

Mr. Gadget's Exclusive GoTV Fresh Gear Reports from the 2006 International Consumer Electronics Show

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January 5-8, 2006 - If you're here, either you're just curious, or you want more information after watching my daily GoTV reports on your mobile phone. Learn more about GoTV Click on <http://www.gotvnetwork.com/>. Each day of the Las Vegas show, I'll file two reports from the floor. featuring products I think are the coolest encountered as I walk the floor. That's the sole determiner. If I like it, if I think you will like it and if I think I can adequately show and explain it within the constraints of time and visibility on the small screen of your device, I'll try and bring it to you. Of course, I want to look for different and unusual things, tucked away in the corners of the show, things you may not see much about elsewhere. Let me know, please.

Below are links and a brief description of the products we presented. So if you like what you saw or if you're here just because you're curious, I hope you find the information you want.

January 8, Part 1

nTren mp3/Data Storage Watches

- Stylish analog watches that contain 512MB to 1GB of flash memory. The water-resistant watches feature a separate battery to power the flash memory, which can hold data, or play mp3's for 10 hours continuously, and some models even have a microphone to record audio. The watches use a USB adaptor for power and to manage the data, but a Bluetooth version may be available in the near future. Starting around \$125.

www.ntrentechologies.com

Gamerunner Video Game Controller

- A controller for first-person perspective video games that incorporates a treadmill for increased immersion... and a workout! Units attach to any gaming console or PC, and will retail for around \$450.

www.fpgamerunner.com

iTouch Touchless Trashcan

- These stainless steel trashcans offer a more sanitary way to deal with refuse by incorporating infrared and smart-chip technology to sense when an object is near the lid and open automatically.

www.itouchless.net

iTouch Touch-Free EZ Faucet Adaptor

- This device uses an infrared sensor to make any faucet work automatically by sensing the movement of your hand, helping prevent common illnesses that are easily transmitted via faucet handles in high-traffic areas.

www.itouchless.net

DocuPen RC800 Mobile Color Scanner

- This pen-sized scanner can hold hundreds of pages of text in grayscale (more if you add your own microSD chip), and can scan in full-color 400 dpi.

www.planon.com

January 8, Part 2

Speck Accessories

- Check out Speck's line of useful and innovative accessories for iPods, cell phones, and PDA's... and some really fun ones like iGuy & iKitty.

www.speckproducts.com

C. Crane Mini CC Radio

- A high-quality, fully customizable radio that will please everyone's ears, including the radio enthusiast's. Powerful antenna, great sound, and the best AM reception available make this the ideal radio for camping, the office, or bedside. \$150 suggested retail.

www.ccrane.com

C. Crane LED Light Bulbs

- These ultra-efficient light bulbs take advantage of LED technology to provide bright light with low heat using a fraction of the energy of conventional bulbs.

www.ccrane.com

Kodak EasyShare V570 Digital Camera

- This one-of-a-kind, dual-lens camera enables you to take ultra-wide angle and close up shots (5X optical zoom), as well as video, in one compact package. Also edit your videos and stitch together panoramic photos in-camera without ever having to use your computer. \$399.

www.kodak.com

eLektex by eLeksen

- Conductive fabric that can be woven into anything, enabling innovative products like fabric keyboards for PDA's and Bluetooth iPod and cell phone controls on your jacket sleeve. Durable, washable, and flexible. The keyboard will soon be available for under \$150.

www.elektex.com

Sanyo Xacti HDV1 High-Def Camcorder

- The worlds smallest high-def camcorder features 720P resolution and a 5.1 megapixel still camera. Records to SD chips as mpeg-4. \$799.

www.sanyo.com

January 7, Part 1

Everio G-Series Camcorder

- A 30GB hard disk-based camcorder that can capture 7 to 37 hours of video depending on the quality (starting at \$599.) A DVD burner docking unit, the Everio ShareStation, will soon be available for \$199. With the two together you can shoot and record great looking DVDs without the ever using tapes or a computer.

www.jvc.com

eAVINU Multimedia GPS w/ Hard Drive

- This GPS device features a 20GB hard drive for pictures, music, and video playback in a self contained handheld unit. Available in March for \$699.

www.jvc.com

JVC HD-ILA

- Prototype rear projection HDTV with a very small cabinet and unbelievable picture quality.

www.jvc.com

RXD702B and RXD412B AV Surround Sound Receiver

- This home theater receiver upscales all video inputs to HDMI so you only need one cable connected to your HD Television. Also features wireless USB interface for streaming music from your computer (only the RX702B is wireless.) Prices are \$799 & \$499 respectively.

www.jvc.com

DLNA Showroom

- This prototype room showcases the possibilities of the DLNA networking protocol which allows seamless integration of all media devices throughout the home.

www.jvc.com

January 7, Part 2

Bladerunner II

- A radio-controlled indoor helicopter that is small, easy to fly, and loads of fun. Up to 15 minutes of flight time per charge on its built-in rechargeable battery. \$70.

