

Wrist Twister ▽

It seems the world has gone blueberry mad. First we had translucent blue iMacs and now a matching mouse. It may not look like a mouse, but that's because it's specially designed to minimise your chances of developing RSI by keeping your hand in a natural vertical position rather than forcing you to twist your wrist to grab a conventional mouse.

Price £58.74 (£49.99 ex VAT)

Contact Animax 0181 351 7400

www.animax.co.uk



Water great idea ▽

Durable, shock resistant and waterproof — those are the three main selling points of these handy new cases for four of the Olympus range of digital cameras. They'll keep the water out at a depth of up to 3 metres, and weigh a mere 211g. Looking at the wider implications, these cases make cameras impervious not only to water, but also to dust and sand — perfect for a holiday by the beach.

Price £109.99 (£93.61 ex VAT)

Contact Olympus 0171 253 0513

www.olympus.co.uk

PalmPal ▽

Pen tablets are nothing new. They've been around for years, making it easy to digitise signatures and freehand images that would be almost impossible to reproduce with a mouse. The PalmPal shrinks the whole idea down to not much bigger than the touchpad on a laptop. Just 0.7cm thick and weighing only 100gm, it has an active area of 3in x 2in and will fit onto even the untidiest desk.

Price £29.99 (£25.52 ex VAT)

Contact Trisys Europe 0181 808 2130

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▽ All mapped out

Never get lost again: the Magellan GPS-315 has a built-in database of more than 15,000 cities and gives users access to thousands of points of interest around the world through the optional DataSend CD-ROM. Its display is backlit for night-time use and should keep you on the right track for fifteen hours, non stop. Best of all, it will store up to 500 landmarks in its memory.

Price £170.38 (£145 ex VAT)

Contact Next Destination 01722 410800 www.magellangps.com



VideoLogic Sirocco ▶

DVD brings the cinema to your desktop and you're not going to get very far with those tinny little speakers that came bundled with your PC. Maybe it's time to upgrade. These speakers may not look pretty, but they promise minimal distortion, even at extremely high volume. They've done away with separate bass and treble controls, opting instead for an innovative filter to graduate the audio profile.

Price £233.83 (£199 ex VAT)

Contact VideoLogic 01923 260511

www.videologic.com



◀ Mini Mobile

Inspector Gadget had a phone in his watch, and while this mobile might not be quite that small, it is nonetheless the smallest we have seen in the PCW office. It weighs 83g and when closed is about the size of a child's toy car. It's a dual band GSM900 and GSM1800 model, offering unparalleled roaming options.

Price £299 including VAT and connection

Contact Motorola 0500 555555

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Mini Driver ▶

340Mb on a one-inch square, 17 gram hard drive. Too good to be true? Not at all. The IBM Microdrive is a reality, and as it's the same size as a standard CF (CompactFlash) Type II, it's ideal for use with PDAs and some digital cameras. With the addition of an adapter, it's also compatible with PCMCIA devices. It may look like a fridge magnet, but it's a whole lot more functional.

Price TBA

Contact IBM 0990 426426

www.storage.ibm.com



◀ Sony MVC-FD91 Digital Camera

Not only does this camera have a 14X optical zoom, but it can also record up to 60 seconds of full motion video at 160 x 112 resolution, as well as five seconds of audio annotation for each picture taken. Maximum resolution is dictated by the fact that it saves its work to a floppy, topping off at 1024 x 768 dpi, and it allows the user to specify shutter speeds of between 1/60 and a lightning fast 1/4000 sec. Watch out for a full review in next month's PCW.

Price £949 (£807.66 ex VAT)

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