

# top gear

## ➔ Panasonic SV-AV10

Multifunction digital camera

We have to marvel at how Panasonic has managed to squeeze so many features into the tiny SV-AV10. This palm-sized digital camera may only be slightly bigger than a packet of cigarettes, but it is able to record and play back Mpeg-4 video, capture still images and voice recordings and play MP3s. To find out more about this mini marvel turn to our full review on page 55.

Panasonic: [www.panasonic.co.uk](http://www.panasonic.co.uk)

Price: £255.31



## ➔ LG MD-2642GT

Microwave/toaster combo

People with small kitchens, and no doubt students, will want this latest cooking essential from LG – a 900W microwave oven with a built-in two-slice toaster. The microwave has 10 cooking options, including auto-weight defrost and cook, and five power levels. The toaster is for... well... toast, really, and other bread-based snacks. If you like baked beans and you like toast, you'll love beans on toast made with this space-saving kitchen device.

LG Electronics stockists: 0870 607 5544

Price: £139 inc vat



## ➔ NXT Soundpax

Cardboard speakers

Speakers made of cardboard. Yes, that's right, cardboard. NXT claims these speakers are one of the most fantastic acoustic concepts seen for years. These Soundpax speakers are 700mm high, consist of a cardboard tetrahedron plus exciter (a small device attached to the back to safeguard against distortion) and are cheap and extremely versatile. The initial models have the fascia of a traditional speaker printed on to them, but the potential for design, shape and acoustic is limitless. Extremely portable, affordable and creative, these speakers look set to make a big impact on the hi-fi market.

Soundpax: [www.soundpax.com](http://www.soundpax.com)

Price: approx £30 per pair



### ⬆ UAS RipFlash

Recordable MP3 player

The RipFlash can accept input from any audio device, such as a portable CD player, radio or record player, and encode it as an MP3 file. So there's no need for a PC. It also doubles as a voice recorder thanks to its internal microphone. The package comes with in-ear style headphones and bundled software, including Real Jukebox.

UAS: [www.pjbox.co.uk](http://www.pjbox.co.uk)

Price: £199.99



### ⬆ Black Microsoft Office Keyboard

Limited edition keyboard with wireless mouse

Sick of your buff-coloured keyboard and mouse? Microsoft's Office Keyboard is available for a limited period in black, bundled with the titanium wireless IntelliMouse Explorer. The keyboard sports a detachable wristrest for ergonomic comfort and ease of use, and the inclusion of an application toggle enables fast switching between software packages open on the desktop to save you time. The IntelliMouse features the obligatory scrollwheel with user-programmable buttons to put frequently accessed functions at your fingertips, and works wirelessly at up to six feet away from the PC.

Microsoft: [www.microsoft.com/uk](http://www.microsoft.com/uk)

Price: £99.99



### ⬇ Samsung SM241MP

TFT monitors

This blue metallic TFT (thin-film transistor) display is sure to impress your friends, whether you use it as a TV screen or PC monitor. Boasting a 21.3in viewable area, 1,600x1,200 maximum resolution and 0.27mm pixel pitch, the SM241MP is wall mountable and comes with attachable speakers and TV tuner, plus remote control. Strangely, though, the Samsung only has an analogue connector, so high-quality digital images are out – an odd decision given the price tag.

Samsung: [www.samsung.com](http://www.samsung.com)

Price: £2,300



### ⬇ Daisy Technology PhotoClip

Digital camera/MP3 player/AVI movie camera/voice recorder/webcam

Daisy Technology's PhotoClip 5000 range of devices aren't the best digital cameras out there by a chalk the size of Montana. Neither are they the best MP3 players, non-sound AVI film takers, voice recorders or webcams. But they are all of these things in one box and we like convergence devices (as long as they work). We've been playing with a PhotoClip 5032 for a while now and it has proved very useful. Its sound quality is good and pictures are okay – not photo album stuff, but the machine is workmanlike. According to the UK distributor, Vision Radio, devices in the upcoming 6000 range will have 1.3Mp (megapixel) camera chips and the ability to take AVI movie clips with sound.

Vision Radio: [www.visionradio.net](http://www.visionradio.net)

Price: £99 inc VAT