features a behind-theneck, foldable design in a 63 gram package. It's available in either black or white and it

supports a variety of Bluetooth wireless protocols including A2DP, AVRCP, HFP, and HSP. It has a built-in microphone and control button in the earcup enabling it to be used as a hands free communicator. It also has an 11-hour battery life. www.play.com

£59.99

5 EVA8000 DIGITAL ENTERTAINER HD

This streaming set-top box from Netgear does an adequate job of bridging the gap between a laptop in your home office and the TV in your living room. You can stream full-resolution, highdefiniton videos, photos and music files over your wired or wireless network. It resembles a traditional set-top box but the metallic enclosure is sleek. The connections are clearly marked and it also features a fully functional remote control. www.zomp.net

£217.61

6 L1900R-BF TFT 19IN SCREEN

LG was once renowned for making boring, but reliable monitors and TVs. Its products remain as reliable as ever, but these days it adds a bit of panache to its designs - and the LG 1900 also has some great features. The LCD monitor boasts contrast ratios of up to 3,000:1. This monitor also has an LCD picture-enhancing chip to provide astounding colour. We particularly liked the 'Smart Function' capability, enabling us to optimise the brightness levels of the monitor for different uses. www.pixmania.com

£209

7 THE OTTERBOX 1900

If you want the ultimate in impact and weather resistant protection for your portable devices, then look no further than Otterbox. This company produces several waterproof cases for iPods, PDAs, mobile phones, you name it! It works well, fits in most top pockets, and is decently priced. www.globalpositioning systems.co.uk

£49.95