

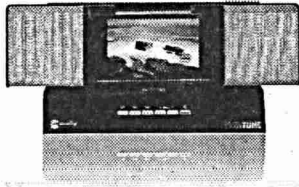
WHAT'S NEW IN GADGETS

Piggyback monitor handles little chores

Sony digital headphones cancel ambient noise

Stuck on a noisy flight? With the help of digital technology that filters and reduces background noise, Sony says its digital noise-canceling headphones can deliver peace and quiet. According to Sony, the MDR-NC500D model can reduce up to 99 percent of ambient noise at 160Hz, which is the peak frequency of a jet engine. The headphones also can be set to reduce the annoying sounds in an office or on a train or bus. Weighing just 6 ounces, the headphones can play audio from a connected device, such as an MP3 player or a digital recorder, and can be set to temporarily allow the outside world in so you can hear important announcements. Cost: \$400.

www.sonymstyle.com

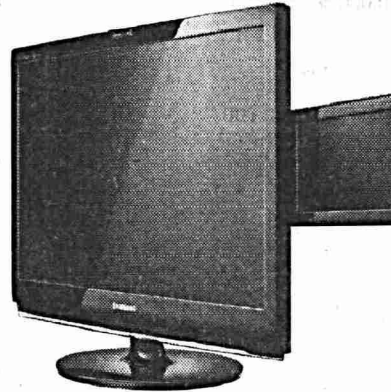


Stereo system flips for iPods

Not sure which way is up? Macally's FlexTune portable stereo system can deal with it. Designed for Apple's iPhone, iPod Touch and iPod Classic, the portable stereo system has a dock that can hold players vertically or horizontally, giving you the freedom to view your iPod upright or sideways. The system includes built-in speakers, an iPod dock that doubles as a charging station and an input jack for connections to other devices. The included AC adapter or four AA batteries can power it. It is \$70.

www.macally.com

Multitaskers will want to take a look – or two – at Samsung's new monitor duo. The SyncMaster 2263DX features a 22-inch monitor with a 7-inch tandem monitor. With the pair, you can edit a document on the big screen while checking e-mail and instant messages on the small screen. Attached with a pivoting, swiveling arm, the small screen can be placed above the main display or on either side.



The primary monitor has a built-in 2-megapixel Web camera, a dual-array microphone and speakers that are convenient for video conferencing. It also has a resolution of 1,680-by-1,050 pixels while the smaller monitor has a resolution of 800-by-480 pixels. Cost: \$550.

www.samsung.com

Easy-write pen offers ergonomic, high-tech feel

Technology doesn't have to be high tech to be sleek. Consider the Ergosleek PenAgain, a stylish pen with an ergonomic no-grip design that minimizes stress on your writing hand. Made of polished aluminum and metal, the pen has been designed to handle the natural weight of your hand's downward pressure as you write, allowing you to comfortably write for long periods of time. Available in black, purple, chrome, red or blue, each pen comes with two extra refills and a desktop stand. It costs about \$20.

www.penagain.com

