

EVERYONE'S GUIDE



talian author Carlo Collodi must have been looking into a crystal ball in 1881 when he published the popular children's tale

Pinocchio; one day, we would, in fact, cut the strings from our most popular toys.

No longer fairytales, cool wireless toys are an awesome reality. We're not talking puppets, either. Today's handheld playthings put the latest

music, pictures, sounds and video directly into your pocket, so that you can plug into fun 24/7.

From mobile phones to personal digital assistants, portable music players to portable video players, videogames to video-who-knows-what's-next, high-tech is hot for the Millennial Generation.

Get your hands on these hip handheld gadgets. They're the latest and greatest in toys for the tech-savvy teen.

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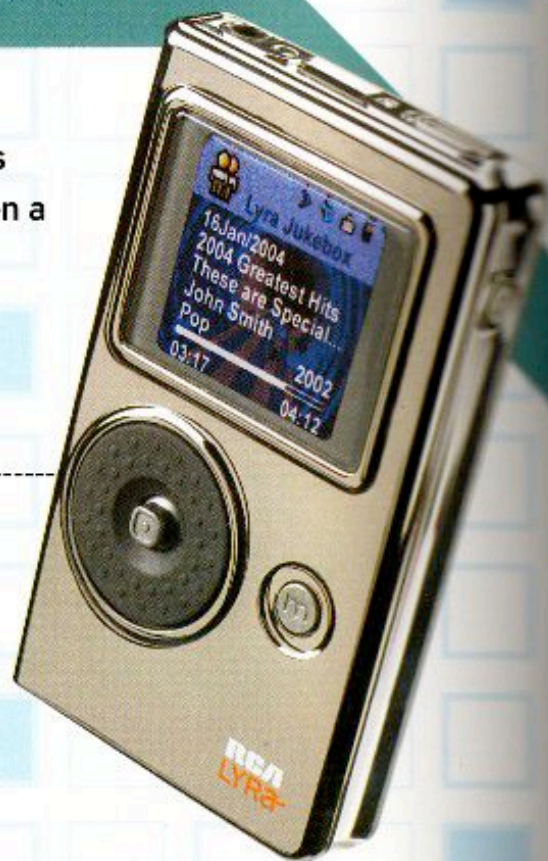
Rock on with an entire library of MP3s at your fingertips. A boom box is gigantic by comparison. A Walkman is antique. Even a Discman is clunky beside these next-generation portable music players.

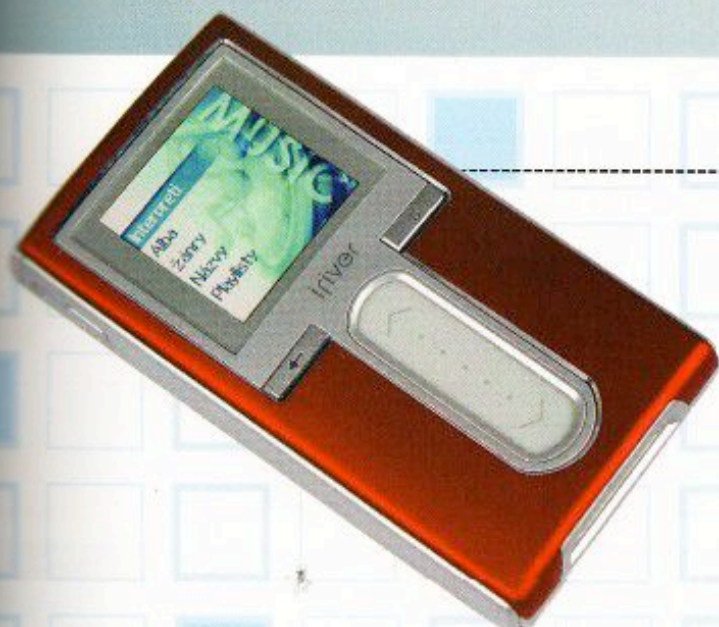
The RCA LYRA Micro Jukebox

Models: 4GB RD2762, 5GB RD2763 and 5GB RD2765

What It Costs: Suggested retail prices of \$149, \$179 and \$199, respectively

Why It's Cool: RCA's LYRA Micro Jukebox players are the size of a business card and weigh less than 3 ounces each. They feature a 1.5-inch screen for scrolling through up to 3,400 songs, or up to 170 hours of music. Plus, they come in three hot metallic colors: Very cool.





