# Bestbuys

## Dell
### Dimension XPS T500

This is an ideal entry-level machine featuring a 500MHz Pentium III processor,128MB of RAM and a 13GB Maxtor hard drive. Graphics are taken care of by a Diamond Viper V770 card which drives a17in monitor. Dell has even thrown in an HP DeskJet 610 printer and a copy of Microsoft Works Suite 99 for good measure.

**Review** *Feburary 2000, p140* **Price** *£1,173.83 (£999 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Dell Computers 0870 152 4850 www.dell.co.uk*

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MID-RANGE PC

## NEC
### Direction SM-733P

Built on an 820 chipset, this speedy machine uses the 0.18micron 733MHz Pentium III. It comes with a single 256MB DIMM for memory and a Guillemot 3D Prophet graphics card with 32MB on-board. For storage, a Zip 250 drive and a 27GB Maxtor UDMA66 hard drive are included alongside the Pioneer DVD-ROM. You also get a large 19in monitor for your money.

**Review** *March 2000, p71* **Price** *£1,937.58 (£1,649 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *NEC Direct 0870 010 6324 www.necdirect-europe.com*

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HIGH-END PC

## Evesham
### Athlon 750

Built around the Athlon 750MHz processor and 128MB of RAM, this PC isn't just about raw speed, you also get great features. Included are VideoLogic's DigiTheatre surround sound speakers, the Guillemot 3D Prophet graphics card, a 19in Taxan ErgoVision 980 monitor and Miro's Studio DC10 Plus MPEG capture card, a 27.3GB hard drive and a CD-RW drive.

**Review** *March 2000, p150* **Price** *£2,466 (£2,099 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Evesham Micros 0800 0380 800 www.evesham.com*

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HIGH-END NOTEBOOK

## Hi-Grade
### Notino AS7400

Hi-Grade has pushed back the boundaries of mobile computing with the first Pentium III-equipped notebook. Besides being one of the fastest mobile computers we've ever seen, the AS7400 is fully featured with 160MB of RAM, a 10GB hard disk and a DVD-ROM drive. If you're looking for a high-power desktop replacement, this is it.

**Review** *December 1999, p73* **Price** *£2,113.82 (£1,799 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Hi-Grade 020 8532 6100 www.higrade.com*

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MID-RANGE NOTEBOOK

## Dell
### Inspiron 3700

With its Celeron 466MHz processor, 128MB of RAM and 14.1in active matrix LCD screen, the Inspiron 3700 is not only light, it also looks great. The bundled Margi DVD-to-Go PC Card lets you watch DVD movies on a television, while Dell's exclusive ExpressCharge cuts the lithium ion battery's charging time in half, with no detrimental effect on its operational life.

**Review** *January 2000, p77* **Price** *£1,701.40 (£1,448 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Dell 0870 907 5681 www.dell.com*

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ULTRA-PORTABLE NOTEBOOK

## Sony
### Vaio 505X

The 505X has a very thin casing but still packs in a Celeron 333MHz processor, 64MB of RAM and a 6.4GB hard disk. A screen resolution of 1,024 x 768 offers crystal-sharp images and text. Peripherals can be connected via the built-in USB and FireWire ports or Type II PC Card slot. The 505X is a great evolution of the ultra-portable notebook format.

**Review** *January 2000, p75* **Price** *£1,702.57 (£1,449 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Sony 0990 424 424 www.sony.com*

## DIGITAL CAMERA
### Nikon
## CoolPIX 700

Both physical controls and the on-screen menu system are well laid out and the results from the 2.1 megapixel CCD are impressive – wonderfully clean, detailed, natural-looking images at 1,600 x 1,200.

**Review** *January 2000, p175* **Price** *£499 (£425 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Nikon 0800 230 220* *www.nikon.co.uk*
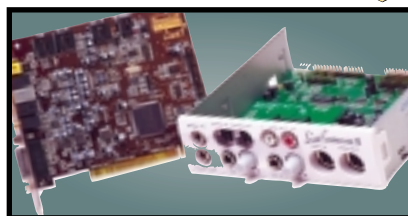
## WEBCAM
### Creative
## WebCam Go

Not only is this a regular webcam offering 30fps at 352 x 288 or 15fps at 640 x 480, but when you disconnect the USB cable it becomes a standalone digital camera that can store JPEG images on its internal 4MB memory.

**Review** *March 2000, p78* **Price** *£119 (£101.28 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Creative Labs 0800 973 069* *www.europe.creative.com*

## SOUND CARD
### Creative Labs
## SB Live! Platinum

This is exactly what gamers and budding PC musicians have been asking for – great sound quality and excellent bundled software make it a winner. We think it's the best sound product ever.

