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High Tech Gift & Gadget Guide 2009 Something for Everyone on Your List

Are You a Kid at Heart?

You'll be ripping the box open to get at Jakks Pacific' Eyeclops Night Vision Goggles. You, um, your kid, can take one small step toward becoming a Special Ops soldier with these cool goggles that promise visibility up to 50 feet away – in complete darkness! This is way more than a bad flashlight and green filter from your childhood night goggle vision days. The goggles are powered by infrared-driven night-vision technology. Visit www.jakks.net



Alarmed Computer Lock

For those of you who like to lounge around Starbucks with your laptop but are afraid of what might happen to it when you dash to the restroom, a computer lock/alarm combo could be just the ticket. Easy to use and extremely portable, the MicroSaver alarmed computer lock by Kensington secures your notebook computer to a table, desk, or other hard to move piece of furniture. But it really goes the distance by sounding an alarm that can heard up to 50 feet away should anyone try to cut the lock cable or remove it from your laptop's security slot. The audible alarm is the distinguishing feature separating this cable computer lock from all others and can be heard from 50' away. The locking mechanism can be opened with the included key and features a 72" cable to secure your notebook computer. Visit <http://cableorganizer.com/microsaver-alarmed-lock/>



Extra Screen Space

With a display size of seven inches, the MIMO 720-S features 800x480 resolution and a contrast ration of 400:1 – offering sharp graphics and clear images with 90 degree pivoting capabilities. Supporting Windows XP and Vista as well as Mac OS X, the 720-S is powered and connected by a single USB connection, providing a secondary screen ideal for holding email applications, download managers, social network clients and more. Suitable for a wide range of users, the MIMO 720-S is as transportable and convenient as it is touchable. Visit www.mimomonitors.com.

Big on Sound

The Orbit USB gives your laptop the speaker it's always deserved. Powered by your USB port, the ultra-portable Orbit unleashes your sound wherever it's needed. With audio alignment technology the Orbit dishes out astonishing volume, clarity and depth. Built to survive, this tough little speaker can travel the distance. When finished, the Orbit winds tight with space designed to tuck away the integrated USB cable. Beautifully simple, this no-frills speaker lets your laptop finally do the talking. It features audio alignment, incredible digital clarity, USB powered, and USB cord storage. Visit www.alteclansing.com



Listen or Read – On the Go!

iScroll is a smart a Text Synchronized Audio (TSA) application which lets users listen, as well as read hundreds of books and texts on their smart phone. By combining the best features of e-books and audiobooks users can read the text or have the text be read to them, by the author or an actor, for a true, sensory approach to understanding. As part of the patent-pending technology, iScroll makes it easy for users to customize their reading and learning experience with tools such as bookmarking, word look-up, and the ability to adjust font size or background color. iPhone and iTouch users can now download books from the iTunes store to read and hear the latest novels, classics, best sellers, or even be used to study for a test. Visit www.iscroll.com



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Editor's Pick! LogMeIn Ignition

The LogMeIn Ignition for iPhone and iPod touch is an application that makes the iPhone the ultimate productivity tool for anyone on the go. It provides instant, easy and secure access to virtually any internet-connected computer. iPhone owners can "leave the laptop at home" in favor of their Apple devices. LogMeIn Ignition enables iPhone and iPod Touch users to access and work on their remote computers as if they were sitting right in front of them. Users can open, access and use programs that reside on a desktop, laptop or even a server, as well as view and edit documents, presentations, emails, photos and more. For Additional information, including a video demonstration visit www.LogMeIn.com/products/ignition/iphone.

Taking Center Stage

The JBL On Stage 400P loudspeaker dock is a complete sound system for iPod and iPhone—one that will become the new center point of your personal entertainment space. Imagine a total audio system in one place, with no extra wires running across your table or desk. Connected to your iPhone 3G, iPod, iPhone, MP3 player or other music source, the JBL ON Stage 400P system produces clean, powerful sound, letting you take complete control of your music. Visit www.soundid.com



On-Call Hot Spot

The MiFi is a personal wireless broadband hotspot that can be used anytime and anywhere an Internet connection is needed. With its size comparable to a credit card, it can easily fit in your pocket, purse or briefcase. This stand-alone device provides a mobile hotspot for up to five people to connect with multiple WiFi enabled devices such as laptops, cameras, PDAs, gaming devices, etc. The MiFi 2200 is currently available through Sprint and Verizon, while the MiFi 2372, which was announced last week, has some additional features and functionality but has yet to be announced with a particular carrier. Visit www.novatelwireless.com/



