



It's our 100th issue, so we thought we'd jack up the Top gear budget and seek out six desirable devices for under £100,000. Join us as we dream on...



Sony Aibo ERS-7

Entertainment robot

With our budget stretched to £100,000, why are we wasting time with a £1,000 entertainment robot? The new and improved Aibo ERS-7 will leave us plenty of pocket change. Well, it would if we didn't want to get it fresh off the production line in Japan. What with first-class flights at around £8,000 and a week in a suite at £1,000 a night, plus a few slices of Kobe beef and a pufferfish sushi or two, the budget soon begins to shrink.

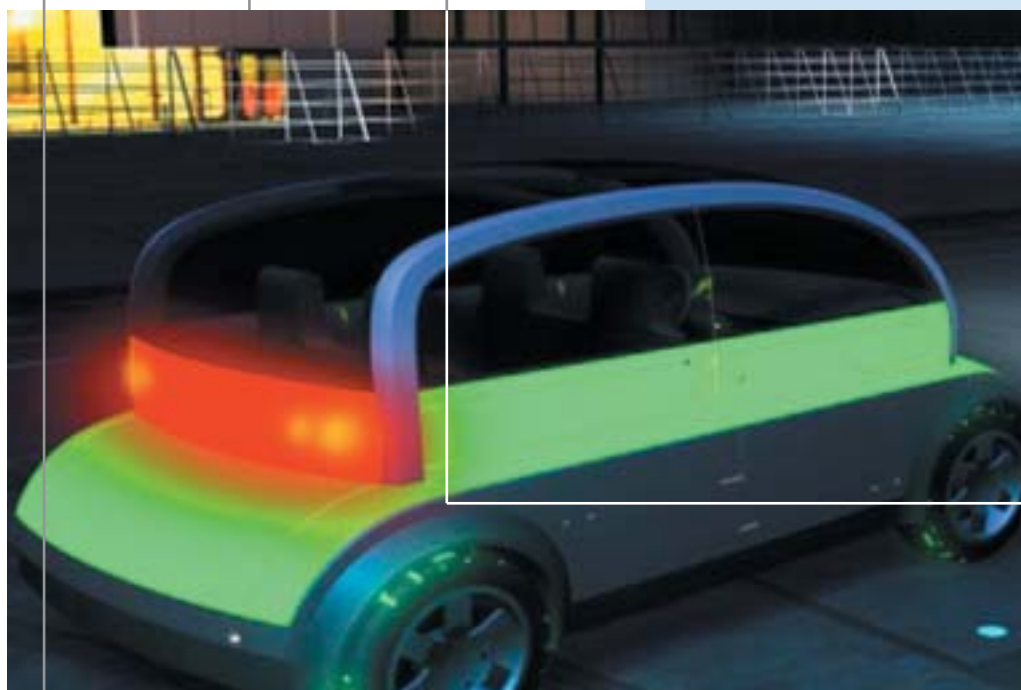
- www.sony.jp
- ¥185,000 (around £1,000)

Samsung SM403T

Flat-panel TV

The Samsung SM403T LCD TV is a snip at £4,500. With our £100,000 we could put one in every room in the house and go on several luxurious holidays with the leftover cash. LCD televisions are the way forward, offering better picture quality and longer life than plasma screens, with the same slimline silhouette. Until now the problem has always been small screen sizes, but this 40in beast has plenty of viewing space. With a resolution of 1,280x768 it beats plasma hands down - and it's still just 10cm thick.

- www.samsungelectronics.co.uk
- £4,500



Ford Glocar

Concept car

An eye-catching motor comes high up our wishlist but this is no ordinary automobile. Ford's concept Glocar is currently housed in New York's Cooper-Hewitt Design Museum, so we'd have to bid our £100K and keep our fingers crossed.

It is covered with LED lights that change the body panel colour, intensity and frequency. So if you are feeling blue the bodywork can match your mood. The aim is also to improve safety as the Glocar lights up when other motorists get too close. Best of all it's powered by fuel cell technology so there are no nasty fumes.

- www.ford.com
- Price: n/a



Techaus digital home installation

In-house technology

If you're stuck in London with its sky-high property prices then £100,000 isn't enough to buy you a house. But you could use it to upgrade what you have by splashing out on state-of-the-art computers and LCD TVs.

After you've done that, you might like to consider a high-tech security system from Techaus to help keep your beloved abode safe. Throw in home controls, a centrally operated entertainment system and mood lighting and you could kit out the average four-bedroom pad.

- www.techhaus.co.uk
- approx £10,000

Canon EOS 300D Time Slice Rig

Special effects setup

Fancy yourself as the next Larry or Andy Wachowski? Well, we wouldn't mind some of their millions so perhaps we should splash our cash on a Time Slice Rig of Canon EOS 300D, the first special effects setup to allow digital cameras to 'freeze time' during an action scene, just like in *The Matrix*. The rig uses 50 cameras at £1,000 a pop, so that's half our budget gone. Do you think Keanu would step in front of our lens for our remaining £50,000?

- www.canon.co.uk
- Canon EOS 300D £999.99 each; software, other equipment and actors not included

Silicon Graphics Tezro

High-end workstation

In such a competitive market, finding a PC for more than a grand is no mean feat. Fortunately, there's the gorgeous purple Tezro to tempt us. This super-powered computer can pack up to four processors and 16GB of memory. Aimed at niche markets such as film or medical imaging, the Tezro's \$20,500 price tag doesn't include any software. Fortunately we've plenty of change to cover that.

- www.sgi.com/workstations
- \$20,500 (around £12,680); add \$1,195 for 21in CRT or 18in flat-panel

