

→ Sony SRS-D313

Multimedia personal speakers

These slimline personal speakers can be connected to a desktop PC or a laptop and boast clear sound quality for DVDs, CDs and audio files. However, the SRS-D313 system includes a huge bass box with subwoofer, so you won't be carrying them round with you. The control panel is situated on the front of the righthand speaker to make use more convenient, while the subwoofer has a maximum power output of 30W.

Sony: www.sony.co.uk

Price: TBC



← Panasonic TX 36DT35

Integrated digital TV

Panasonic's new range of iDTVs (integrated digital televisions) offer built-in tuners to provide immediate access to 20 free-to-view digital channels and interactive services. The TX 36DT35 boasts a 86cm Quintrix flat screen, Dolby Surround Sound and an SD (Secure Digital) Jpeg picture viewer. Equipped with both analogue and digital terrestrial tuners, an accelerated Mpeg decoder for digital text services and interactive services, the iDTV range offers users greater choice than conventional TV sets. Panasonic has also included an electronic programme guide and background channel scanner that alerts to new services when they become available. It also allows viewers to record a digital channel while watching an analogue programme.

Panasonic: www.panasonic.co.uk

Price: £1,499



→ Sony X series

Flat-panel displays

X series LCDs (liquid crystal displays) come in two sizes: the 15in SDM-X52 and the 18in SDM-X82. Both models feature an extra-luminous panel that promises enhanced screen brightness – 300 Candelas (candles per metres squared) – as well as a high contrast ratio of 400:1. X series displays have been designed for gaming and DVD viewing and switches easily between digital and analogue inputs. A new feature is economical power consumption, which Sony promises is 20 percent less than other LCDs. The screens are Vesa-arm mountable and the dual-pivot stand can be adjusted easily to the ideal viewing angle and height.

Sony: www.sony-cp.com

Price: from around £1,500



→ Aiptek Pocket DV Camcorder

Digital camcorder

This tiny digital camcorder does the work of four devices, combining a digital camcorder and still camera, voice recorder and PC webcam. The digital camcorder enables you to record sound and video, although you may feel a little stupid recording through this dinky device.

The digital camera takes pictures which you can then edit, store and categorise with the supplied software. The voice annotation function makes the Aiptek suitable for interviews and narration. For the webcam simply plug the camera into your PC's USB port, pop the camera on its tripod and you're ready for video-conferencing.

Aiptek: www.aiptek.it

Price: £95



→ Fujitsu Siemens Stylistic ST4000

Tablet PC

The Stylistic weighs just 1.4kg, is 2.5cm deep and is equipped with the latest ultra-low voltage Mobile Intel Pentium III processor. Running Windows XP, the ST4000 has the full functionality of a desktop model capable of running any Windows applications. The Tablet PC can be used like a notebook or in conjunction with the mini keyboard making it more like a PDA (personal digital assistant). The Stylistic features multiple ports so you can connect a keyboard, mouse and other peripherals. Fujitsu Siemens has designed the ST4000 for business users. As such, it can access email and electronic files, take handwritten notes and read electronic publications.

Fujitsu Siemens: www.fujitsu-siemens.com

Price: TBC



→ Lego Spybots

Robot entertainment system

Lego's Spybots are ideal for any wannabe secret agents out there. Combining virtual and interactive gaming, these intelligent robots undertake covert missions that are either preprogrammed into them or downloaded from the Spybotics site. Competing against each other to become the ultimate spy are four different Spybots, each with various gadgets such as pincers and caterpillar tracks to help players accomplish the missions. There's also a multiplayer element with entirely different challenges for two or more Spybots to undertake, all with adjustable difficulty settings.

Lego: www.lego.com/spybotics

Price: £59.99 each

→ Hitachi CMP5000WXE

Plasma display

This slim 50in plasma display has a 1,280x768 resolution and a 16:9 aspect ratio, making it ideal for the large-format display of both video and computer-generated images. The silver-encased screen can be mounted virtually anywhere in the home, thanks to its 160-degree viewing angle. In addition to the standard 15-pin D-sub, the CMP5000WXE is the first model to offer a 24-pin DVI-D connector designed to offer top-quality digital images.

Hitachi: www.hitachi.co.uk

Price: £8,300



← Pentax DigiBino DB100

Binoculars with digital camera

The DigiBino DB100 is a set of binoculars with a digital camera and LCD (liquid crystal display) monitor, which means you can automatically record whatever, or whoever, you've been spying on. The device offers a five-picture-per-second photo sequence function, enabling the user to capture the moment from any angle. The high-speed shutter release promises accuracy with fast-moving subjects. The DigiBino can store around 100 images and is designed to enable easy visual image communication via email. The silver-encased device can be used with a PC or Mac.

Pentax: www.pentax.co.uk

Price: £299.99

