

# new products

As usual there's a wealth of impressive new models and products hitting the market and we got hold of all the latest releases. So if you're planning to splash out, here's our first impressions to give you an idea of what's on offer

## → Apple iPod

Digital audio player

Apple has redesigned its digital media player, the iPod, increased its capacity and added a dock for easy syncing with your PC. The iPod is also dinkier than its predecessor, with smoother curves. It features four new hotkeys to take you to the main functions and a solid-state navigation wheel. There are three capacities in the new range: 10GB; 15GB and 30GB. The latter two also come with a dock to make it easier to recharge and update your playlist.

□ Apple: 0800 039 1010 □ [www.apple.com/uk](http://www.apple.com/uk) □ £212 for 10GB; £254 for 15GB; £340 for 30GB ex VAT



## → Waitec DVD-X4

Mpeg-4 DVD writer

Waitec's DVD-X4 is designed to play back Mpeg-4 footage and can read a 700MB CD-ROM containing an 110-minute Mpeg-4 movie with stereo audio. It can also handle MP3, video and S-Video CDs, as well as offering both CD and DVD writing and rewriting, making it a pretty versatile device. As well as viewing moving images, the DVD-X4 can also be used to display digital photos onscreen as it supports Kodak Picture and JPG CDs. It is backed by a two-year warranty.

□ Waitec: + 31 77 326 1040 □ [www.waitec.com](http://www.waitec.com) □ £169 ex VAT



## → FujiFilm FinePix A210

Digital camera

The A210 FinePix is aimed at first timers making the leap to digital. Its design is deliberately simple with large buttons and clear non-technical markings. It offers a 3.2Mp (megapixel) resolution with a 3x zoom. The 1.5in TFT screen allows users to view photos in an instant – also, designed with the non-PC owner in mind, the device is supplied with a video-out socket to enable instant viewing of pictures on a TV screen. An optional PictureCradle allows those with a computer to upload and download images at the click of a button, eliminating the need for extra cables and ports. The A210 can record up to 10 frames of video footage per second, capturing a maximum of 60 seconds at high quality (320x240 pixels). The camera bundle also includes AA batteries, an xD-Picture card, handstrap, video and USB cables. On the software front, users will receive Fuji's FinePix Viewer 4.0 for image browsing and Image Mixer VCD for creating multimedia albums.

□ FujiFilm: 020 7586 1477 □ [www.fujifilm.co.uk](http://www.fujifilm.co.uk) □ Price: TBA



## → Dell Dimension 4600

Space-saving desktop

Dell's latest desktop, which supersedes its popular 4550 model, uses Intel's latest 865PE chipset with hyperthreading technology. Until recently, hyperthreading has only been available on high-end 3.06GHz machines, but now it comes with Dell's 2.4, 2.66, 2.8 and 3.06GHz models. All feature a Radeon 9800 graphics card, eight integrated USB ports, up to 2GB of dual-channel DDR/SDRAM for power-hungry applications and 200GB hard drive space. Aimed at the small business user, the PC is designed in a smaller chassis – the mini grey-and-black tower measures 368x184x426mm and the unit, which is supplied with a 15in flat-panel as standard, weighs 10.4kg.

□ Dell: 0870 152 4699 □ [www.dell.com](http://www.dell.com) □ from £479 ex VAT



## → Ricoh CL3000DN

### Colour laser printer

With its hefty price tag of over £2,000, this printer is aimed squarely at the office market. And as you would expect from a workhorse printer it boasts some pretty high-end specifications. The CL3000DN's claimed top print speed is 20ppm (pages per minute) for mono and 16ppm for colour, plus a maximum resolution of 1,200x1,200dpi (dots per inch). The printer has been designed to sit on the desktop and comes with a USB 2.0 option as standard, although you can swap this for a wireless 802.11b or Bluetooth connection to cut down on cable clutter. The Ricoh is fitted with a 10GB hard drive and offers duplex printing out of the box.

□ Ricoh: 020 8261 4000 □ [www.ricoh.co.uk](http://www.ricoh.co.uk) □ £2,152 ex VAT



## → La Cie DVD-RW

### Recordable DVD drive

La Cie claims its latest product is the fastest combination drive on the market, offering quad/dual/ 12-speed (read/write/rewrite) DVD-RW and 16/eight/32-speed CD-RW speeds. The drive ships with a software suite for DVD recording, authoring, editing and playback. The internal drive enables you to upgrade your PC and beef up functionality, while the included software allows DVD playback on a variety of players. Offering generous storage capacity of up to 4.7GB, DVD discs are able to hold up to 1,000 MP3 tracks or two hours of Mpeg-2 DVD movie footage, which can be stored on to DVD recordable discs for safekeeping. The bundle includes cables, manuals and the software suite.

□ La Cie: 020 872 8000 □ [www.lacie.com](http://www.lacie.com) □ £159 ex VAT



## → DaviDeo VHS

### VHS conversion software

If you have footage stored on old video cassettes and want to transfer them to DVD discs, DaviDeo's VHS software is the answer. Once you have transferred your VHS video to your PC using the appropriate capture card (which is not included with this package) it then allows you to edit footage and add chapters. Once you're happy with your film, the software compresses it for storage on either a video CD, S-Video CD or a DVD disc. It also allows recording from other sources such as a camcorder.

□ MediaGold: 020 7221 4600 □ [www.mediagold.co.uk](http://www.mediagold.co.uk) □ £26 ex VAT



## → Logitech Dual Action Gamepad

### Game controller

Logitech's dual-action pad offers lightweight and easy controls for games enthusiasts. The device features two rubber-capped analogue joysticks which provide gamers with 360-degree action control, while the D-pad allows for more precise movement within the game. There are four responsive triggers and six control buttons to help eliminate opponents with ease. The plug-and-play connection can be used on both Macs and PCs, as can the supplied gaming software which allows customisation of the pad's performance. Gamers can also chat to each other, via the included Roger Wilco software, while enjoying multiplayer online games. The gamepad's smaller design means control is easier for younger players, while it also makes the device as lightweight as possible to minimise wrist strain.

□ Logitech: 01753 870 900 □ [www.logitech.co.uk](http://www.logitech.co.uk) □ Price: TBA

