

## Pretty in purple

If you thought that removable storage was boring, think again. The anorexic Zip 250MB USB drive is curvy and wonderfully purple, with grey trimming. It's only one-inch thick, weighs less than a pound, and uses the USB port. Ideal for those alternating between a laptop and desktop computer, it allows you to just plug and go. The drive reads and writes to 250MB and 100MB disks.

**Contact** Iomega 0800 973 194 [www.iomega.com](http://www.iomega.com)

**Price** £149.99 (£127.65 ex VAT)



## Audio a-go-go

Not sure whether to opt for an MP3 player or a portable CD player? If you can't make up your mind, get both. Pine's new D-Music player, the SM-200C, allows you to play both standard music CDs and MP3s. Sadly, Pine hasn't included a record button.

**Contact** Dabs Direct 0870 129 3010 [www.pinegroup.com](http://www.pinegroup.com)

**Price** £169 (£143.33 ex VAT)



## All in one

This clunky, cumbersome-looking device is in fact a combo phone, videophone and handheld computer – AKA the Nokia 7710. When it launches, Orange will even be offering a web-style information service through the phone. It's one of the ugliest looking things we've seen, but may appeal to those more interested in substance than style.

**Contact** Orange 0500 802080 [www.orange.co.uk](http://www.orange.co.uk)

Nokia 0990 003110 [www.nokia.com](http://www.nokia.com)

**Price** £150 (£127.66 ex VAT)



## Shower fun

It looks like an ordinary portable radio, but in fact the Shower Companion is also a digital memo recorder. Oh, and it's waterproof too, hence the name. There's only 20 seconds of storage, so won't be able to record your shower-time warblings. But it will pick up audio from TV channels, allowing you to keep up with *Eastenders* and get clean at the same time.

**Contact** Innovations 0870 908 7070 [www.innovations.co.uk](http://www.innovations.co.uk)

**Price** £80 (£68.09 ex VAT)





## Fingertip security

Keep prying eyes out of your PC with the U are U Fingerprint Recognition System. When the PC is switched on, the authorised person will need to place their index finger on the reader before access is granted. The device can also be set to protect individual folders.

**Contact** Kerry Technology 01342 810 906

[www.kerrytech.co.uk](http://www.kerrytech.co.uk)

**Price** £150 (£127.66 ex VAT)

## Words on the go

For those addicted to gadgets, the Quicktionary Reading Pen is a must-have. Drag the pen over a word and it will tell you the meaning – literally, as the pen comes with its own earpiece. Other Quicktionaries are also available for translating to and from English and other languages.

**Contact** lansyst 01223 420101

[www.dyslexic.com](http://www.dyslexic.com)

**Price** £200 (£170.20 ex VAT)



## Vision on

Transform yourself into Joe 90 with a pair of 3D Revelator glasses. Actually, despite looking like NHS prescription glasses circa 1960, the thick black frames hide some nifty Nineties technology. Each lens on the 3D Revelator glasses is an LCD screen. These alternately turn on and off so rapidly that no flickering is noticeable. Each screen also gives a slightly different view to create that 3D illusion. Pop the specs on, and the action in a game will jump right out at you.

**Contact** Elsa 01189 657755 [www.elsa.com](http://www.elsa.com)

**Price** £80 (£68.08 ex VAT)

## Petite portable

It seems that iMac translucent blue is the new beige. Every new PC accessory seems to be decked out in this colour. Luckily there's more to the diminutive MiniDoc USB scanner than looks.

It has a resolution of 300x600 and the built-in battery will give you an hour's worth of scanning away from the mains.

**Contact** Trisys 0181 808 2130

[www.trisys-europe.com](http://www.trisys-europe.com)

**Price** £129 (£109.79 ex VAT)