Get Ready for Battle

Fans of the popular Star Wars: The Clone Wars TV series can continue the battle for galactic peace in an all-new videogame from LucasArts and Krome Studios. Players can take up arms on behalf of the noble Galactic Republic, while pursuing the mysterious bounty hunter Cad Bane and combating the all-new Skakoan super villain Kul Teska. Gamers can fight as both Jedi Knights and Clone Troopers through over 30 unique missions. Featuring a brand new storyline, players will get the chance to take part in the key events that lead directly into the highly anticipated second season. Visit www.clonewarsgame.com



Dual Functionality

The V-MODA's Vibe II with Microphone is great for someone who is constantly on the go and wants one headphone set that can play music and take calls with the best technology. Benefits include functionality (two comfortable earbuds with soft silicone fittings and a hands-free microphone and call control button); technology (proprietary technology creates high-quality audiophile sound and reduces outside noise); and design (made of premium materials, including stainless steel alloy earbuds, a sturdy black fabric cable and sleek in-line microphone, these headphones are a function piece of pure luxury.) Visit www.v-moda.com

LEGAL Q&A

Q Can I try to boost sales of my product by having my employees or others write positive product reviews online?

A You should be very careful before you begin this type of practice. It is generally referred to as "astroturfing" and the Federal Trade Commission announced recently that it has issued new guidance that expressly addresses this practice. These types of online product reviews are considered endorsements or testimonials under the new FTC guidelines. Promulgated in 1980, the prior guidelines did not (for obvious reasons) expressly address this online practice.

Under the new guidance, these types of product reviews would be considered endorsements because the people writing them are being paid by the company selling the product. As a result (consistent with the prior guidelines) any "material connection" between the endorser and the advertiser must be disclosed. The new guidelines provide express examples where endorsements are made by paid bloggers and expressly require that such bloggers disclose any material connections between the blogger and the advertiser. Read more at <http://kurtsblogsite.blogspot.com/>.



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Safe & Secure

The Aegis Padlock Secure Hard Drive is a portable hardware encrypted drive and secure storage system. With an easy-to-use keypad design and software-free design, the Aegis Padlock offers customers immediate secure access to the drive using a customized personal identification number. Offering a choice of AES-128 or 256 bit hardware encryption, the Aegis Padlock provides seamless real-time encryption to keep data secure even if the hard drive is removed from its enclosure. Visit www.apricorn.com

Discover the Possibilities

This headset is designed to be simple, sleek and sophisticated. It lets you to stay connected on-the-go without sticking an obtrusive gadget to your face. This is the next generation of the celebrity-favorite Discovery 925. My favorite thing about this headset is the charging case -- it charges the headset twice over, at five hours of talk time per go. This keeps you powered up when you can't plug in. AudioIQ2 intelligently removes background noise and WindSmart® provides 3 layers of protection to aggressively block intrusive wind noise. Universal compatibility with most Bluetooth phones and devices. Visit www.plantronics.com

Store & Share

The FreeAgent Theater+™ HD media player provides an easy way to store and move your photos, movies and music from your PC or Mac computer to your TV. The solution consists of two components: an HD media player and a FreeAgent Go portable hard drive. With two easy steps, you will be viewing and sharing your favorite photos, movies and music in no time! Your entire media library will be at your fingertips with 1080p high-definition playback and crystal clear surround sound audio. Visit www.Seagate.com

No More Annoying Wires

Magneat solves one of the most annoying aspects of MP3 players and portable audio devices today -- headphone wire management. The size of a half-dollar coin, Magneat is a fashionable and functional consumer electronics accessory, the ultimate headphone wire manager for iPods, MP3 players, mobile phones, and other portable audio devices. Its sleek and simple two-part design consists of a circular, wraparound headphone wire piece and a powerful magnetic clip piece that combine to attach the Magneat to virtually any type of (designer-to-fitness) clothing. It keeps the wires close to your body and reduces the risk of unwillingly hooking them or pulling the headphones out of your ears or the MP3 player. Visit www.magneat.com

Crystal Clear Conversations

Parrot's MiniKit Slim is a portable Bluetooth hands free kit. With a stylish and sleek design, the MiniKit easily attaches to the sun visor or fits in a purse or pocket for complete portability. Its highly intuitive interface will automatically connect to your Bluetooth phone when nearby (including BlackBerry and iPhone) and automatically synchronizes to your phonebook. With talk to dial name recognition, the MiniKit Slim will recognize and dial the number of the contact you speak without any prior training. Visit www.parrot.com.

