

↓ Altec Lansing 621 Ultimate

PC speaker system

Pump out your tunes with this classy set of speakers which offers continuous power at 143 Watts and boasts the best frequency response in its class. The three-speaker system includes a hefty 14lb subwoofer and two satellites which stand over 20cm tall. Each unit has its own control panel and features detachable fronts for an alternative to the stylish silver-effect trim.

■ www.altecm.com ■ \$128 (approx £78) ex VAT



Sounds great



↑ Panasonic SV-SD5

MP3 player

If you need something to play all your downloaded tracks on then why not shell out for an MP3 player? This sleek, easy-to-operate unit from Panasonic allows you to play, edit and store tunes on its 64MB secure digital card. The RealOne software transfers files and organises your music library. Weighing just 41g, it's light enough to pop into your pocket for any occasion.

■ www.panasonic.co.uk ■ £145 ex VAT





➤ Sony DVP PQ1

MP3 player

With its rounded shape and coloured glass-like finish, Sony's portable MP3 player wins hands down in terms of appearance. Playing both MP3s and CDs, the DVP PQ1 would sit perfectly next to any PC. Supplied with a remote control and changeable internal design sheet so you can alter the look, it can also be hooked up to your TV to provide digital surround sound.

■ www.sony.co.uk ■ approx £150 ex VAT



← JVC HA-SU700

Headphones

The HA-SU700 headphones promise a personal surround sound system no matter what the source of your audio. You can use them while gaming, playing DVD movies or listening to CD or digital music. They are fitted with SRS headphone 3D sound technology, which is said to offer a natural and 'spacious' listening experience.

■ www.jvc.co.uk
■ approx £55 ex VAT



↑ Videologic ZXR-200

Speakers

Incorporating a 2.1 channel speaker system, this 35 Watt powerhouse is designed to be used with hi-fi. The speakers offer a dual flared subwoofer bass port and a tuned amplifier for audio imaging. There are separate volume, bass, treble and balance controls to ensure the output is delivered as you want it.

■ www.jvc.co.uk ■ £43 ex VAT

↓ Creative SoundBlaster Audigy 2

Sound card

This 24bit/96kHz DAC (digital-to-analogue converter) and ADC (analogue-to-digital converter) promises to improve the sound quality of normal audio CDs, making them crisper and clearer. The Audigy 2 is also capable of processing the 24bit quality of the upcoming DVD Audio standard, even though hardly any devices have yet reached the market.

■ www.creative.com ■ £169 ex VAT

