



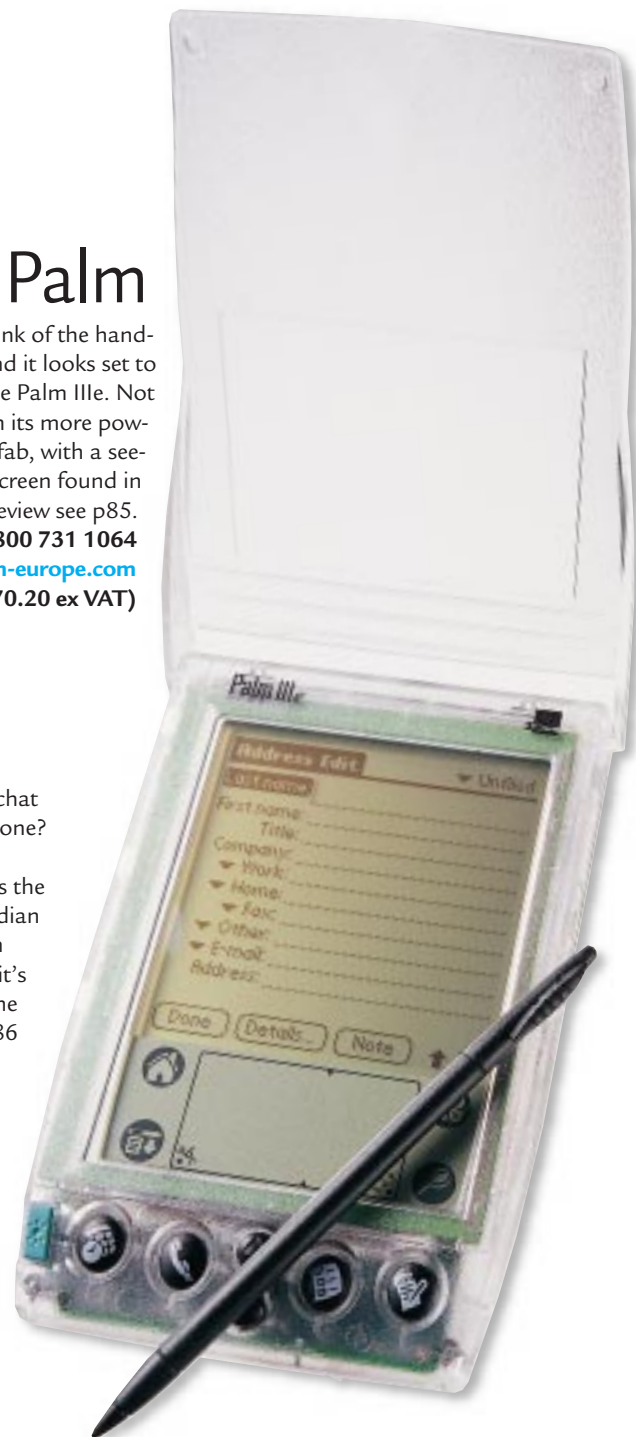
Keep Palm

3Com already has a sizeable chunk of the handheld computing market and it looks set to increase that with the launch of the Palm IIIe. Not only is it lighter on the pocket than its more powerful brethren, but it also looks fab, with a see-through skin and the same great screen found in the IIIx and V models. For a full review see p85.

Contact Palm 0800 731 1064

www.palm-europe.com

Price £199.99 (£170.20 ex VAT)



Beat the clock

Bill in Washington and Tony in London want to chat on the Internet at five tonight, but in whose time zone? Now you can eliminate these quirky annoyances of modern life with the Swatch Beat watch, which splits the day into 1,000 beats. Swatch has created a new meridian in Switzerland – Beil Mean Time (BMT) – and a day on Internet time begins at midnight BMT (0 beats). When it's noon there, it's 500 beats worldwide – no matter what the local time. So now Tony and Bill can arrange to chat at 786 beats and there will be no confusion.

Contact Swatch 01703 646800 www.swatch.ch

Price £45 (£38.30 ex VAT)



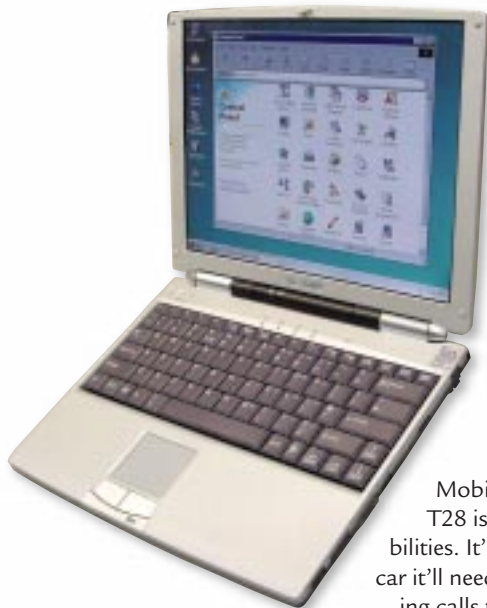
Dial-a-rodent

How do you burn an idiot's face? Phone him up when he's doing the ironing. That seems to have been the inspiration for the MousePhone which is, quite simply, just what the name implies – a mouse with a built-in phone. Or is it a phone with a built-in mouse? Worried you'll not be able to check your online diary while you're on the phone? Not a problem – use the hands-free kit.

Contact Forefront Technologies 01792 543620

www.ffront.com

Price £39.99 (£34.03 ex VAT)



Minutely mobile

The Sharp PC-A280 is one of the smallest, slimmest and most beautiful notebooks available. And with a 366MHz PII under the hood it packs an impressive punch, probably outclassing most home users' PCs. Get the full low-down on p.81.

Contact Sharp 0800 262958

www.sharp.co.uk

Price £2,344.13 (£1,995 ex VAT)

Intelligent Ericsson

Mobile phones are no longer just for talking into and the Ericsson T28 is just the latest in a long line of phones to feature data capabilities. It's fairly intelligent, too, recognising that when you use it in a car it'll need to turn up the volume of its ring, and diverting all incoming calls to an alternative number when you plug it in to charge. Its icon-based display also makes a nice change from text menus.

Contact Ericsson 0990 237237

www.ericsson.co.uk

Price £299 (£254.47 ex VAT) inc connection



Special filter

Office equipment pumps out harmful ozone, apparently, which you really don't want in your working area, even if it will filter out the sun's harmful rays coming through your window. That's why the noZone was invented. This lemon-scented iMac coloured disk sits on your desk and keeps you allergy free.

Contact Atmospheric Solutions 0870 120 1262

www.atmospherics.co.uk

Price £15.99 (£13.61 ex VAT)

Pic a winner

Sony is pushing the Memory Stick for use in its digital cameras, but the really clever thing is what you can do when it's full. Rather than printing your images, how about simply slipping your Memory Stick into one of Sony's snazzy new electronic picture frames. Each has a 5.5in TFT display to play back your JPEG images or MPEG video. It's the ultimate tree-friendly, wall-friendly frame.

Contact Sony 0990 424424

www.sony.co.uk

Price £700 (£595.74 ex VAT)



Bit parts

Fujitsu has come up with what is undoubtedly the most desirable of all PCs. This mobile wonder can be used as a pen pad or a desktop, making it ideal for mobile workers or those who need to take notes with a stylus while on the move, even from within standard Windows 98 applications. Notes can then be shared with colleagues on the network. We give it a full probe on p75.

Contact Fujitsu 0181 573 4444

www.fpsi.fujitsu.com/product/stlt.htm

Price £2,606.15 (£2,218 ex VAT)