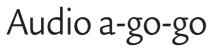


Pretty in purple

If you thought that removable storage was boring, think again. The anorexic Zip 250MB USB drive is curvy and wonderfully purple, with grey trimming. It's only one-inch thick, weighs less than a pound, and uses the USB port. Ideal for those alternating between a laptop and desktop computer, it allows you to just plug and go. The drive reads and writes to 250MB and 100MB disks.

Contact Iomega 0800 973 194 www.iomega.com

Price £149.99 (£127.65 ex VAT)



Not sure whether to opt for an MP3 player or a portable CD player? If you can't make up your mind, get both. Pine's new D-Music player, the SM-200C, allows you to play both standard music CDs and MP3s. Sadly, Pine hasn't included a record button.

Contact Dabs Direct 0870 129 3010 www.pinegroup.com Price £169 (£143.33 ex VAT)



All in one

This clunky, cumbersome-looking device is in fact a combo phone, videophone and handheld computer - AKA the Nokia 7710. When it launches, Orange will even be offering a web-style information service through the phone. It's one of the ugliest looking things we've seen, but may appeal to those more interested in substance than style.

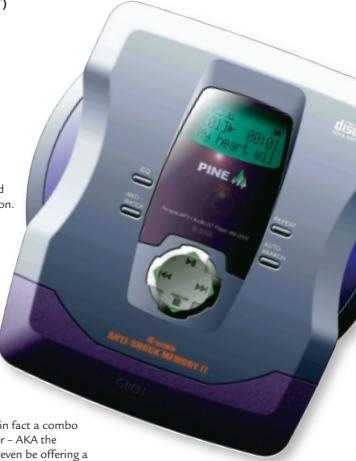
Contact Orange 0500 802080 www.orange.co.uk Nokia 0990 003110 www.nokia.com

Price £150 (£127.66 ex VAT)

Shower fun

It looks like an ordinary portable radio, but in fact the Shower Companion is also a digital memo recorder. Oh, and it's waterproof too, hence the name. There's only 20 seconds of storage, so won't be able to record your shower-time warblings. But it will pick up audio from TV channels, allowing you to keep up with Eastenders and get clean at the same time.

Contact Innovations 0870 908 7070 www.innovations.co.uk Price £80 (£68.09 ex VAT)





Petite portable

It seems that iMac translucent blue is the new beige. Every new PC accessory seems to be decked out in this colour. Luckily there's more to the diminutive MiniDoc USB scanner than looks.

It has a resolution of 300x600 and the built-in battery will give you an hour's worth of scanning away from the mains.

Contact Trisys 0181 808 2130 www.trisys-europe.com Price £129 (£109.79 ex VAT)

