

The best credit crunch gadgets

Want to indulge your gadget habit despite the recession? Camilla Chafer picks five bargains for under £100



PORTABLE VIDEO CAMERA

WHAT IS IT? Kodak Zi6 pocket video camera.
WHAT IT DOES: Pocket video cameras are smaller, lighter and easier to use than classic camcorders. This one powers up in seconds and has a one-button push to "point and shoot" with a 2.5in screen. Recording is in HD and it comes with a cable to connect to your TV for immediate viewing, or use the integrated USB to plug it into your PC. There's space for a SD/SDHC memory card up to 32GB.
HOW MUCH? £99, dabs.com.



TRAVEL SPEAKERS

WHAT IS IT? PYT travel speaker.
WHAT IT DOES: Portable 17x17cm speaker, powered by AA batteries or an AC adapter. It has a built-in iPod dock usable with the iPhone, iPod Touch and 3G Nano, and another port for devices including MP3 players and PCs. Works with videos too – just turn it on its side to view the iPhone or Touch video features.
HOW MUCH? £39.99, voixltd.com.



WALKMAN VIDEOS

WHAT IS IT? Sony NWZ E436.
WHAT IT DOES: The 4GB version can store up to 1,000 songs and 15 hours of video. It's easy to transfer items from your PC and download up to 400 hours of programmes from BBC iPlayer for free per week. It has an FM radio tuner, and the battery lasts for 40 hours for music or ten hours for video from a single charge. Comes in red, pink or black with 8GB (2,000 songs) or 16GB (4,000 songs).
HOW MUCH? From £69, sonystyle.co.uk.



MOBILE HARD DRIVES

WHAT IS IT? Memorex portable hard drive.
WHAT IT DOES: Back-up for your PC or Mac, or data-storing if you're using a netbook with limited memory. Only 2.5in wide, it connects via the USB port from which it also draws power. Comes in 160GB, 250GB and 320GB sizes – how much you'll need depends on how big your files are. Stores photos, video and music, along with work documents. Comes in six different colours.
HOW MUCH? From £46 for 160GB, amazon.co.uk.



DIGITAL SNAPS THAT DON'T BREAK THE BANK

WHAT IS IT? GE E1055W digital camera.
WHAT IT DOES: Price aside, this camera is impressive, with many useful features to help snappers get better photos. It has a high-quality 10mp resolution, 28mm wide-angle lens, 5x optical zoom and 3in LCD screen, blink



and smile detection, image stabilisation and red-eye removal. Uses a rechargeable lithium-ion battery (which has a longer life cycle than AA-powered cameras). Available in red, silver or black.
HOW MUCH? £89.99, Amazon.co.uk or Play.com.

EMAIL ON THE GO

We bust our £100 budget, but the first BlackBerry pay-as-you-go phone is worth it...

WHAT IS IT? BlackBerry 8120 smartphone.
WHAT IT DOES: For the first time, BlackBerry has made its hugely popular smartphone available on pay-as-you-go. The phone has a one-off fee of £145 to actually buy the phone, plus a small monthly subscription of £5 per month for access to web browsing and emails including Gmail, Yahoo and Hotmail. Windows Live Messenger offers instant messaging and there is also access to many social networking pages, from Facebook to Flickr. The phone also has a 2mp camera and a media player for music and video.
HOW MUCH? £145 for the phone, then £5 per month on Pay As You Go BlackBerry Internet Service, orange.co.uk/shop. **w&h**



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