

This is not really a blog, but some of the cool products at CES that was posted at www.krunker.com/category/gadgets/ ...Money out.

Motorola Win Multiple Best of CES 2008

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Innovative, new mobile devices and accessories from Motorola (NYSE: MOT) were among the most honored at the 2008 International Consumer Electronics Show. ROKR E8 received four prestigious awards including the CNET People’s Voice Award, while the MOTOROKR S9 and Motorola T815 each took top honors in the 2008 CES Best of Innovations Design and Engineering Award and Bluetooth Special Interest Group Award, respectively. With an additional eight Motorola products receiving honorable mentions, Motorola will clear the mantle for 14 new awards and accolades from CES.

“The honors and accolades bestowed upon Motorola at CES underscore our strategy of creating authentic, personal mobile experiences that fit into – and enhance – consumer lifestyles,” said Jeremy Dale, vice president, global marketing, Motorola Mobile Devices. “We are honored by this recognition of our innovative devices and are thrilled to deliver these new products to consumers in the coming months.” ROKR E8, the new addition to the Motorola ROKR portfolio features breakthrough ModeShift technology, so consumers only see the buttons they need for a music player, cell phone or imaging device — at the exact moment they need them. The ROKR E8 took the spotlight at CES with a number of key honors from leading technology media outlets. ROKR E8 was recognized with: CNET Best of CES award in the Cell phones and Smartphones category, as chosen by the editors of CNET. The third annual Best of CES Awards honor the top product in each of 10 designated product categories based on hundreds of entries. CNET People’s Voice Awards, based on nearly eleven thousand votes from consumers and show attendees wishing to recognize their favorite product at CES.

Popular Mechanics Top 20 Products of CES – Editor’s Choice Award for which the editors of Popular Mechanics magazine lauded Motorola for bringing haptics technology to everyday consumer products.

LAPTOP Magazine Best of CES 2008: Best Cell Phone chosen by the editors of LAPTOP which also noted “amazing work Motorola has done to improve haptics technology.”

The MOTOROKR S9 headset, which integrates Bluetooth® enabled wireless stereo music and phone calls with an unmatched lightweight design and behind-the-head wearing style, was honored with the 2008 CES Best of Innovations Design and Engineering Award in the headphones category. Now in its 11th year, the “Best of Innovations” Awards are given to the most highly honored products in each category of this consumer technology award program. Additional Motorola products, including next-generation RAZR2, MOTOPURE H12 Universal Bluetooth Headset, the kick-slider media monster - MOTO Z8, MOTOROKR T505 Bluetooth In-Car Speakerphone and Digital FM Transmitter, and the HSDPA smart device MOTO Q 9h global each received an honorable mention in their respective categories.

Several Motorola Bluetooth enabled products were honored by the Bluetooth Special Interest Group (SIG) in its third annual “Best of CES” competition. The Motorola T815, Smartphone-Based Navigation System featuring MOTONAV, was awarded the “Best of” in the Bluetooth transfer category, while the MOTOPURE H12 noise-reduction headset was recognized as a finalist in the Bluetooth headset category. The sleeker, smarter RAZR2 V9m and the clip-and-go auto accessory, the MOTOROKR T505, received an honorable mention in the respective Bluetooth music and vertical categories.

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Toshiba introduces gigabeat V81



Let the gigabeat go on!.. ok. that was a little lame I know. In any event, Toshiba has updated their gigabeat V lineup with their new gigabeat V81 portable media player. The V81 features 8GB of storage space and comes with an SDHC compatible media card slot. The card slot is important because the V81 comes with an integrated TV tuner. Recorded television shows can then be copied onto the SDHC card and then brought over to another PC or device for playback.

Alen introduces AirMD - a greener air purifier



If you're looking for a "greener" Air Purifier device then you might be interested in the newly introduced AirMD device by the folks at Alen Corporation. AirMD is certified lead-free, Energy Star qualified by both the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Department of Energy, and is also ozone safe. Oh yeah, the AirMD also helps to filter the air of various pollutants making it ideal for people who suffer from items such as cigarette smoke, pet dander, allergies, cooking odors, dust, pollen, dust, and bacteria.