iriver H10

Models: H10 20GB, H10 6GB, H10 5GB and H10 1GB

What It Costs: Suggested retail prices of \$299.99, \$279.99, \$249.99 and \$229.99, respectively

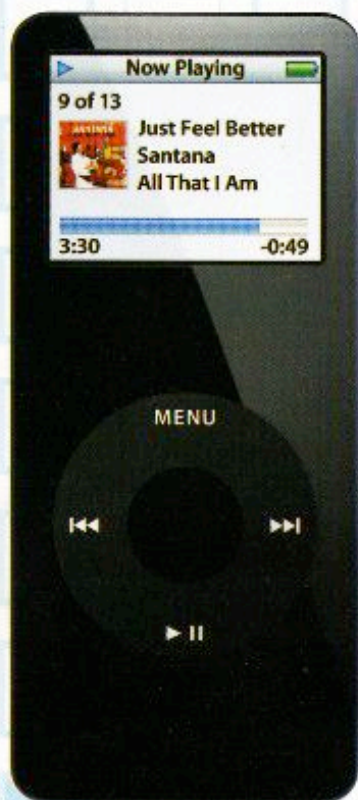
Why It's Cool: Stylish and compact, the iriver H10 series sets itself apart with a built-in FM radio tuner and FM radio recorder, not to mention an integrated voice recorder. It can display digital photos and play up to 600 hours of music—plenty to help you drown out the sound of your parents' music on a long car ride.

Creative Zen Micro

Models: 4GB, 5GB and 6GB

What It Costs: Suggested retail prices of \$179.99, \$199.99 and \$229.99, respectively

Why It's Cool: The Zen Micro is an MP3 player with personality. The eye-catching player comes in 10 awesome colors and holds up to 3,000 songs in a tiny 2-inch-by-3.3-inch package. It doesn't just play music, either. It also records and stores voice-memos and features a built-in organizer with a calendar, an address book and a to-do list.



Apple iPod nano

Models: 4GB and 2GB

What It Costs: Suggested retail prices of \$249 and \$199, respectively

Why It's Cool: Apple's tiny iPod nano holds up to 1,000 songs and is thinner than a No. 2 pencil. Still, the iPod nano includes all the functionality of a full-featured iPod, including the ability to view pictures and shuffle songs. What's more, you can transform your iPod nano into a fashion statement with optional sleeves and armbands for wearing the gadget around your neck or bicep.



SanDisk Sansa m200

Models: 512MB m230, 1GB m240, 2GB m250 and 4GB m260

What It Costs: Suggested retail prices of \$79.99, \$119.99, \$159.99 and \$199.99, respectively

Why It's Cool: SanDisk's Sansa m200 series of MP3 players packs a big punch for such a small toy. The small music players use flash memory instead of a hard disk to store and play up to 64 hours of music. They also feature digital FM radios with 20 presets and provide up to 19 hours of continuous play on just one AAA battery.



Go Satellite

If your MP3 library is looking thin, consider subscribing to XM satellite radio for \$12.95 per month. You'll get access to 150 XM channels, including 67 commercial-free music channels. Play your satellite radio on Delphi's super cool MyFi XM2GO portable satellite radio receiver and digital music player (suggested retail price, \$349.99)—it's the ultimate in portable music.

RCA LYRA Audio/Video Jukebox

Models: 20GB RD2780

What It Costs: Suggested retail price of \$449

Why It's Cool: The size of a small picture frame, the LYRA Audio/Video Jukebox can play both MP3 and MP3Pro files, which claim near-CD sound quality. The player features a built-in MPEG-4 encoder and decoder for watching up to 80 hours of pre-recorded video from television shows, feature films and home movies. It connects to most TVs for viewing on a larger screen—and for recording from one, too!

WATCH IT, BUDDY

Hearing things? See them, too, with a PVP. If a picture is worth a thousand words, a video is worth a million. With these portable video players, you can watch new music videos, goofy home movies and even last night's episode of *The O.C.*, all in the palm of your hand.





