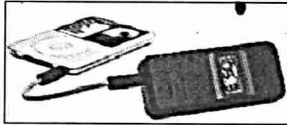


## COOL GADGETS

Holiday shopping is in full swing, and now that all the doorbusters have been had, here's a sampling of items that may help cut down shopping time. All the prices are listed as MSRP, so do some shopping around and you're sure to find 'em a whole lot cheaper.

### iTrip Universal



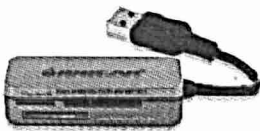
\$39.99 at

[www.griffintechnology.com](http://www.griffintechnology.com)

This is the newest addition to Griffin Technology's never-ending lineup of iPod accessories, although this device will work with most any portable audio player.

Simply plug the iTrip into the player's common headphone jack. With a quick set-up, you can find an FM frequency open in your area for broadcast on a home or car stereo. A lithium-ion battery is built into the device and can be charged with any USB port, thus eliminating the need to constantly replace batteries.

### IOGEAR memory cards reader/writers



12-in-1 for \$11.95, 56-in-1 for \$19.95 at [www.iogear.com](http://www.iogear.com)

The 12-in-1, which measures just 2.5 inches long and less than one inch deep, will support digital memory cards in the SD, Micro SD, Mini SD, MMC, Memory Stick and MS Duo formats. These are found in many pocket-sized digital cameras and cell phones with removable memory cards.

If the 12-in-1 does not support your card, then the 56-in-1 is for sure your solution to transfer data to and from devices

including multiple digital camera memory card formats, camcorders, GPS units and PDAs. Both readers plug directly into USB ports for an easy download or transfer.

### GameChanger Audio Bone 1.0 headphones

\$189 at [www.audioboneheadphones.com](http://www.audioboneheadphones.com)

This is truly an innovative set of headphones, using bone conduction technology.

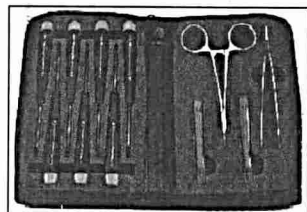


This transmits the music or sounds you're listening to through the listener's bones directly to the inner ear. Sounds kind of crazy, but they work great and are a great solution if your boss lets you listen to some tunes while working.

Because the headphones don't go into the ears, users can listen to the music but also hear what's going on around them. They're ideal for biking, running or any other outdoor activity where you would still want to hear the surroundings.

In addition, users can enjoy using them underwater or even in environments where earplugs are needed.

### NewerTech 11 Piece Portable Toolkit



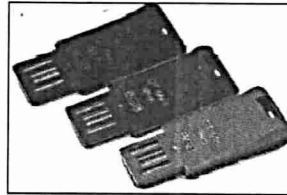
\$17.95 at [www.newertech.com](http://www.newertech.com)

For some, simple repairs on a computer such as adding memory or replacing a hard drive can be difficult simply because they lack the right tools. This toolkit will take the difficulty out

of this choice and save you a lot of money by avoiding the installation costs many companies charge for upgrades and repairs.

The 11-piece kit includes all you need to service and upgrade computers and devices such as iPods. You'll find Torx drivers, tweezers, Phillips and standard screwdrivers and two plastic iPod pry tools n all in a nylon carrying case.

### Kingston DataTraveler Mini Slim USB drives



\$12 to \$32 at [www.kingston.com](http://www.kingston.com)

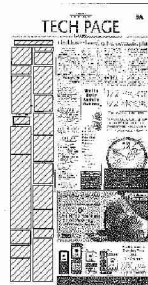
These colorful USB drives n no larger than a postage stamp n offer lots of storage and look good, too. The MiniSlims fit on a keychain and are ideal to hold anything from music, movies, work documents or even a student's homework. They come in sizes 2GB (\$12), 4GB (\$17) and 8GB (\$32) and in colors of black, pink and blue.

### PanTouch Digital Photo Frame



\$179.99 at [www.pandigital.net](http://www.pandigital.net)

The features on this frame include 512MB of internal memory to store thousands of images on a unique, touch screen-controlled interface. The frame compresses their images stored on the internal memory to match the resolution of the frame, allowing the large number of images to be stored without cutting down the quality.



The frame is WiFi compatible (after purchasing a Pandigital Wireless USB Adapter), features a 6-in-1-memory card reader to insert images from your own media, and USB 2.0 ports to connect directly to a camera or computer for accepting images.

The frame can also play music and movie files, which can be controlled on the frame or with the included wireless remote control.

### iTeddy by Zizzle



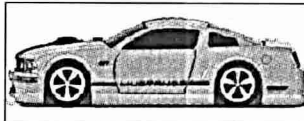
\$89.99 at [www.iteddy.com](http://www.iteddy.com)

Get the young ones into the tech world early with this stuffed teddy bear. Its removable media player features a belt clip and comes loaded with games and videos. A USB cable is included to download other video, music, photos and games into the bear.

All this is viewable on a built-in 1.8-inch screen, which sits right in the bear's belly and is

coverable with the included T-shirt, and audible thanks to built-in speakers. A rechargeable battery powers the unit. Content can be stored in the 512MB of built-in storage, which can be expanded to 2GB with an SD memory card.

### Road Mice by Four Door Media



\$44.95 at [www.roadmice.com](http://www.roadmice.com)

Four Door Media's Road Mice are a series of wireless optical cars that function as computer mice.

Sitting on my desk, it looks great and works just as well.

The Road Mice are great replicas of these models: Chevrolet Camaro Concept, Corvette Z06, Dodge Charger SRT8 and SRT8 Super Bee, Dodge Viper SRT10 and the Ford Mustang GT.

To use the mouse, all you have to do it plug in the USB receiver in any USB port on the computer and hit the gas. They work on Windows and Mac operating systems, in desktops or laptops.

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