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## What's New

# THEGOODS

20 HOT PRODUCTS

IT'S ABOUT TIME	FUN	NOSTALGIC	SURPRISING
CUTE	GEEK-TASTIC	NOT PRETTY	TECH RUN AMOK
CONVENIENT	INNOVATIVE	POWERFUL	TINY
EXPENSIVE	LUST OBJECT	PUZZLING	TOKYO TECH
FAST	MILLION-DOLLAR IDEA	SIMPLE	UPGRADE



### EPSON PICTUREMATE (\$200)

While there are a number of portable 4 by 6 photo printers out there, the Epson PictureMate is the first to print archival-quality photos. Instead of dye-based inks, the PictureMate uses pigment-based inks, which, as the cave paintings in France attest, last a long time. Epson claims the prints will last up to 100 years.

[epson.com](http://epson.com)



### SHARP OPEN AQUOS (\$1,400 - \$1,900)

Sharp's Open Aquos 15- and 20-inch LCD TVs have a hidden surprise: a built-in personal video recorder. The recording capability, which makes use of a no-fee program guide, is built-into the TV, with programming stored to a 5GB hard drive in one of the TV's two PC card slots. The PC card slot approach makes for easy upgrading and adding wireless networking capability.

[sharpusa.com](http://sharpusa.com)



### PHILIPS KEY019 (\$250)

Barely bigger than a stick of lipstick, Philip's Key019 USB key camera is the first to capture video--up to 24



### GRACO PACK 'N PLAY SPORT (\$150)

Graco's Pack 'n Play Sport keeps infants in but is the first with a latched door to afford older children the ability to get out. The 10-pound portable playpen unfolds in two steps and come with a UV-shielded roof for outdoor use.

[gracobaby.com](http://gracobaby.com)



### K'NEX BIG AIR BALL TOWER (\$100)

Remember that game Mousetrap? Well here is the answer to every child's frustrations with the





### BOSCH CS20 CIRCULAR SAW (\$140)

Bosch new circular saw solves a common problem: cutting the power cord. Until now, cutting the cord meant the end of at least your day's work, if not your saw. Bosch solves this problem by integrating the male prongs of a regular extension cord connector. So slice through as many extension cords as you want. Your saw will be fine.

[boschtools.com](http://boschtools.com)



### PIONEER DVJ-X1 (\$3,300)

CD Turntables have been a club favorite for their ability to manipulate digital music on the fly. Now you can scratch, loop and cue videos in real time just as easily with Pioneer's DVJ-X1.

[pioneerprodj.com](http://pioneerprodj.com)



minutes. The Key019 serves as an MP3 player and comes with a remote control neck strap.

[philips.com](http://philips.com)



### TYR AQUA SHIFT SWIMSUIT (\$100 - \$250)

While Tyr's seamless Aqua Shift suit greatly reduces drag, it is also engineered to harness it.

Bands placed at strategic locations on the suit, re-direct water turbulence that usually pushes against you and makes it push with you. After four years in development, this suit is poised to make some big waves at this year's Summer Olympics.

[tyr.com](http://tyr.com)



### SONY HI-MD WALKMAN MZ-NHF800 (\$250)

MiniDisc has been a sleeper, but not for long. With new \$7 1GB Hi-MD discs storing up to 45 hours of music (up from regular 1.5-hour MDs), the Sony MZ-NHF800, and its Hi-MD player/recorder brethren, are sure to gain some notice. Better yet, the MZ-NHF800 gets more than 25 hours of battery life.

[sony.com](http://sony.com)



over-simplified Rube-Goldberg buzzkill that game delivered. K'NEX's new Big Air Ball Tower comes with 1,350 pieces with which to build a complex, air-driven, ping-pong ball odyssey. With all the chutes, elevators, windmill-like spinners and trampolines, this toy might actually catch a mouse by hypnosis.

[knex.com](http://knex.com)



### ATOM SPEEDPAD (\$500)

Created with gamers in mind, Voodoo's Atom Speedpad mouse pad for Voodoo's Envy laptops enhances optical mouse tracking and provides an extra 10 hours of battery life. The Atom Speedpad also enables the laptop to run in AC mode, with no power-saving schemes that might dampen processing speeds.

