

Speak easy ▶

You talk seven times faster than you type, so why are you still tapping out your emails on an antiquated keyboard? Move with the times and get yourself a VoiceTracer. Its 4Mb memory lets you record up to 16 minutes of notes and thoughts, and drop them straight into an email through your PC Card slot. See page 97 for our full review.

Price £84.99 (£72.33 ex VAT)

Contact Philips 01206 755504

www.philips.com



▲ Control your surges

Most surge-protection devices only protect users from power spikes from the mains. This pocket-sized device for laptops also regulates the voltage travelling along phone cables, protecting not only your PSU, but also your modem, whether it be external or built-in.

Price £34.08 (£29 ex VAT)

Contact American Power

Conversion 01753 511022

www.apcc.com



▽ Hippy Hub

Has the world gone iMac crazy? Everything's translucent blue these days, including this snazzy PowerUSB hub from Techworks. With one upstream port and four downstream ports, it should solve connection bottle-necks for some time to come, and it comes in five colours — one to match each iMac flavour. For the USB-crazy, they can even be stacked.

Price £57.58 (£49 ex VAT)

Contact Techworks 01753 898500

www.techworks.co.uk



◀ Blue is the colour

Not content with having the usual putty-coloured range of award-winning printers, Epson has supplemented its product line with an iMac-friendly version of the Stylus Color 740. It's the same great printer under the hood — it just looks a little more trendy than your run-of-the-mill inkjet.

Price £199 (£169.36 ex VAT)

Contact Epson 0800 220546

www.epson.co.uk

Mini ▶ Mouse

Mice spread disease, chew holes in cardboard and make your house smell. Real ones, that is. This one, though, is just too cute to resist, being about half the size of a standard desktop mouse. It's intended for kids, but we actually found it far more comfortable than our standard-issue PCW 'grown-up' mice.

Price £13.99 (£11.91 ex VAT)

Contact Master Enterprises 0181 830 7500
www.master.co.uk



Not ▼ so easy-to-swallow tablet

Wacom is a leader in tablet technology, and many graphic designers dump their mice in favour of a tablet and stylus for precision drawing. Now Wacom has launched the PL-400, a pen tablet with an integrated 13.3in LCD capable of a maximum 1024 x 768 resolution. It looks as though you're drawing directly onto your screen, which is far more natural than drawing on the desk and looking up to watch your work appear on a monitor.

Price £2113.83 (£1799 ex VAT)

Contact Computers Unlimited 0181 358 5857
www.wacom.de



Take it EasyMate

It seems Windows CE devices get more like laptop PCs every day. This is the first 800 x 600 resolution PDA running Windows CE 3.0 we've seen, and its core is an impressive 131MHz processor backed up by 24Mb ROM and a whopping 32Mb RAM. Check out our full review next month.

Price £799 (£680 ex VAT)

Contact Packard Bell 01628 508200
www.packardbell-europe.com



Hard case ▶

With a new batch of Psion computers hitting the shelves right about now, users are going to want to find a way of protecting their expensive investments. So how about this, the stylish and practical MBC Hard Case.

Coming in a range of colours, including our favourite deep blue, it'll keep your hand-held friend safe from the bumps and scratches of everyday use, and its special low-lipped front lets you use your spangly new Series 5mx without even taking it out of the case.

Price £24.95 (£21.23 ex VAT)

Contact PalmTec 01926 470615
www.palmtec.demon.co.uk

