



RIM BlackBerry 7100t

When it comes to email-enabled phones, nothing beats a BlackBerry, and the Vodafone-branded 7100v has enjoyed a deserved place on the A List since last year (see *issue 122, p82*). But since then, a few other flavours of BlackBerry have arrived on the scene. O₂ and T-Mobile have launched their 7100x and 7100t variants respectively, and Orange is rumoured to be gearing up for a 7100g launch in the near future.

Unlike most phones, where the operator branding is simply a matter of silk-screening a logo onto the case and customising the menus, with the 7100 series the changes go a bit



further. Although all of these 7100 devices have the same innards and are roughly the same size, they also have distinct physical differences, including the actual colour of the device.

We don't think you should be seduced by these variations in styling, though. Instead, pay attention to the tariffs offered by the mobile operators, and in particular check out how much monthly allowance they'll give you for your email data: Vodafone wants £15 for 6MB; O₂ will relieve you of £11.50 per month for 5MB of data; T-Mobile, on the other hand, offers a whopping 50MB for just £10 per month. Due to the bandwidth-efficient way the BlackBerry service operates, this 50MB should be plenty for even the most ardent email addicts. And this means the 7100t displaces the 7100v on the A List.

PRICE £26 (£31 inc VAT) per month including 50MB email

SUPPLIER www.t-mobile.co.uk

OVERALL ★★★★★



Interlink Electronics Presentation Pilot Pro

PowerPoint presentations are dreary enough at the best of times, but they're even worse if you're nailed to the spot in front of your notebook in order to reach the keyboard. Liberation is at hand with the Presentation Pilot Pro, a 2.4GHz four-channel wireless remote control for presentations.

Installation is a breeze – just plug the USB dongle into a free port and you're off. The remote has buttons for next and previous slide, and you can hide the current slide to shift attention back to you. There's also a right-click mouse button and a left-click underneath. Together with a thumb pad for mouse control, you can pull up the right-click menu and exit the show. Mouse control is awkward, though, so it's probably easier to stop directly from the notebook. Lastly, there's the ubiquitous laser pointer to drill the salient points home.

Range is excellent (50ft



quoted) and we had no trouble wandering round the office and behind obstructions. The USB dongle packs into the remote's body and shuts off the battery for travel – a nice touch. The only problem is price, as £39 is steep for such a basic device, but there's no doubt it's an effective tool.

PRICE £39 (£46 inc VAT)

SUPPLIER www.inmac.co.uk

OVERALL ★★★★★

Philips PSS 110

Thank goodness that, at last, someone has finally put together some flash memory, a pair of basic speakers and an FM radio in a portable and attractive package. If you want to listen to MP3s in your kitchen, bathroom or hotel room, the 350g PSS from Philips would seem to be the answer to all your needs. Simply stick in two AA batteries, plug it in to your PC, transfer the files and... well, nothing happens.

Although the device appears in Explorer and accepts drag-and-drop music files without complaint, it then refuses to play them. Instead, you'll need to install MusicMatch Jukebox software on your PC, which you can then use to transfer selected tracks. Not only is this a fairly lengthy process in itself, but it's a sledgehammer to crack a nut – Jukebox is a decent enough product in itself, but if you're perfectly happy with your current media player it's a ridiculous hoop

to jump through just to transfer files, particularly as it then badgers you to upgrade.

The added insult is that the PSS uses a USB 1.1 connection, so it's painfully slow to fill up even the rather paltry 256MB of memory – a single MP3 album consisting of 50MB of files took a tedious 189 seconds. On the plus side, the sound quality through the 2W (RMS) speakers is surprisingly good, and there's even a reasonable bass response.

So a great idea, executed with little thought towards the user experience. As such, the £99 asking price is rather less of a bargain. Double the capacity and remove the pointless software restrictions and this would be a great product. Currently, though, it's a wasted opportunity.

PRICE £84 (£99 inc VAT)

SUPPLIER www.dixons.co.uk

OVERALL ★★★★★



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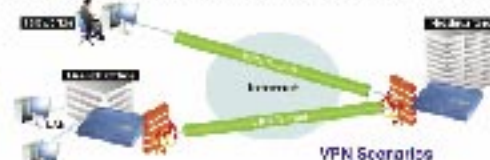
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