Archos AV700 Mobile Digital Video Recorder

Models: 40GB and 100GB

What It Costs: Suggested retail prices of \$599.95 and \$799.95, respectively

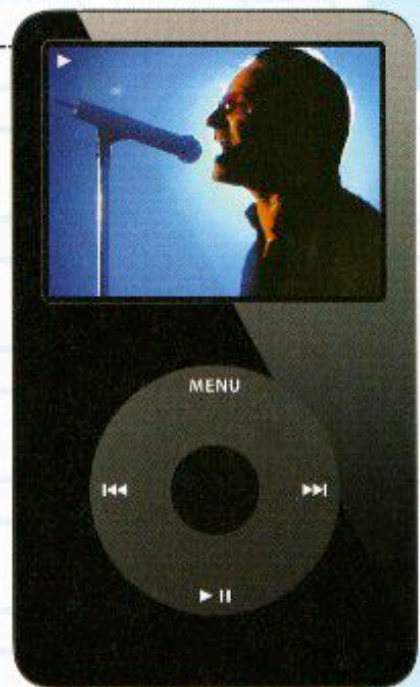
Why It's Cool: The AV700 is the ideal toy for movie buffs and television fanatics. It combines the mobility of a portable DVD player with the recording capabilities of a DVR. Its wide screen and large hard drive are ideal for recording and watching your favorite flicks, whether they come from a television, DVD player, VCR, cable box or satellite receiver. The player stores up to 400 hours of video, or up to 250 movies!

Apple iPod

Models: 30GB and 60GB

What It Costs: Suggested retail prices of \$299 and \$399, respectively

Why It's Cool: The latest incarnation of Apple's trendsetting iPod not only plays music and displays photos, it plays video, too. Super small and super compact, the new iPod is 30 percent thinner than Apple's previous model and has 50 percent more storage. It holds up to 15,000 songs, 25,000 photos and more than 150 hours of video. The new player is coupled with an updated version of Apple's iTunes software, which connects to a library of music videos, short films and popular television shows in the iTunes Music Store.



iriver U10

Models: 512MB and 1GB

What It Costs: Suggested retail prices of \$199.99 and \$249.99, respectively

Why It's Cool: The size of the cell phone in your pocket, iriver's U10 series of ultra portable media players is small and sleek. It supports playback of music, video and photos, as well as Shockwave games, on its 2.2-inch display. And while its capacity is limited, its "direct click" interface allows quick and easy navigation of your entire media library. Besides, it just looks cool.



Creative Zen Vision

Models: 30GB

What It Costs: Suggested retail price of \$399.99

Why It's Cool: With the Zen Vision MP3 player, you can listen to up to 15,000 songs and view tens of thousands of digital photos. You also can watch up to 120 hours of digital video downloaded from the Internet, or even from your TiVo. That's because the player supports TiVoToGo, allowing you to transfer prerecorded content from your television so that you don't miss a single episode of your favorite shows.



Beyond the DVD

Pretty soon, your standard DVD will be junk, just like that box of VHS tapes in your basement. HD-DVDs and Blu-Ray discs—video discs from Toshiba and Sony that support high-definition content—are the next wave in video technology. Look for the first generation of HD-DVD and Blu-Ray players in 2006, beginning with Sony's Playstation 3.

GAME ON

Play to the next level with the hottest game console. Armed with an arsenal of the most inventive, interactive and graphics-intensive videogames ever, modern gamers no doubt look back at 8-bit gaming legends like *Pac-Man*, *Frogger* and *Tetris* as virtual fossils. Exercise your thumbs on these more contemporary gaming gadgets, the coolest yet.

Sony PlayStation Portable

Models: N/A

What It Costs: Suggested retail price of \$249.99

Why It's Cool: Sony's uber cool handheld entertainment system, the PSP, takes portable gaming to new heights. The ultimate all-in-one, it features graphic rendering capabilities comparable to the PlayStation 2, allowing gamers to engage in full 3D games on its 4.3-inch screen. Plus, users can connect to one another for online gaming via a wireless internet connection, download and listen to music, and watch movies with Universal Media Discs (UMDs), a new form of media storage developed especially for the PSP.





Nintendo DS

Models: N/A

What It Costs: Suggested retail price of \$129.99

Why It's Cool: The Nintendo DS has not just one screen—but two!—for multi-dimensional gaming, allowing you to see multiple perspectives, or to access maps and menus in one screen while you play in the other. The portable system features a unique touch screen and supports wireless connectivity between up to 16 gamers. Its voice recognition software lets you tell the game what you want it to do and its chat software lets you send handwritten text messages and drawings to your friends. This isn't just another Game Boy.

