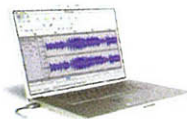


Gadget Corner

Brian Claridge checks out the exciting world of gadgets and technology



POCKETSURFER2

The Pocketsurfer2 is the world's first handheld mobile internet device. It's also the first and only mobile device to deliver the internet for free, without any contract. It's phenomenally fast and allows you to browse the web in its original layout on a 640x240 full colour widescreen display. An integrated mouse and a backlit QWERTY keyboard makes this pocket-size device a 'must have' for anyone requiring internet access on the move.

Cost: £179.99.
Call 0845 055 0005
or visit:
www.widget.com



TAPE2PC

The TAPE2PC from ION is an incredible piece of technology. It enables you to transfer your collection of music cassettes to CD or MP3 format, with the revolutionary USB dual cassette deck and special software. Why bother with fiddly audio cassettes when you can upgrade to digital quality. Transfer your tapes to iTunes with the EZ Tape Converter, then onto CD or MP3 format. It couldn't be easier! PC and Mac compatible.

Cost: £99.99 Call 08456 049 049 or visit: www.johnlewis.com

PIZZA MAKER

The incredibly versatile Pizza Maker allows you to make a delicious crispy base pizza in about five minutes in the comfort of your home. You can make your own pizza base and choose your own toppings for a healthier alternative. It has an interchangeable stone base and deep dish pan which is perfect for cooking omelettes, bacon, eggs, etc. Using only 1200 watts, the Pizza Maker is eco-friendly and ultra stylish.

Cost: £49.99. Call 0870 803 4400
or visit: www.corvusweb.co.uk



CITIZEN SKYHAWK

The new generation Citizen Skyhawk redefines atomic timekeeping with radio-controlled accuracy and Eco-Drive technology. As well as perfect time keeping, the Skyhawk has a host of features including access to world time in 43 cities, 2 alarms, 1/100th second chronograph, perpetual calendar and non-reflective crystal glass. It's also water resistant to 200 metres and never needs a battery as the technology converts light source into energy, so it will literally run forever.

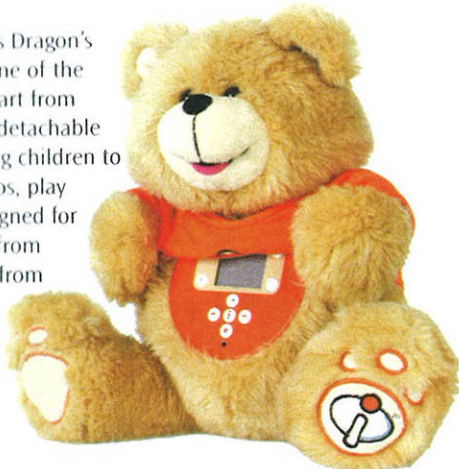
Cost: from £500 (approx).
Call 0800 0720 070
or visit www.olympus.co.uk



iTeDDy

Following its success on BBC2's Dragon's Den (see page 11), iTeDDy is one of the hottest toys this Christmas. Apart from being cuddly, it comes with a detachable personal media player allowing children to watch videos and family photos, play games or listen to music. Designed for ages 3-11, you can download from iTeDDy website, transfer data from your computer and even record a bedtime story for your kids.

Cost: £59.99 from Argos.
Call 0870 600 3030 or visit:
www.argos.co.uk



INTERACTIVE TOOTHBRUSH

The Oral-B Triumph is the world's first power toothbrush with interactive wireless display. Using the latest technology, Oral-B's top of the range rechargeable toothbrush with SmartGuide delivers instant while-you-brush feedback. It works by incorporating microchips embedded in the brush head and handle which monitor your brushing and ensure that you've cleaned your teeth correctly. The toothbrush comes with Oral-B FlossAction and ProBright brush head, a SmartPlug charger, base station and travel case.

Cost: £139.99. Call 0800 731 1792
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