[voodoopc.com](http://voodoopc.com)



### NEC N9000 (available only in Japan and China)

At .34 inches thick, NEC's N9000 credit-card-size cell phone hold the title of world's slimmest--for now. NEC may have shaved down the circuit board by 40 percent, but it didn't thin out the features: The N9000 boasts a digital camera with an impressive 1.8-inch LCD screen.

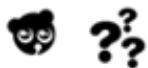
[nec.com](http://nec.com)



2005 MERCEDES BENZ SLK (Price not yet set)

Taking its styling cues from the McLaren SLR, the redesigned Mercedes Benz SLK shakes the cutesiness it suffered from over the past seven years. Under the hood, a quad-valve 3.5 liter six cylinder engine matches its sleek new lines.

[mbusa.com.com](http://mbusa.com.com)



PHILIPS AMBILIGHT TV (\$9,500)

Flat-screen TVs are part decorative statement and part entertainment centerpiece and Philip's Ambilight TV has a backlight that casts a light around the display to enhance both roles. The Ambilight can match your décor or what you're watching, taking its cues from color tones in the video content--gold for desert scenes, blue for deep sea shots. We have yet to test an Ambilight TV, but in Philips' tests, 40 percent of viewers said that the Ambilight created a more relaxing viewing experience, and 57 percent said that Ambilight improved the picture.

[philips.com](http://philips.com)



MOTOROLA T5SOL (\$90)

Motorola's latest FRS (Family Radio Service) radio, the Talkabout T5SOL, keeps you in touch longer thanks to its built-in solar panels. The panels keep the radio's batteries



STANLEY FATMAX TOOL BOX (\$30)

Rugged construction and generous tool storage capacity are what you expect from a Stanley toolbox, but the FatMax adds a new twist. The handle swivels to actuate the locking mechanism so the box does not swing open. Another bonus, the FatMax has a bracket specifically-designed to secure a level so that its vials don't get broken.

[stanleytools.com](http://stanleytools.com)



GN NETCOM GN6110 BLUETOOTH HEADSET (\$300)

Now you never have to take off your Bluetooth headset. GN Netcom's GN6110 not only pairs with your Bluetooth-enabled cell phone, but also connects to your home phone. The kicker is that it works with both simultaneously, so you can answer either phone with one the touch of a button.

[gnnetcom.com](http://gnnetcom.com)



SHARP ACTIUS MM20 LAPTOP (\$1,500)

There's little trade off for the Sharp Actius MM20's sub-two-pound weight. Packed with features, the MM20 has integrated 802.11g Wi-Fi, a 20GB hard drive, ATI Mobility Radeon graphics and a redesigned Transmeta chip that is 40 percent faster than its previous incarnation. The new chip also consumes less energy, boosting battery life to more than 4 hours. The MM20 serves as external hard drive and synchs with your desktop computer.



PIONEER AVIC-N1 (\$2,200)

With their new navigation system, Pioneer is looking to capitalize on consumers' love for all-in-one systems. The AVIC-N1 has an XM Satellite radio receiver, DVD player and navigation system all in one unit. And that unit fits in a single DIN slot.

[pioneerusa.com](http://pioneerusa.com)



GOODYEAR ASSURANCE TRIPLE TREAD TIRE (\$75 - \$135)

With three zones -- one for dry roads, one

for rain and one for icy conditions -- the Goodyear Assurance tire with Triple Tread technology is most complete approach to all-season tires we've seen. While the Dry Zone's rigid edge provides positive cornering, the Wet Zone's pattern borrows from Goodyear's time-tested Aquatread line. The new kid in this tire is the Ice Zone, whose embedded volcanic sand supplies extra grip when plain old rubber just won't do.

[goodyear.com](http://goodyear.com)



RCA SCENIUM PROFILES HDTV (\$9,000 - \$10,000)

Historically, rear-projection TV's exceptionally large screens have been

matched by their equally gargantuan cabinets. While huge strides have been made in terms of cabinet depth and weight in the past few years, RCA's



topped off, but aren't meant to be the primary means of charge. The Talkabout T5SOL, which has a range of about 2 miles, operates at 22 frequencies with 38 private codes.

[motorola.com](http://motorola.com)

[sharpusa.com](http://sharpusa.com)

Scenium Profiles TVs are the first consumer rear-projection TVs to gain entry into the hang-on-the wall club. Measuring a scant 6.85-inched deep and weighing about 100 pounds--even up to 70-inches, the Scenium Profiles are now set to vie with plasmas and LCD TVs.

[rca.com](http://rca.com)

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