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Fresh gear

Here's a roundup of this week's new and notable products

Video recorder lets you take it all with you



The AV4100 portable video recorder from Archos packs up with 4½ hours of video or 16 hours of music inside.

Gannett News Service

Media junkies, take note: Archos' AV4100 portable video recorder and player has a whopping 100 gigabytes of memory to store recorded TV shows as well as music, photos and data downloaded from a PC or Mac. Powered by a rechargeable lithium-ion battery, the Pocket Video Recorder can play about 16 hours of music or four and a half hours of video on its 3.8-inch color screen. Measuring about 5 inches by 3 inches by 1 inch, the 11.3-ounce device has a built-in microphone, speaker and CompactFlash slot. Cost: \$800.

www.archos.com

USB drive shares information in a flash

The FlashPoint ShareDrive makes an already handy Universal Serial Bus (USB) flash drive even handier. Developed by Xmultiple, the FlashPoint ShareDrive can share files with another USB drive without the help of a computer or USB bridge. It also can share information with other USB devices, such as cell phones, cameras and MP3 players. Small enough to clip to a keychain, the drive is powered by a rechargeable lithium-ion battery and is due in stores this spring. A 512-megabyte drive will cost about \$95, a 1-gigabyte version, \$125; and a 2GB version, about \$245.

www.flashpointdrive.com

Pocket-size projector ready for traveling show

Mitsubishi's aptly named PocketProjector is small enough to fit in your coat pocket yet powerful enough to display a major presentation in a small room. The projector can create a 20-inch diagonal screen with a little more than a foot of projection space, and a 40-inch screen with less than a yard of space. Capable of working with a notebook computer, a portable DVD player or a gaming console, the projector can produce images with a resolution of 800- by-600 pixels. With an average use of five hours per day, its lamp is expected to last more than 10 years. The PocketProjector will be available in the summer for about \$700.

www.mitsubishi-hometheater.com

Red-hot binoculars for seeing and being seen

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Want to stand out in the crowd? Try peering through a pair of red-hot Ferrari Speed View 8-by-21 binoculars. Designed by Olympus, the 6.9-ounce binoculars with a Ferrari-red finish can be worn around your neck with a strap bearing the Ferrari logo or folded up and tucked inside a pocket. Thanks to built-in dioptic correction, some viewers with less than perfect vision can clearly see the action on the field, or they can adjust the eyecups and look through the binoculars while wearing eyeglasses. The binoculars will go on sale in April for about \$200.

www.olympusamerica.com

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