

A PC you can carry anywhere **£518**

Viewsonic ViewPad Pro

Web www.viewsonic.com

The Viewsonic ViewPad Pro gives you something a bit different from anything else out there. It's two operating systems in one, so you get Windows 7 Professional when you want to do familiar everyday tasks like typing documents or watching movies; but you can switch it on the fly to Android 2.2 when you want to easily watch media or navigate apps on the move. The ViewPad's 10-inch multi-touch screen is easy to use, and the new Intel Oak Trail Atom processor makes speedy work of tasks.



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Powerline networking

Wireless is a great thing to have, allowing us to connect devices to the internet without having to physically plug into a socket. But in some homes, the wireless router might not be able to send its signal to every room due to interference, walls being too substantial for it to pass through, or simply because they're too far away. Powerline networking is a relatively recent invention that allows you to address the issue by using the electrical wires in your home to send data from one room to another. Simply connect a Powerline plug into a socket near your router, and connect the router to it with an Ethernet cable. Connect another compatible plug in the room you want the internet connection to go to, and connect devices to that with an Ethernet cable. Now, internet data will flow along the electricity found in these wires from one plug to another.

Tiny and tough hard drive **£89.90**

LaCie Rugged Mini

Web www.lacie.com/uk

If your daily journey takes you over the sort of perilous terrain that a rock-climber might face, then you might want to consider a hard drive that will not only fit in your pocket, but is also up to the job of protecting against the dangerous elements around you.

The LaCie Rugged Mini is capable of taking knocks, being crushed or even dropped into water. Then again, you might just want a little added peace of mind, even if your day consists of sitting in an office and driving home. The Mini uses USB 3.0, so file transfers are incredibly speedy, and the price starts at £89.90 for the 500GB version, going up to £140 for the 1TB model. It even comes with 10GB of cloud storage space, so you can back up your most important files to the internet.



Great-sounding desktop speakers **£179**

Blue Aura WS30i Active Monitors

Web www.blueaura.co.uk

If you're looking for a set of speakers to upgrade your laptop or desktop PC, you'll probably go for something like a 2.1 speaker system, which offers a lot of sound for your money. But here's an alternative: a pair of hi-fi-style speakers from Blue Aura, which can be mated to a computer, a TV or even an MP3 player. They're small enough to fit on even the tiniest of desks, but despite their size, they're excellent.

