

## Gadgets Galore

Don't miss these six hot products for increased productivity, higher profits and — oh, who are we kidding, they're just plain fun!

BY LISA HORN

If you're like most American consumers (especially male ones), you're so enamored with the latest high-tech gadgets that you'll look for any excuse to purchase them. "Honey, I really need this 50-inch HDTV — it will help reduce eyestrain while bringing you and me closer together."

Thankfully, it's easy to find an excuse to snatch up the following cutting-edge items, which combine technological pizzazz with real-world practicality into can't-miss packages. Now if you can just find a way to put them on your expense report.



### Green Energy

With the Solio Hybrid Charger, the days of searching for multiple chargers are over. Garnering power from the sun or wall, Solio stores energy in an internal rechargeable battery, using it to power your gadgets at the same rate as a typical wall adapter.

*Suggested retail price \$99.95. Available online at Solio.com.*



### Powerful Projection

Less than a pound and roughly the size of a digital camera, the 3M Micro Professional Projector MPro10 handheld projector goes anywhere you want to meet. When attached to a video-capable pass-through device, the MPro10 projects up to 50-inch still or moving images with the highest VGA resolution.

*Suggested retail price \$359. Available at office supply stores and Shop3M.com. For more information, go to 3MPro.com.*



**Phone Boost** 

Upgrade your communication skills and boost productivity with the push-to-talk capability of the durable Motorola i335 phone. With the handset's walkie-talkie capability, you can instantly connect to others with the push of a button.

*Suggested retail price \$49.95. Available at major retail stores and independent wireless dealers. For more information, go to [BoostMobile.com](http://BoostMobile.com).*



**Mighty Pen** 

Who has time to transcribe scribbles from meetings into neat, chronological notes? Now you don't have to. The Dane-Elec Zpen wireless digital pen transforms your handwriting into computerized text. It can be used from any computer for viewing and e-mailing, and the NoteSearch tool allows users to search text.

*Suggested retail price \$99.95. Available at [Target.com](http://Target.com) and [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com). For more information, go to [DaneDigital.com](http://DaneDigital.com).*



**Watts Missing** 

Want to stop the voltage vampires but don't know how much power all your electronic gadgets are sucking? The Kill-a-Watt Power Strip with Surge Protection, which features a spike-free on/off switch with a large backlit LCD display, will show you just how many kilowatts your office electronics consume. Plus, you can check the quality of your power by monitoring voltage, line frequency, amperage and kWh/leakage.

Because the Kill-a-Watt can calculate cumulative electrical expenses and forecast by the day, week, month and even year, you'll never again be shocked by your electric bill.

*Suggested retail price \$99.99. Available at Interstate Batteries centers. Find the location nearest you at [AllBatteryFranchise.com](http://AllBatteryFranchise.com). For more information, go to [InterstateBatteries.com](http://InterstateBatteries.com).*



**Traffic Stopper** 

If you're logging lots of Internet miles, it's time to cruise the Web in style. Compatible with both PCs and Macs, the Road Mouse is an 800 dpi optical wireless mouse that uses the latest RF and optical technology for superior maneuverability.

*Suggested retail price \$44.95. Available online at [CarMouse.com](http://CarMouse.com), [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com) and [Buy.com](http://Buy.com). For more information, go to [RoadMice.com](http://RoadMice.com).*