

new products

Whether you're looking for a present for that special PC user in your life, or just fancy a well-earned treat for yourself, there's a wealth of new products for you to splash out on. Here are a few of the latest to consider

→ Creative WebCam Notebook

Webcam

Creative has designed its smallest ever webcam, aiming it squarely at notebook users as indicated by its name. It's about the size of an AA battery and attaches to the laptop's screen by its spring-loaded clip. The camera has its very own carrycase, and a loop to keep its USB cable under control when not in use. The device offers a top resolution of 640x480 and can capture still and moving images.

□ www.europe.creative.com □ £34 ex VAT



✓ HP Scanjet 2400

Flatbed scanner

If you're after a flatbed scanner but your budget is tight, HP hopes to tempt you with the Scanjet 2400. This little USB 2.0 number offers a top resolution of 1,200dpi and a one-touch scan and copy system. It comes with software which promises all the tools you'll need to scan, edit, resize and store images, plus utilities to help you share images via email, the web or CD.

□ HP: 0870 547 4747

□ www.hp.co.uk □ £42 ex VAT



↓ Ricoh Caplio G3S

Budget digital camera

Ricoh says that the Caplio G3S' robust diecast magnesium body and super-fast shutter speed of 0.14 seconds set it apart from the crowd of budget digital cameras. To help photographers manage images it includes an onboard archive feature which allows you to print out an A4 page of photos, each with a helpful description. It has a 3.24Mp resolution, 3x optical zoom and USB connection.

□ Ricoh: 020 8261 4031 □ www.ricohpmmc.com □ £213 ex VAT



↗ Amacom Flip2Disk

Portable hard drive

Is that 80GB in your pocket, or are you just pleased to see me? If it's Amacom's Flip2Disk then it's definitely 80GB in the form of a portable hard drive, designed to allow easy transport of hefty amounts of data as well as back up that all-important information on your PC. So if you have a crash you'll certainly be pleased to see the Flip2Disk. It hooks up via a range of options including USB 2.0, FireWire, parallel and PC Card.

□ Amacom: 020 8993 7373 □ www.amacom-tech.com

□ £351 ex VAT



↑ Kingston Technology 256MB DataTraveler

USB flash memory drive

If you need to carry small files around with you, and want a portable way to do it, a USB flash memory drive is ideal. These devices plug into any PC and allow you store loads more data than a floppy drive, plus there's no need for any awkward CD burning. Kingston Technology has just beefed up the capacity in its 73x24mm DataTraveler to 256MB, so now it can hold even more information. Also in the range are 32, 64 and 128MB versions.

☐ Kingston Technology: 00800 8888 0101

☐ www.kingston.com/flash ☐ from £21 ex VAT; 256MB version is £65



↑ MailKey JunkMail FireWall

Anti-spam software

Spam is the big baddie among PC users at the moment, but MailKey believes it has a solution to the problem of unwanted email – in the form of JunkMail FireWall. The software stops dodgy messages dead by only admitting those that are from people already in the recipient's address book, have the correct Private MailKey code or include a valid Public MailKey code in the subject line. Everything else is tossed in the trash, although senders can add a code to resend their message successfully.

☐ MailKey: 0870 005 6230

☐ www.mailkey.com

☐ Price: bundled with free MailKey email account



↗ Eizo FlexScan L557

17in flat-panel display

The L557 is being targeted at users who want to upgrade their existing monitor to a flat-panel. To ensure that customers aren't disappointed by the switch, Eizo is offering a top resolution of 1,280x1,024, a contrast ratio of 500:1, pixel pitch of 0.26mm and a choice of bezel colours, although only in a rather uninspiring grey or black. Built-in speakers help to cut down on desk clutter even more.

☐ Eizo: 01483 719 500 ☐ www.eizo.co.uk ☐ from £344 ex VAT



← Relisys RLP1000

Digital projector

Projectors are becoming more popular among home-movie buffs, as well as retaining their place as the tool of choice for big presentations. Teco hopes to attract buyers from both these markets with the RLP1000. With a flexible range of connection options including USB, S-Video and DVI, the unit offers a brightness rating of 1,500 Ansi lumens and a contrast ratio of 400:1. Its maximum resolution is 800x600, while noise can be kept to 34dB.

☐ Relisys: 0161 232 6000

☐ www.relisys.com ☐ approx £930 ex VAT