**Review** *February 2000, p83* **Price** *£167 (£142 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Creative Labs 0800 973 069* *www.soundblaster.com*

## COLOUR INKJET
### Hewlett-Packard
## DeskJet 895CXi

For all-round excellence you can't do better than the HP 895CXi. The quality of its output for both text and graphics is impressive given the swift speed at which they are produced.

**Review** *October 1999, p177* **Price** *£210.32 (£179 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Hewlett-Packard 0990 474747* *www.europe.hp.com*

## BUDGET LASER PRINTER
### Brother
## HL-1250

This compact machine has everything you could reasonably ask for at the price, but Brother has gone one step further with the inclusion of both parallel and USB ports.

**Review** *February 2000, p165* **Price** *£245.58 (£209 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Simply 08707 297 366* *www.brother.com*

## COLOUR PHOTO PRINTER
### Epson
## Stylus Photo 750

Easy installation, a five-colour cartridge for photo printing and feature-rich software make this printer attractive. Its photo reproduction could not be faulted and job turnaround is fast.

**Review** *October 1999, p180* **Price** *£199 (£169.36 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Epson 0800 220 546* *www.epson.co.uk*

## BUSINESS LASER PRINTER
### Hewlett-Packard
## LaserJet 4050TN

The 4050TN's 1,200dpi resolution is outstanding, and with a 133MHz NEC processor and 16MB of RAM it can turn out 16ppm. It also comes network-ready as standard.

**Review** *September 1999, p96* **Price** *£1,580.38 (£1,345 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *HP 0990 474747* *www.europe.hp.com*

## MULTI-FUNCTION DEVICE
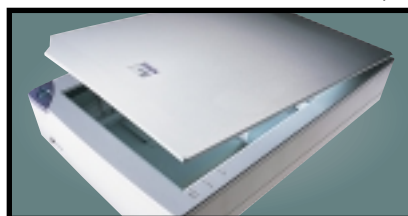### Hewlett-Packard
## Office Jet R45

A 600dpi colour inkjet printer, colour scanner and a fax all in one. Colour output is rich and vibrant. The 30bit scanner supports a maximum optical resolution of 600dpi.

**Review** *November 1999, p96* **Price** *£478.23 (£407 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Hewlett-Packard 0990 474747* *www.europe.hp.com*

## FLATBED SCANNER
### Epson
## GT-7000 USB

This 600dpi scanner has good colour accuracy, text reproduction and picture quality. USB installation is a breeze and we were impressed with the robust build quality.

**Review** *November 1999, p191* **Price** *£149 (£126.81 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Epson 0800 220 546* *www.epson.co.uk*

## GRAPHICS CARD
### Creative Labs
## Annihilator Pro

Based on the DDR version of the GeForce 256 chipset from nVidia, this card offloads transform and lighting effects processing from your CPU to give outstanding results.

**Review** *March 2000, p80* **Price** *£218 (£186 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Creative Labs 0800 973 069* *www.europe.creative.com*

## EIDE HARD DRIVE
### Seagate
## Barracuda ATA 28GB

This 28GB beast's spin speed of 7,200rpm helped it achieve 0.89Mbytes/sec in our random read and write test. It's a breeze to install and the £5.10 cost per MB makes it a bargain.

**Review** *April 2000, p197* **Price** *£168 (£143 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *SMCdirect 01753 550333* *www.seagate.com*

## SCSI HARD DRIVE
### Seagate
## Barracuda ST150176LW

The Barracuda may no longer be at the cutting edge of SCSI performance, but with its 7,200rpm spin speed and 50GB storage space its value for money is outstanding.

**Review** *April 2000, p202* **Price** *£645 (£549 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *SMCdirect 01753 550333* *www.seagate.com*

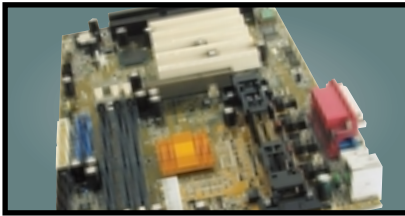## SLOT 1 MOTHERBOARD

### Supermicro
**Super PIIISCA**



Targeted at people looking to upgrade their systems, this board includes both DIMM and RIMM slots. The documentation is excellent, and all the necessary cables, RIMM spacer and driver CD are included in the box.

