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The eGo has landed

The i2go eGo is no ordinary MP3 player. Designed for use in the car, the player has 64MB of RAM and doubles as an email appliance. It can sync to your email account, turn your messages into MP3 files and let you listen and verbally respond on the go. The built-in USB port allows you to quickly download music files into the player.

Price: \$299

Contact: www.i2go.com
(not yet available in the UK)



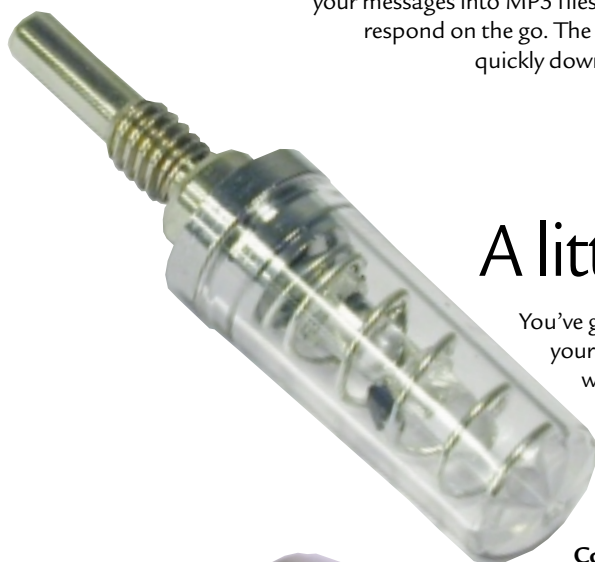
A little bit flash

You've got the leopard skin cover, programmed a cheesy Eighties classic as your ringing tune and you don't feel ashamed of shouting into your mobile while travelling on the bus, so next on your list has got to be this neat little addition. Designed as a replacement for your existing mobile-phone antenna, it flashes whenever you have an incoming call. You can choose from either a red or blue flashing LED and ravers can even opt for one in the shape of a smiley face.

Price: £10.99 inc VAT

Contact: 0800 458 5560

www.mobileshop.co.uk



Pic in your pocket

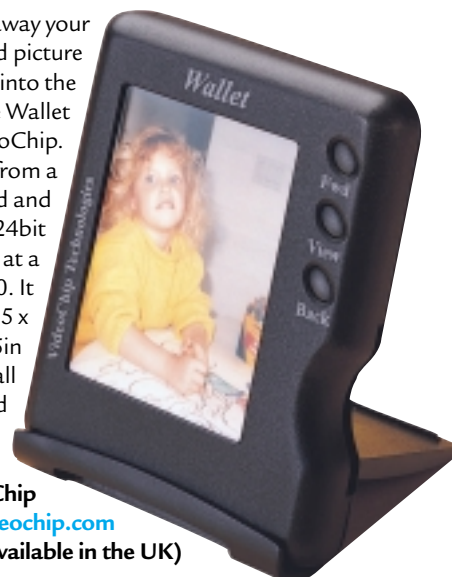
It's time to throw away your crinkly old paper-based picture album and move into the digital realm, with the Wallet from US company VideoChip. The unit takes images from a Compact Flash card and displays them on its 24bit colour TFT screen at a resolution of 320 x 240. It only measures about 5 x 4in and is about 0.75in thick, so it's small enough to carry around in your pocket.

Price: \$399.95

Contact: VideoChip

<http://videochip.com>

(not yet available in the UK)



Watch the birdie

It can't be too long before Casio actually creates the Dick Tracey watch, but for now it is settling for the world's first wrist camera. The camera captures pictures at a resolution of 120 x 120 in 16 greyscales and images can be transferred via infra-red to a PC or PDA.

The 1MB of memory stores up to 100 images and Casio has even included a databank function, so you can record a person's name and telephone number as well as their portrait.

Price: £200 approx

Contact: Casio 020 8450 9131 www.casio.com





Fast fun phone

The 6210 is Nokia's first phone to support High-Speed Circuit Switched Data (HSCSD) which gives mobile connections of up to 43.2Kbits/sec. Unfortunately, no UK operator currently supports this speed, but services are expected to arrive soon. The 6210 is still desirable even though you can't use HSCSD services, as it's got a built-in WAP 1.1 browser for surfing Internet content on its 96 x 60 display.

Price: TBC, but likely to be cheaper than the Nokia 7110

Contact: Nokia 0990 003 110

www.nokia.com



Ready to snap

This little wonder plugs into the bottom of your Palm and turns it into a full-colour digital camera. The unit can grab pictures at 640 x 480 pixels in 24bit colour and display them in greyscale on the Palm's screen. To transfer images, you simply sync your Palm with your PC.

Price: £149 inc VAT

Contact: Kodak 0870 243 0270

www.kodak.com

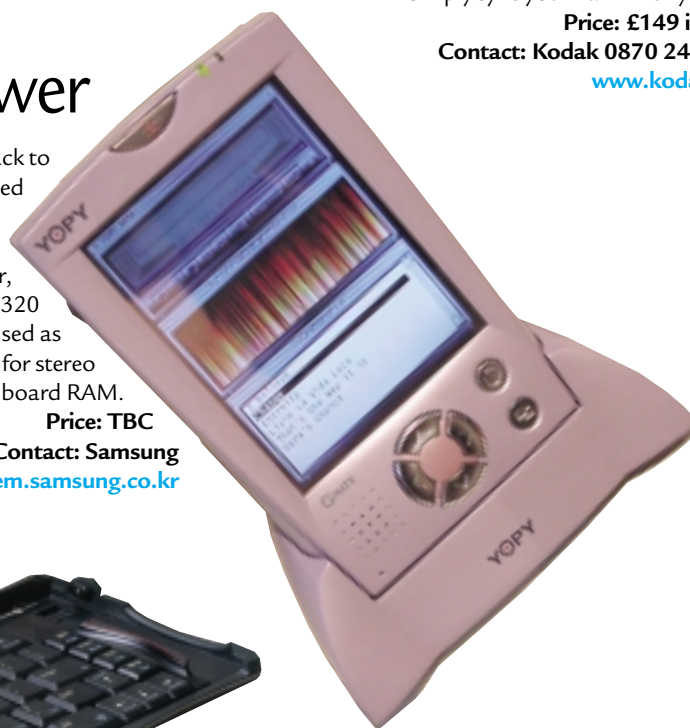
Penguin power

Samsung has beaten the rest of the pack to the drop and announced a Linux-based PDA. Destined to be cherished by bearded hackers everywhere, the Yopy uses a 206MHz StrongARM processor, runs ARMLinux and features a 240 x 320 TFT colour screen. It can also be used as an MP3 player, thanks to its support for stereo audio playback and its 32MB of onboard RAM.

Price: TBC

Contact: Samsung

www.sem.samsung.co.kr



Write here, right now

The handwriting recognition on the Palm series of handhelds is fine for taking short notes, but you're unlikely to write a competitor to *War and Peace* using it. The solution is this neat fold-up keyboard from Think Outside. If you don't own a Palm, don't worry - the company is already working on versions for the Handspring Visor and Windows CE devices.

Price: £73.67 inc VAT

Contact: Palm Computing 020 7365 9820

www.palm.com