

In-car kit



↓ Sony Ericsson HCB-30

Bluetooth hands-free kit

Cars are said to be the area where Bluetooth wireless technology is really set to take off and, as ever, Sony Ericsson has its finger on the pulse with the HCB-30 Bluetooth hands-free car kit. This handy device allows you answer your phone even when it's buried deep inside your briefcase on the passenger seat. The HCB-30 incorporates a control panel that allows you to manage your calls without touching the handset. It also works with other manufacturers' Bluetooth phones.

■ www.expansys.com ■ £136 ex VAT



↑ Denon DMP3

In-car MP3 player

You can attach the Denon DMP3 in-car MP3 to a hard drive of your own, or buy it with an 80GB drive, which can store over 1,000 CDs worth of music. It comes with either a charcoal or silver finish to match your car's interior. To download files it can either be fitted into a 5.25in bay or, if you prefer to use it externally, it can connect via a USB 2.0 adapter. You can fit the device yourself or make use of the fitting service offered in conjunction with the RAC at 150 locations nationwide. The choices are yours.

■ www.slimp3uk.com ■ £255 ex VAT





↑ Blaupunkt Compact Drive

MP3 virtual CD changer

Blaupunkt's Compact Drive combines a player, which is built in to your car, a 1GB IBM Microdrive card that can hold up to 18 hours of MP3-encoded hardware, and a digital media reader/writer that lets you download music to the card direct from your PC. The benefit of this system is that you don't have to carry the whole unit to and from your vehicle.

■ www.blaupunkt.com ■ £425 ex VAT

↓ MV3 Games Console Version

In-car PS2 console kit

If you want to keep the kids quiet on long car journeys then the MV3 Games Console could be the answer. The kit comes with a 5.7in colour screen that can be mounted on the back of the passenger car seat, plus an adapter that allows you to power a PlayStation console from your cigarette lighter socket. An AV cable is also supplied so you can connect a PS1 or PS2 console to the screen, plus headsets so not everyone in the car has to listen to the game sounds.

■ www.microvision-mv1.co.uk/mv3.htm ■ £234 ex VAT



← Clarion Cadius

In-car entertainment system

Clarion is a big name when it comes to car technology and Cadius (which stands for car digital assistant, apparently) is the latest word in auto-electronics. It combines a radio, CD player, MP3 and WMA digital audio player with email and internet access. Connection is via a mobile phone, USB to an advanced headset, a communications card or a modem plugged into the PC Card slot. Sadly it isn't available in the UK yet as it's only just gone on sale in Japan.

■ www.clarion.co.jp/english/technology/cadius.cfm ■ TBA