Nintendo Revolution

Models: N/A

What It Costs: TBD

Why It's Cool: Code-named Revolution, Nintendo's newest game console will debut in 2006. The size of three stacked DVD cases, it will support downloads for 20 years' worth of Nintendo games and will play games designed both for the new system and its predecessor, the GameCube. It will support wireless gaming, too, and an optional attachment makes it possible to play DVDs. Coolest of all, say goodbye to cramped thumbs because the system features a new freehand-style controller designed to be held in just one hand for intuitive movement through 3D games.



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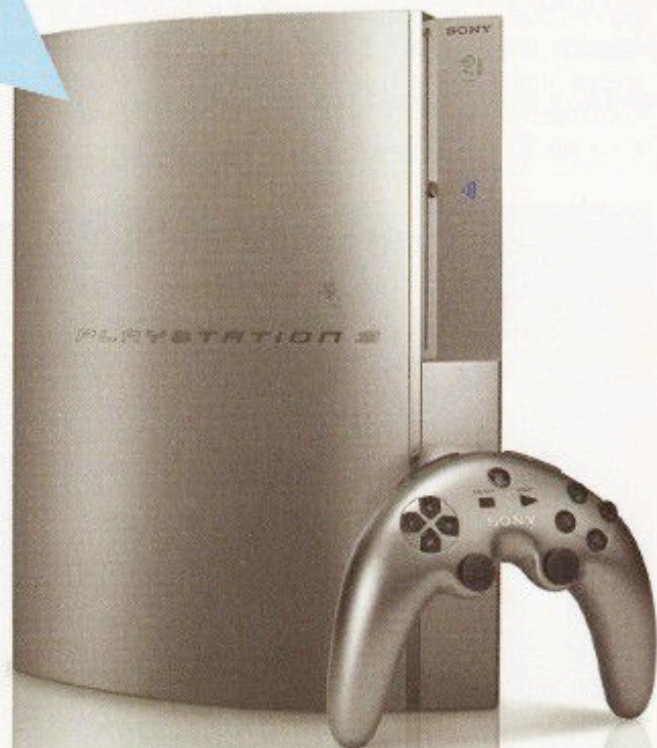
Sony PlayStation 3

Models: N/A

What It Costs: TBD

Why It's Cool: Sony's PS3, scheduled for a spring 2006 release, promises to redefine videogame graphics with its up-to-the-minute hardware, including a powerful graphics processor and BD-ROM technology, which allows delivery of gaming content in high-definition quality. Thanks to this new equipment, the PS3 promises the most realistic characters and landscapes gamers have ever seen. Just try not to confuse your virtual world with your real one -- it could get messy.

**Coming
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Xbox360

Models: Xbox360 and Xbox360 Core System

What It Costs: Suggested retail prices of \$399.99 and \$299.99, respectively

Why It's Cool: Microsoft's Xbox360 isn't just a cool videogame console, it's an awesome all-in-one entertainment system, too. It plays CDs, DVDs and MP3s and is compatible with portable music players, digital cameras and other high-tech toys. It includes a built-in Ethernet port through which players can access Microsoft's online gaming network, XboxLive, to chat with friends, send and receive voice and text messages, and access multiplayer games. It's the only toy you really need.

GET SCHOOLED

In a World of Wireless Widgets, Learning Has Never Been So Easy.

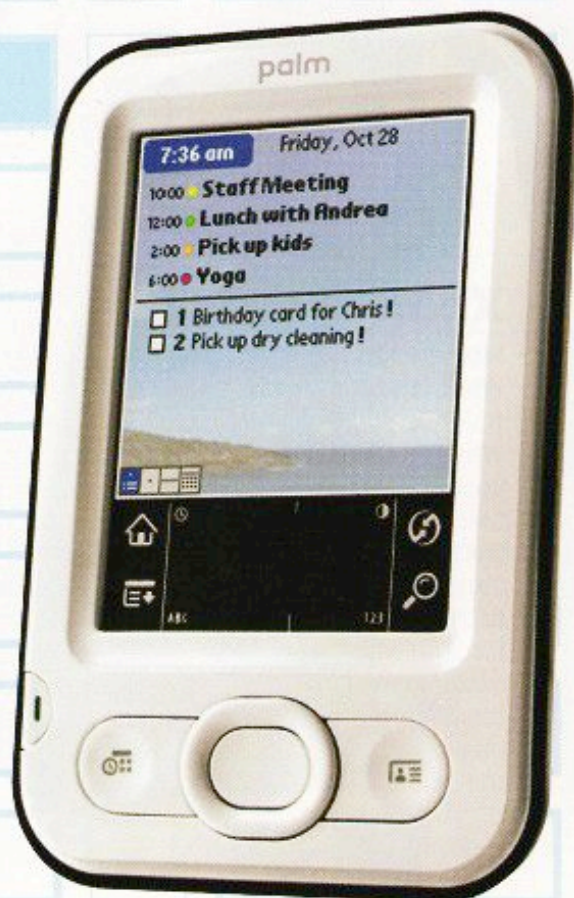
Every student needs pencils, some pens and a pad of paper. But how about a personal digital assistant, or a flash drive for electronic storage? Bring your pencil box into the 21st century with these not-so-standard school supplies.

