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Sony sponsors the competition this month and, as such, there are two gorgeous devices up for grabs. The ultra-portable Vaio PCG-TR1MP is ideal for workers on



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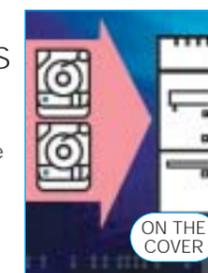
With so many of us taking the plunge and purchasing a digital camera, it's time we help you get the photos you want. Follow our guide and there'll be no more blurred, dark or light snaps – well, hopefully, anyway. Plus, we explain the all-important hardware specifications you should look for.



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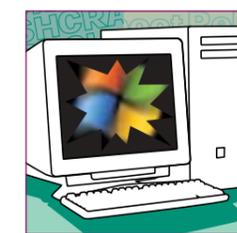
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