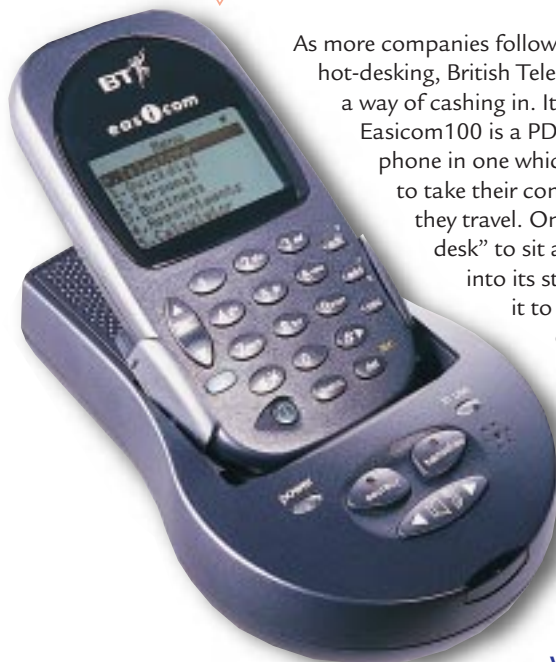


## Hot stuff



As more companies follow the route to hot-desking, British Telecom has seen a way of cashing in. Its smart Easicom100 is a PDA and hands-free phone in one which enables the user to take their contacts with them as they travel. Once they find a "hot desk" to sit at, they can drop it into its stylish holster and use it to chat to their mates or business contacts.

(See our review, p88.)

**Price** Easicom 100, £79.99

(£68.08 ex VAT). Easicom 150 PC link,

£34.99 (£29.78 ex VAT). **Contact**

BT 0800 374283

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



## About time

Apple's new range of watches prompts you to "Think different" with funky designs to liven up dull wrists. With a choice of round or distinctive "apple"-shaped bodies, these watches offer the choice of a clockwise (MacTime) or anti-clockwise (Think Different)

movement. **Price** Think Different £29.95

(£25.49 ex VAT), MacTime £37.50

(£31.92 ex VAT). **Contact** AppleWatch

0181 570 4263 [appwatch@aol.com](mailto:appwatch@aol.com)

## In a spin

OK, it's a CD-ROM drive. We've seen it all before. But this 40-speed model is worthy of a *Gadgets* slot if only for the fact that at this price it must be one of the most economically priced on the market. To reach spin speeds of which even Wonder Woman would be envious, it incorporates a "ball balancer" device to automatically compensate for slightly out-of-balance discs, resulting in smoother operation and fewer spin-downs, improved reliability due to lack of vibration, and quieter operation.

**Price** £35.24 (£29.99 ex VAT)

**Contact** Cyber Drive 00 49 21 02 38 00 60

[www.cyberdrive.de](http://www.cyberdrive.de)



## There's a kind of hush



At just 32dB, In Focus' new LP750 data/video projector is the quietest around. Smaller and lighter than ten bags of sugar, claims Infocus, it can easily be carted between meeting rooms and can be hooked up to a PC via a standard 15-pin data connector or USB. It automatically upscales VGA and SVGA, simultaneously compressing 1280x1024 images for optimum viewing in its native XGA (1024 x 768) resolution. NTSC, PAL and SECAM video standards are supported and it will project images with a diagonal of between 30in and 300in, even in a full-lit conference room.

**Price** £7,044.13 (£5,995 ex VAT)

**Contact** In Focus UK 0181 213 2100 [www.infocus.com](http://www.infocus.com)



## Dream machine

Out now in Japan, Dreamcast is Sega's attempt to regain a hedgehog's share of the games console market. Its Windows CE operating system may not do it any favours, but with a 128-bit 200MHz processor and second-generation PowerVR 3D graphics, it'll have arcade fans drooling. There's 16Mb of RAM, a custom 1Gb CD format and a controller with a tiny PDA. Titles include Virtua Fighter 3tb and Sonic Adventure.

**Price** (Currently unavailable in the UK)

**Contact** Sega 0181 996 4613

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

## The big squeeze

The fashion for squeezing as much as possible into an incredibly thin notebook has reached the Sharp labs. Just an inch is all it needs to squeeze in a 233MHz MMX Pentium and 11.3in SVGA TFT display. At 1.4kg it's perfect for a briefcase, and with an add-on battery life of up to 8.5 hours it's great for extended business trips. USB and 4Mbps IrDA ports let users connect to peripherals like digital cameras, printers, scanners and a handheld PC.

**Price** £2,226.63 (£1,895 ex VAT).

**Add-on battery** £182.13 (£155 ex VAT). **Contact** Sharp 0800 262958

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



## Back to bass

Does your personal stereo not quite supply the sounds you're used to hearing in clubs? Are your tinny old headphones a bit of a disappointment? Maybe what you need is the latest in a range from Philex Electronic, whose SLW-250 headphones have to be *felt* to be believed. While the low-frequency amplifier recreates the sound of a powerful speaker system, a unique vibration effect puts you right at the heart of the music. With separate controls for volume and bass amplification, they're a bass-lover's dream.

**Price** £19.99 (£17.01 ex VAT) **Contact** Maplin 01702 554000

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



## Travel mate

First of all, we had the LS120 drive capable of squeezing 120Mb of data onto a special 3.5in floppy disk. Now Sony has upped the ante with the HiFD, a 200Mb floppy drive. Currently available as an external device which connects via the parallel port, this smart, grey gadget should make it a doddle to cart around all those resource-hungry PowerPoint presentations. Watch out for a full review in next month's PCW.

**Price** Around £149 (£127 ex VAT)

**Contact** Sony 0990 111999

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

