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GADGETS

ATLANTIC INC

Now your iPod can join you in the pool, too

Atlantic Inc. has introduced the first waterproof iPod player sound system that floats.

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Music or videos can now be played in a swimming pool or shower while the iPod stays dry.

The EGO Waterproof Sound Case for iPod still gives the user full control of all iPod features.

The case is a portable boombox with built-in waterproof speakers and sealed base venting ports. It's built with snap-locking latches and a silicone gasket. A click wheel is built into the case, allowing the user to change songs, adjust the volume or turn the iPod on and off.

The unit operates for about 30 hours on four AA batteries. An automatic shutdown function saves battery life when the unit is not in use.

The shatterproof case is compatible with fourth- and fifth-generation iPod models along with Minis and Nanos.

Retail price is $199 at www.lovemyego.com.

NEWERTECH

Keep those drives alive

The NewerTech USB 2.0 Universal Drive Adapter will allow connection of an exposed hard drive to a USB port.

In a simple plug-and-play manner, data can be accessed from any 2.5-inch, 3.5-inch or 5.25-inch hard drive.

When users upgrade their computers with a higher-capacity hard drive, the old drives often end up just sitting in a desk drawer.

Now the data from those drives is easy to recover: Just use the adapter to connect the drive and a USB port on your computer. The hard drive will then mount like any other, and the necessary data can be transferred efficiently.

Smaller hard drives can also be used to back up data. This $24.99 adapter makes it easy to use multiple older drives to back up important data.

CASE-MATE

Dressing up the MacBook

With many of the new MacBook Pro laptops from Apple costing more than $2,000, why spend a little extra for a suit?

Case-mate has created a form-fit leather wrap that offers excellent protection for laptops on the go.

The impact-resistant suits for the MacBook and the MacBook Pro are made with Italian pebblestone leather. Vents are built in so that the airflow needed for cooling is not impeded. The lining is designed to slide on and off easily without scratching or harming the laptop.

The $149.99 suit is available in alpine white, sienna red, phantom black and four other color combinations. Additional colors are expected.

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