**Review** *March 2000, p186* **Price** *£128.08 (£109 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Dabs Direct 0800 138 5124* *www.supermicro.com*

## SLOT A MOTHERBOARD
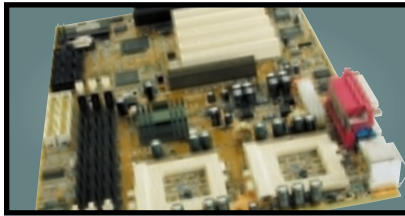
### Gigabyte
**GA-7IX**



This board has four PCI slots, one ISA and one shared slot. It was very stable in our tests and the manual spells out clearly what the jumpers do and takes you through each of the Award Modular BIOS settings step by step.

**Review** *March 2000, p182* **Price** *£105.75 (£90 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Dabs Direct 0800 138 5214* *www.gbt-tech.co.uk*

## SOCKET 370

### Abit
**BP6**



The BP6 allows you to use Intel's socket 370 Celerons in a dual-processor configuration. Even if you only use the board for a single processor, the BP6 still shines because it is one of the few Socket 370 boards to use the BX chipset.

**Review** *March 2000, p195* **Price** *£116.33 (£99 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Top PC 0113 2422 416* *www.abit.com.tw*

## 17IN MONITOR

### CTX
**PR711F**



Using a Sony FD Trinitron tube, this monitor's slim casing somehow makes the display seem larger. Image quality is superb and a USB hub is built in to the base as standard.

**Review** *January 2000, p79* **Price** *£276.12 (£235 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *CTX 01923 810800* *www.ctxeurope.com*

## 19IN MONITOR

### Taxan
**Ergovision 980**



Based on the 19in Mitsubishi Natural Flat Diamondtron tube, this offers superb image quality and comprehensive OSD. There's also a built-in USB hub.

**Review** *November 1999, p208* **Price** *£556.95 (£474 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Taxan 01344 484646* *www.taxan.co.uk*

## 21IN MONITOR

### Sony
**GDM-F500**



Sony's flagship monitor has a 21in FD Trinitron tube and excellent image clarity. Its aperture grille pitch is just 0.22mm and it can achieve a resolution of up to 1,880 x 1,440 at 80Hz.

**Review** *April 1999, p189* **Price** *£1,292.32 (£1,099 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Sony 0990 424424* *www.sony.com*

## LCD MONITOR

### Sony
**Multiscan CPD-L181**



This 18.1in TFT monitor produces a flawless image at a resolution of 1,280 x 1,024. The auto button makes setup a breeze and the dual-VGA inputs are an added bonus.

**Review** *November 1999, p95* **Price** *£2,461.63 (£2,095 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Sony 0990 424424* *www.sony.com*

## SOUND SYSTEM

### VideoLogic
**DigiTheatre**



This set includes five speakers, a subwoofer and an integrated six-channel amplifier plus a decoder. Excellent sound quality at a fair price make the DigiTheatre a must-have.

**Review** *January 2000, p81* **Price** *£249 (£211.91 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Videologic 01923 277 488* *www.videologic.co.uk*

## CD-RW

### Creative **CD-RW Blaster CD Studio**



This stirling package includes the 4 x 4 x 24 EIDE CD-RW drive and everything you need to mount it in your PC. Bundled software includes the Nero Burning ROM CD writing program.

**Review** *March 2000, p84* **Price** *£175 (£149 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Creative Labs 01189 344 744* *www.europe.creative.com*

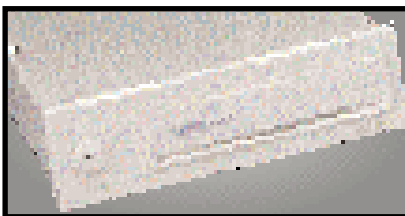## ISDN TA

### Eicon
**DIVA USB**



Weighing in at 70g and no larger than a mouse, this USB ISDN TA opens up 128Kbits/sec bandwidth and supports G3 and G4 faxing as well as a variety of voicemail and file transfer facilities.

**Review** *March 2000, p87* **Price** *£99 (£84.35 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Eicon Technology 020 8967 8000* *www.eicon.com*

## BACK-UP

### OnStream
**SC30**



The SC30 has a 30GB compressed data capacity and using Backup Exec it achieved over 70MB/min. Echo software provides drive-letter access so you can treat it like a hard drive.

**Review** *September 1999, p102* **Price** *£233.82 (£199 ex VAT).*
**Contact** *OnStream 0800 328 1204* *www.onstream.com*

## REMOVABLE STORAGE

### Panasonic
**LF-D101 U**



This unit not only reads CD-ROM and DVD-ROM discs, but it also writes to PD and DVD-RAM discs, offering safe and affordable high-capacity backup.

**Review** *October 1998, p98* **Price** *£391.71 (£333 ex VAT)*
**Contact** *Dabs 0800 138 5204* *www.panasonic.co.uk*