www.interactivetoy.com

Power Squid

- A unique surge-protecting power strip with different length cords to easily accommodate all kinds of power plugs. It also features a slim design plug of its own that swivels 360 degrees so you can easily connect it in anywhere. Ample warranties on all models range up to \$500,000 of protection for your valuable electronics. Prices from \$50 - \$80.

www.powersquid.net

AlcoHawk Micro & AlcoHawk Slim

- Digital alcohol detectors that are accurate, easy to read, slim in design, and very affordable. The Micro is \$50 and the Slim is \$70.

www.q3i.com

SMPD-IS Low Light Sensing Chip

- A future competitor to the common CCD chip found in nearly all cameras today. This chip will allow us to see in situations darker than even human eyes can perceive. Expect to see it in black & white surveillance cameras soon, and hopefully in color cameras in the near future.

www.planet82.co.kr

Backup-Pal

- An extremely easy to use backup system for all your cell phone contacts. Can even be used to transfer your information from your old phone to a new one. Uses tailor-made connectors or infrared if your phone supports it. \$40.

www.backup-pal.com

January 6, Part 1

FujiFilm FinePix V10

- The enormous 3" LCD screen covers the entire back of the camera. Features uncommonly excellent low-light sensitivity and retails at \$349.

www.fujifilm.com/ces

Philips Portable DVD Player

- A handheld DVD player with built-in 3 1/2 inch screen that is not much larger around than the DVD itself. \$129

www.philips.com

Targus Remote Tunes TX for iPod Nano

- A handy remote FM modulator that contains your iPod Nano with snap-in 150 foot range remote control on the back. \$80, available in March.

www.targus.com

TeleNav GPS

- GPS for your EVDO-Enabled Sprint and Nextel phone. No extra hardware required for amazing maps, driving directions, points of interest, and much, much more. Maps are kept up to date on their end. Requires a \$10/month subscription fee.

www.telenav.com

Vonage F-1000 WiFi Internet Phone

- A compact wireless handset phone that lets you make calls through any open Wi-Fi network anywhere in the world as much as you like with a monthly subscription fee. Retail for \$80 after rebate.

www.vonage.com

January 6, Part 2

UTStarcom PPC-6700 PDA Phone

- A high-speed pocket PC device is full of features, including Microsoft Windows Mobile 5.0, a 1.3 megapixel camera with mpeg-4 camcorder, and a screen that switches from portrait to landscape when the keyboard is pulled out. \$450-\$600.

www.utstarcom.com

Ritek Mobile ATSC (HDTV) Tuner

- A pocket-sized USB HDTV tuner and magnetic antenna that turns any Mac or PC into a HD television. \$60, but not available in the US... yet.

www.ritek.com

AFT iLounge iPod Dock

- This iPod music player dock features 2 full range speakers and a subwoofer, compatibility with all iPods (including minis & shuffles) and most importantly, a very convenient toilet paper holder. \$100.

www.atechflash.com

Golla Mobile Bags

- Uniquely stylish bags that hold phones, MP3 players, or any other electronics you'd want to go mobile with. Straight from Finland, and only \$15.

www.golla.fi

Pepper Pad Handheld Media Computer

- Wireless access to the internet, email, e-books, and your home network... it even controls your home theater! The Pepper Pad will soon be available with a 30gb hard drive, 60% longer battery life, Bluetooth 2.0, and 802.11g. The current version is available for \$850.

www.pepper.com

January 5, Part 1

LG Electronics 102" Plasma Screen

- One of the biggest plasma screens in the world. Prototype only.

www.lge.com

Sony Ericsson W810i Walkman Phone

- Phone/walkman media player. Up to 500 song capacity, 2 megapixel camera and video recorder. Quad band technology for worldwide use.

www.sonyericsson.com

Sony NWA3000

- Unannounced 20 gig mp3 player. Features intuitive design and unique display.

www.sonyericsson.com

Nokia BH-800 Bluetooth Headset

- One of the smallest Bluetooth headsets available weighing in at 9 grams, with a price tag of \$140.

www.nokia.com

Casio Exilim EX-S600 Digital Camera

- A super-slim 6 MP digital camera featuring an anti-shake DSP chip, a 2.2 inch screen, mpeg-4 video,

and a whopping 300 photos per charge.

exilim.casio.com

January 5, Part 2

Mogo Mouse

- A Bluetooth mouse that parks and charges in the PCMCIA slot of any Mac or PC.

www.mogomouse.com

Fujitsu PalmSecure

- A palm vein identification system featuring accuracy equal to or better than fingerprint and retina-scanning technology. Soon to be used in ATM's, building access, and more worldwide.

fcpa.fujitsu.com

SanDisk E200 Sansa Series Media Player

- This portable media player features a sleek design, up to 6 gigs of storage, a removable, rechargeable Lithium Ion battery, and photo, video, and music playback.

www.sandisk.com

SanDisk SD Chip with Built-In USB

- Available up to one gig, this SD chip flips open to reveal a USB plug and can be plugged directly into any computer, eliminating the need for a card reader, cords, or drivers.

www.sandisk.com

Phillips RC9800i Wi-Fi Universal Controller

- This touch-screen controller can handle all of your entertainment devices, send pictures to your TV, and browse TV listings without interfering with your broadcast.

www.philips.com

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