



▽ Get tricky with Mickey

Well, okay, so it's more of a kid's thing than something your average grown-up would want, but there aren't that many grown-ups around at PCW. The 3D PC mouse, unlike a lot of novelty rodents, is actually very usable and well-built to boot. The buttons are in the ears, in case you were wondering.

Price £24.99 (£21 ex VAT) **Contact** WWL 0161 633 9800

It's a golfball, Jim... ▸

...but not as we know it. Expanding its range even further, Logitech has released the QuickCam Pro. It's one of the near-torrent of USB devices that are now appearing. You can stick different lenses on it for wide-angle or telephoto views, and it apparently incorporates rather clever technology to eliminate barrel distortion. We'll be verifying these claims with a full review soon.

Price £120 (£102 ex VAT)

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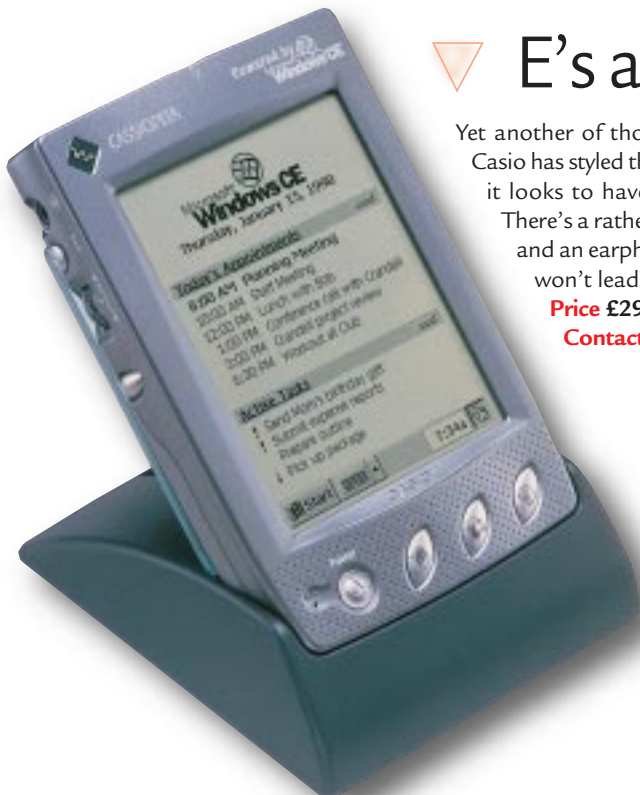


▽ E's are good

Yet another of those Windows CE palmtop PDAs; however, Casio has styled the Cassiopeia E10 with an eye to chic. In fact, it looks to have been partially inspired by Sony designs. There's a rather neat wheel on one side to navigate menus, and an earphone socket so that those pesky system beeps won't lead to a lynching from your fellow commuters.

Price £299 (£254 ex VAT)

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Her name is ▸ Rio...

This is clearly the future of portable audio. The Rio PMP300 from Diamond is a totally solid-state personal stereo, storing music in flash RAM in highly compressed MPEG3 format. No moving parts means no skipping tracks and longer battery life (12 hours from a single AA cell). Music is downloaded from your PC and the standard 32Mb RAM will let you store an hour of moderate-quality audio.

Price Around £175 (£149 ex VAT)

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Communication

Or not, with this little cutie. A bit more original than the CE machines, this is the latest version of Nokia's Communicator integrated PDA and mobile phone, the 9110. We had a quick fondle of one at a press conference in Finland recently, and it's rather lovely. Unlike the brick-like original, it's not much larger than many current mobile phones. It should be released around the end of the year, but it's bound to be very expensive.

Price TBC

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Left a bit...

Those clever chaps at Microsoft have looked up from their boring office applications long enough to produce the Sidewinder Force Feedback Wheel. It is, as the name suggests, a steering wheel with force feedback, so you'll feel every bump and hedgehog. Our editor positively squealed with delight when he saw it, so it must be good.

Price £160 (£136 ex VAT)

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Right a bit...

Another Microsoft game controller: the Sidewinder Freestyle Pro lets you control left and right movement by tilting the thing from side to side – the more you tilt, the more you move. How novel.

Price £50 (£43 ex VAT)

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Leg it!

Nobody in the PCW editorial office could work out what this was without being told. Believe it or not, it's a mouse mat that you put on your knee. No, really. It works too, despite the fact that the resulting surface is, unsurprisingly, curved in the manner of a leg. Probably not the kind of thing you'd want to use all day, but for computing on the move it could be useful.

Price £5.99 (£5 ex VAT)

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