Fossil Wrist PDA

Models: Fossil FX2008 and Abacus AU5005

What It Costs: Suggested retail prices of \$249 and \$199, respectively

Why It's Cool: Fossil's Palm-powered Wrist PDA is both a cool timepiece and a smart personal organizer. The black-and-white touch screen allows you to easily navigate your clock, address book, calendar and to-do list with the help of a stylus that is integrated into the watch buckle. Tell time and get organized at the same time, Inspector-Gadget style.



Palm Z22

Models: N/A

What It Costs: Suggested retail price of \$99

Why It's Cool: The Z22 is Palm's most affordable and accessible handheld to date. It features a color display and holds thousands of phone numbers, homework assignments, birthdays and photos. The size of a deck of cards, it fits easily into your backpack or even your back pocket. The Z22 has games, too, such as Chess and Solitaire, for when you're bored in Study Hall. Put down your assignment notebook and pick this up, instead.



Franklin Speaking Handheld Dictionary, 11th Edition

Models: SCD-1870

What It Costs: Suggested retail price of \$119.95

Why It's Cool: If the idea of carrying around a massive dictionary in your pocket doesn't appeal to you, try Franklin's Speaking Handheld Dictionary, which packs the 11th edition of the Merriam Webster Collegiate Dictionary into a sleek and pocket-friendly package. The dictionary includes more than 200,000 words and features a built-in ROLODEX organizer, as well as the ability to download and read eBooks.

SanDisk Cruzer Titanium USB Flash Drive

Models: 512MB, 1GB and 2GB

What It Costs: Suggested retail price of \$64.99, \$119.99 and \$249.99, respectively

Why It's Cool: If you need to transfer files from your home computer to school, or if you want to share music and pictures with your friends, the Cruzer Titanium USB portable flash drive is the way to do it. The size of a half-stick of gum, the Titanium is one of the fastest and coolest looking flash drives around. It's also one of the most durable, so you can drop it, sit on it and step on it without worry.



Olympus DM-10 Digital Voice Recorder

Models: N/A

What It Costs: Estimated retail price of \$179.99

Why It's Cool: Why take notes when you can just hit "Record"? The Olympus DM-10 Digital Voice Recorder records up to 22 hours of sound, so you won't miss class, even if you happen to sleep through it. The DM-10 records, stores and plays up to an hour of MP3 music, as well, in case you get tired of listening to your history lecture.



HELLO?

Call and Text Your Way into the Future with the Latest Wireless Phones. Telephones aren't just for calling anymore. Pick up these wireless phones and connect yourself to friends and family, music and video, e-mail and instant messaging.

Motorola ROKR iTunes Phone

Models: N/A

What It Costs: Suggested retail price of \$399.99, without a service plan

Why It's Cool: Forget dancing to ringtones that sound more like dial tones than music. Rock out to some actual tunes with Motorola's ROKR iTunes Phone. With the ROKR, you can easily transfer up to 100 of your favorite songs from your computer to your phone. And while you're listening to music, you can take pictures and capture video with the phone's fully integrated VGA camera with video send and playback. Say cheese!

