

New products

EIZO FLEXSCAN L795

19in flat-panel display

Arguably the most striking aspect of this flat-panel is its generous five-year warranty. A 19in TFT display, the L795 has a native resolution of 1,280x1,024 and a 500:1 contrast ratio. ActiveRotation technology moves the screen between portrait and landscape mode, while the ActiveShot feature lets you hook two systems up to the monitor and see what is happening on both of them at once.



- Eizo: 01483 719 500
- www.eizo.co.uk
- £750 inc VAT

NETGEAR MP101

Wireless digital music player

The MP101 lets you connect any stereo system in your house to an existing wireless network then access stored digital music files from it - whatever room you're in. It's compatible with the 802.11b and 802.11g standards and connects to the stereo's audio input jacks. There's a remote control and an LCD display so you can look at your playlist. The Netgear is also protected by WEP encryption security.



- Insight: 0800 333 333
- www.netgear.co.uk
- £147 inc VAT

TERRATEC CAMEO 400 AV MOBILE

Mobile video-editing card for notebooks

Really keen video editors who want to be able to work their magic on a notebook as well as on their PC should take a look at Terratec's Cameo 400 AV Mobile. It slots in to a PC Card interface and connects directly to a video recorder, DVD player or camcorder.

To relieve strain on the processor, compression to Mpeg or Mpeg-2 formats is done by the card itself. Even so, we think you will still need a pretty powerful notebook to get the best out of this piece of kit.



- Terratec: 01252 870 7026
- www.terratec.co.uk
- £170 inc VAT

CANON SMARTBASE MP390

Multifunction device

Why buy four large separate devices when for a fraction of the price you can get one tidy piece of kit that functions as a photocopier, fax, scanner and printer? Designed to save time, space, money and frustration, Canon claims its SmartBase MP390 is able to print 18 monochrome pages per minute and 12 colour. The machine also boasts several memory card slots so that you can print your digital snaps without powering up a PC.



- Canon: 0870 514 3723
- www.canon.co.uk
- £199 inc VAT

TRUST BLUETOOTH HEADSET

Bluetooth headset

Since driving while chatting on your mobile phone became illegal in December 03, many manufacturers have been capitalising on a new gap in the market.

This Bluetooth headset is Trust's answer for those who need to be contactable while on the move. The technology's short range makes it ideal for in-car use and, with a claimed standby of 200 hours and a talktime of six hours, the headset should suit even the most garrulous person.



- Trust: 0845 609 0036
- www.trust.co.uk
- £60 inc VAT

TDK DVW-A080412N

DVD writer

TDK says that this is the fastest dual-format DVD writer ever, but Waitec's Action 8 (see page 32) and firmware updates to Benq's DW800A make this claim somewhat contentious.

Nevertheless, the DVW-A080412N marks a significant leap in burning times that will please those who regularly have to back up large amounts of data or like to burn their own DVD movies. It comes bundled with Nero Express 6.0 and Nero Vision Express 2.0.



- TDK: 01737 773 773
- www.tdk-europe.com
- £150 inc VAT

OPTOMA H30

Digital projector

If you want to create a cinematic experience in your own home then a decent projector is a must. These devices certainly aren't cheap, however, and the £1,200 Optoma is about as low-cost as it gets. Nevertheless, the specifications of the H30 model, including a 2,000:1 contrast ratio and a brightness rating of 800 Ansi lumens, look good on paper. A widescreen model with an aspect ratio of 16:9, the H30 is covered by a three-year warranty.



- Optoma: 01923 691 800
- www.optoma.co.uk
- £1,195 inc VAT

BENQ JOYBOOK 5100

Notebook

One of three new notebooks from Benq to hit the market this month, the slimline 5100 houses a 12in TFT widescreen display. All in all it's rather eye-catching and, at 2.4kg, it should be light enough to carry around with you no matter where you go. The Joybook is Centrino equipped, with Wi-Fi facilities to complement the Pentium M processor. A 40GB hard drive and three-in-one card reader round off the specifications.



- Benq: 01442 301 000
- www.benq.co.uk
- £1,249 inc VAT

WAITEC ACTION 8 DVD writer

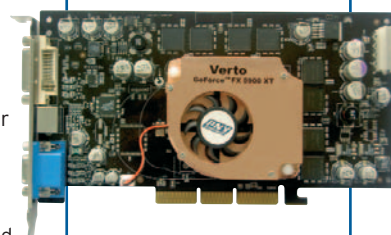
As we reported in last month's Top gear, Waitec will be showing off some 16-speed DVD writers at March's CeBit show in Germany. However, we're still not sure when they will be released so for now we'll have to make do with mere eight-speed drives. That is, if you're writing to DVD+R media - the Action 8 is still only a quad-speed model when writing to DVD-R. The drive's SafeLink feature, says Waitec, makes buffer underruns virtually impossible.



- Waitec: 00 31 77 326 1040
- www.waitec.com
- £127 inc VAT

PNY VERTO 5900XT Graphics card

This graphics card is based on nVidia's GeForce FX5900 XT graphics processing unit and is, in the words of PNY, 'insanely fast'. There is an advanced copper heat transfer system, 128MB of dedicated DDR RAM, VGA, DVI and S-Video ports, and it uses the CineFX 2.0 engine. As well as a 350MHz memory clock and 22.4GBps memory bandwidth, it comes bundled with a number of cables and a copy of Splinter Cell.



- PNY: 01784 224 220
- www.pny-europe.com
- £180 inc VAT

XEROX PHASER 8400 Colour laser printer

Based on Xerox's new solid-ink platform, the Phaser 8400 is allegedly capable of printing 24 colour or monochrome pages in a minute. Printer manufacturers are known to be a little generous in their judgement of print speeds, but if Xerox is even half right then this is still a quick printer. It houses a 500MHz processor and comes with up to 512MB of RAM so print queues should be kept to a minimum.



- Xerox: 0870 241 3245
- www.xerox.com
- £821 inc VAT

TRUST 1210K POWERCAM 5Mp digital camera

We reckon £190 is a reasonable price for a digital camera with a 4Mp CCD sensor and 5Mp resolution. The 1210K PowerCam from Trust also has a 3x optical zoom and a 4x digital zoom, so it should be capable of taking some pretty good photographs. On the back you'll find a 4cm TFT display for viewing your snaps and there's 15MB of built-in memory to store them on, with an expansion slot for SD/MMC memory cards.



- Trust: 0845 609 0036
- www.trust.co.uk
- £190 inc VAT