Listen Up!

The Sound ID 400 Bluetooth Headset offers three unique features: PersonalSound, which consists of three listening modes tuned to the most common hearing preferences to further enhance speech clarity without raising the volume; Environmental Mode, a feature that enables users to hear equally out of both ears in-between calls; and an optional Sound ID CompanionLink Remote Microphone – creating a Personal Sound System. The Sound ID 400 also offers NoiseNavigation to block out background noise, Automatic Volume Control and Multi-Point Technology to connect with two Bluetooth-enabled phones. Visit www.soundid.com

At Your Fingertips

Many women with longer nails (acrylic or natural) have experienced difficulty typing and navigating the iPhone's touch screen interface. The capacitive screen was designed to only respond to the electrical charge of your fingertip – so nails won't work. With the Pogo Stylus -- the world's first iPhone/iPod-touch compatible stylus -- typing and navigating an iPhone has never been easier. The Pogo Stylus itself actually has conductive material at the tip and the light-weight aluminum body of the stylus acts as a bridge, transferring the electrical charge from your hand directly to the screen. Plus it comes in four hot colors: cranberry, silver, black and gunmetal. Visit www.tenonedesign.com

Gamers Rejoice!

Addressing renewed concerns about hearing loss among young people who listen to personal headphones for just five hours a week at a high volume, Able Planet has released a high-fidelity multi-media headset for PC gamers that is safer during playback and provides the optimal gaming experience. Able Planet's PS500MM delivers quality audio, convenient one-touch features for controlling volume and microphone functionality, and attractive styling at an affordable price. Able Planet's patented LINX AUIDOTM technology embedded in the PS500MM can help to preserve hearing by allowing users to lower the volume to safer listening while still receiving a full and rich audio sound. Visit www.ableplanet.com

Touch of a Button

The SanDisk Ultra Backup is the world's first USB flash drive to feature backup at the touch of a button. Just plug the stylish drive into any PC and press the "backup" button to instantly save critical work, mp3s, photos and videos – no wires or software install. The SanDisk Ultra Backup is available in capacities from 8GB to 64GB, but it's still small enough to fit on a key ring. Visit www.sandisk.com

Original *and* Convenient!

If you were one of the pioneers of shopping online and you've gotten over the novelty, Vivabox theme gifts will get your attention! Vivabox gifts themes include iPods, gourmet food, coffee, BBQ, cinema, magazines, wine, tapas, spa and massage, photography, museums and many more. Each Vivabox combines two immediate thoughtful gifts with the convenience and customization of a traditional gift card. Visit www.vivaboxusa.com

Drive Safe

Jupiter Jack is a revolutionary cell phone accessory for your car that turns any car radio into a wireless speaker system. The device plugs into the headphone jack of your phone, tune your radio onto 99.3 FM and the voice of the person whom you are speaking with will be amplified through your speakers. Jupiter Jack transmits quality sounds through the speakers in your car so instead of hearing music, you hear the other person. Now you'll enjoy the clear robust sound that only your car speakers can provide so you can safely talk and drive at the same time. Visit www.JupiterJack.com.

Fix-It-Yourself!

System Mechanic is computer software designed to fix, speed up and maintain PCs so they run like new forever. The software combines more than 40 robust tools enabling novices and experts alike to clean out their computers and keep them in peak condition. Last week, we launched the newest, fastest version just in time for the start of the new school season. Visit www.iolo.com.

Scan It Now!

Planon Systems' DocuPen Xtreme X-Series is a series of portable scanning pens that are able to support image resolutions of up to 600 dpi (up to 1,200 dpi for the X50), the three models each feature a 200 MHz internal processor. The pens also feature 64MB of SDRAM, Bluetooth capability, and a lithium-polymer battery. Unlike other portable

scanners, the DocuPen can scan a full page, and not limited by a line by line scan. Visit www.planon.com.

Never Miss a Shot!

You don't have to slow down time to take a great photo, but it certainly would help! Casio's EX-FC100 does just that. The EX-FC100 slows down live action on the camera so that you always capture the perfect shot. Compact in size, but providing heavyweight capabilities, the EX-FC100 captures up to 30 pictures in one second and records video up to 1,000 frames per second and in high-definition. The EX-FC100 is perfect for anyone who likes to live their life in the fast lane and remember every second of it! For more information, visit www.exilim.casio.com.