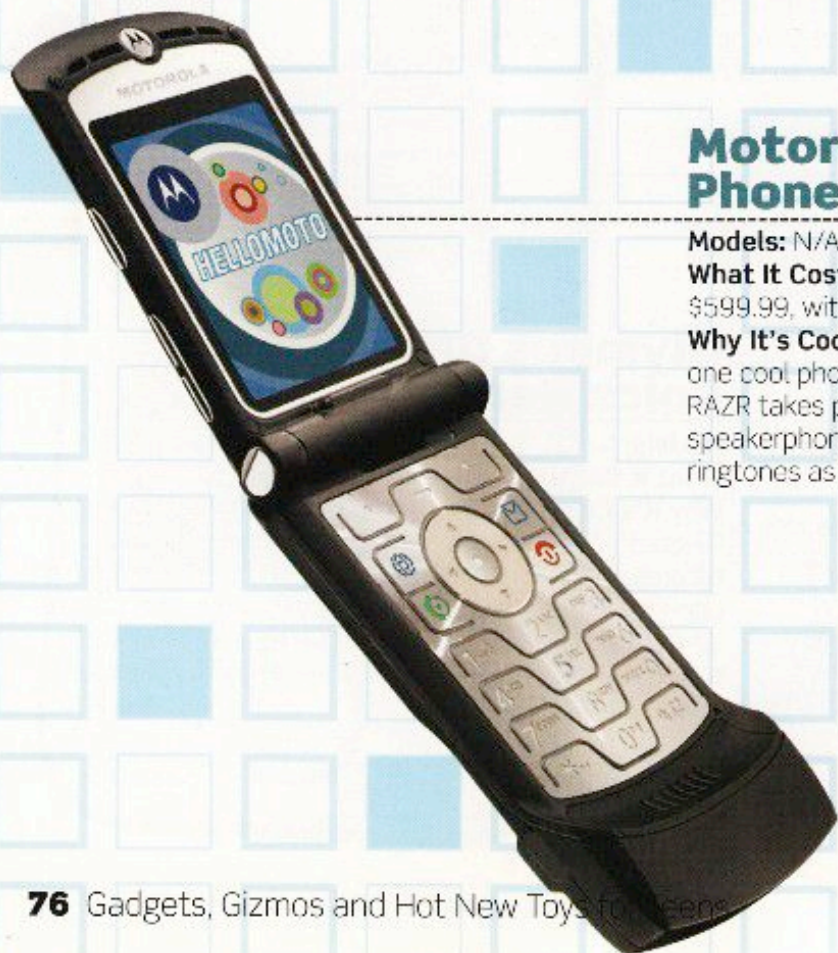


Motorola RAZR V3 Phone

Models: N/A

What It Costs: Suggested retail price of \$599.99, without a service plan

Why It's Cool: Motorola's razor-thin RAZR V3 is one cool phone. More than a cell phone, the RAZR takes pictures, has a functional speakerphone, surfs the Internet and plays MP3 ringtones as well as Java-based games.





Virgin Mobile Slider Sonic

Models: N/A

What It Costs: Suggested retail price of \$249.99, without a service plan

Why It's Cool: The Slider Sonic is a combination phone, MP3 player, video recorder and camera designed especially for teens. Sonic users get access to exclusive video downloads, including animated content from Heavy.com, superphonic ringtones and instant messaging. Other cool features include a "Joke of the Day" from Comedy Central, a *South Park Brain Probe* game and a Rescue Ring feature for ditching bad dates. Not to mention access to full-color games, wallpapers and screensavers for downloading. If you're a tech-hungry teen, the Slider Sonic is your new best friend.

T-Mobile Sidekick II

Models: 512MB, 1GB and 2GB

What It Costs: Suggested retail price of \$299.99, without a service plan

Why It's Cool: The Sidekick II is Hollywood's favorite phone. It's not hard to see why. The Sidekick II is a cool phone with all the extras you need to stay connected. The phone plays HiFi ringtones and voice ringers—voice messages from celebrities—and holds up to 2,000 personal contacts. The phone includes a fully integrated camera and flips open to reveal a keyboard for sending e-mails and instant messages to your friends. Holy handheld gadgets, Batman!



Sprint Pocket PC

Models: PPC-6700

What It Costs: Suggested retail price of \$629.99, without a service plan

Why It's Cool: Sprint's PCS Vision Smart Device is a small computer, disguised as a phone. The PPC-6700 operates on mobile Windows software and includes a full keyboard for sending text messages and e-mail. You can connect wirelessly to the Internet with the phone's Bluetooth technology and subscribe to content from brands such as eBay, Amazon.com and Zap 2 it movies. And with mobile business software such as PowerPoint and Excel, this is a phone that's sure to make your parents jealous.

