

Wider than wide ▽

For home cinema fanatics with money to burn, this has to be the ultimate display. NEC has launched 42in and 50in plasma displays that minimise external reflections and give a 170-degree viewing angle. The thickest, the M5, protrudes a mere 10.7cm from the wall. NEC predicts that this technology will replace conventional TVs by 2005.



Price PlasmaSync 4200W M4 (42in) £7050 (£6000 ex VAT); PlasmaSync 50 M5 (50in) £12,337.50 (£10,500 ex VAT)
Contact NEC
0645 404020
www.euronec.com



Watch the birdie ▲

Digital cameras are coming out thick and fast, with the resolution standard currently standing at 2.1 megapixels. This 1600x1200 job from Olympus enters that bracket and ups the ante with the inclusion of a 3X optical zoom and manual exposure setting options. For durability, the usual plastic casing has been replaced by aluminium.

Price £749.99 (£638.29 ex VAT)
Contact Olympus 0800 072 0070
www.olympus.com

Clunk Klik ▶

The Zip disk is well established as a high-capacity storage medium and now Iomega is showing that high-capacity doesn't necessarily mean large format.

Its Klik disk is about the size of an after-dinner mint but it stores a whole heap more, and at around £8 a shot it is not beyond the reach of most consumers.

Price £249.00 (£211.91 ex VAT) for the drive **Contact** Iomega 0800 973194
www.iomega.com



◀ It's in the bag

Always aspiring (but never quite managing) to be jet-set media luvvies, we in the PCW office are always after a way of carrying around our little essentials — you know, Zip disks, laptops, pictures of home. Finally, we can throw out our carpet bags and replace them with the Kensington TripleTrek. It seems to have pockets for everything and there's even a special cord for adjusting its capacity. A removable computer compartment and a built-in honeycomb arch protect the bag's contents.

Price £49.99 (£42.54 ex VAT)
Contact Acco 0800 252359
www.accoeurope.com



Five alive

The Psion Series 5 can justifiably be labelled a design classic, with an excellent keyboard that puts it streets ahead of the competition. Now Psion has gone a step further with the brand new 5mx model by improving the screen and doubling the memory and running speed. Psion faces stiff competition from the WinCE camp, but is still many users' first choice. See page 92 for our full review.

Price £429.95 (£365.91 ex VAT)

Contact Psion 0990 143050 www.pSION.com



Hardback bestseller

The iMac gave Apple a new lease of life and this month sees yet another new release from the company, the 400MHz PowerBook G3. In true iMac style, it has opaque keys and a light-up logo on the lid so that you can even use it to find your keys in case of a power cut. To see what we thought of its more practical aspects, check out our full review on page 96.

Price £2818 (£2399 ex VAT)

Contact Apple Computer
0800 600 6010

www.apple.com



Clear the air

TV screens and monitors create positively charged molecules of air that result in poor air quality. An ioniser produces negative ions that counteract these emissions, relieving, we are told, all manner of symptoms including fatigue, eye strain, depression and even back pain. The mushroom-shaped Elanra ioniser will be tuned to exactly match your working environment before dispatch, making it possibly one of the most effective ionisers you can buy.

Price £349 (£297.02 ex VAT)

Contact Elanra 0800 074 5668

www.aircare.co.uk



Millennium madness

Last month's *Gadgets* saw the Millennium Bug Souvenir made from old computer parts. This month we test these Millennium Bug chocolates from Whittard of Chelsea. We would have subjected them to our rigorous ChocMark 99 and 3DChoc 99 Max benchmarks to assess their performance, but Whittard would only send us this picture rather than the real thing. Sulk.

Price £3.50

Contact Whittard of Chelsea 0800 525092

www.whittard.com