The AirMD has a translucent outer core and a choice of two colors for the inner core - bamboo green or white. On the inside, you'll get a HEPA filtration system, UV lamp which will last you 3-5 years and a 24 hour programmable timer. The AirMD measures 8 x 11 x 28 inches, weighs roughly 17 lbs and has a power consumption of 55 watts. You can expect to find the AirMD starting in July for a price of \$499.



[Brando USB Aroma Radio + Speaker](#)





Yes it's time for YABUP - that's "Yet Another Brando USB Product" in case you're not familiar with the acronym (thank you, thank you.. I'm proud of that one!). In any event - the product in question is the Brando USB Aroma Radio + Speaker. You have to love Brando product names - they describe EXACTLY what the product does. It's indeed an Aroma oil burner, AM/FM radio, as well as portable speaker system. You can easily connect an external audio device such as an iPod, or CD player to the Brando device and pipe music through the internal speakers - all while smelling the scented oil coming from the device. It even makes a cool psychedelic bed time light circulating seven different colors.

The feature summary is as follows:

- Built-in speaker
- AM/FM radio
- 7 color changing LED light
- Powered by USB port or batteries
- USB cord
- Measures 88 x 88 x 116 mm and weighs 124 grams.

You can buy the Brando USB Aroma Radio + Speaker for \$30 bucks.



[Gefen launches Gefen TV product line with the Gefen TV Switcher](#)



Gefen announced a new line of add-on HDTV products yesterday called the Gefen TV product line. This new line is based on Gefen's professional series solutions but is packaged differently and is designed for home users.

One of the first products to come out as part of the Gefen TV product line is the Gefen TV Switcher. This box (which seems to be designed to match either an Apple TV or a Mac mini) is basically a four port HDMI switch - allowing you to connect various HDMI enabled devices to a single display or projector. The unit allows you to easily switch between the four sources or you can allow it to automatically switch to the recently powered on device. It's HDMI version 1.3 compliant, HDCP compliant and supports HDMI pass through. The switch measures 6.9 x 2.1 x 6.9 inches and weighs 6 lbs.

The product comes with the switch box, a RMT-4IR remote control, four 6 foot HDMI cables (very nice addition here), a 5VDC power supply, as well as a user manual. The Gefen TV Switcher has an MSRP of \$199.

You can expect to see additional Gefen TV products down the road including the SD and HD Personal Video Recorders.

[Dream Link's USB products at CES 2008](#)





Yes - I'll be the first to admit that I'm a sucker for USB gadgets, devices, and toys. So you can imagine how giddy I was when I came across Dream Link's booth at CES 2008. In fact, the very first thing I noticed was their new [USB MSN Missile Launcher](#) which was prominently on display there (and yes.. I did indeed run over to the booth like a little kid!). Here are pictures of the USB MSN Missile Launcher:



Oh.. and yes the missiles are actually taking aim at me now (you can see me in the webcam picture)



Things you need to know about this model. First, it has an integrated webcam. Yes that's right - a webcam. Why do you need a webcam you might ask? To remotely target your victims using MSN Messenger of course! That's right, you can use MSN Messenger to control the missile launcher and shoot the foam missiles at people. Yes.. imagine the havoc you'll cause in the office!

Features include the following:

- Powered by USB - with 4 feet of cable
- 3 foam missiles and a target
- Twice the distance of the original model

- Moves left, right, up, and down
- Prerecorded sound effects
- Shoots up to 15 feet
- Compatible with Windows XP, 2000, Vista
- Measures 5.019in x 4.33in x 7.303in
- Weighs 0.36 kg

You'll be able to get this product at places like ThinkGeek.com.



Next up, we have the [USB Plasma Ball](#). Yes - it's classic plasma ball that's now powered directly by the USB port. There's not much to say here except that I found myself staring at the ball for minutes on end.. "Must... stay ... away.. from.. the ... light".





Now here's a cool toy (I think?) - it's the USB Roll Up Drum Kit. That's right - get your own portable drum kit which you can simply roll up for storage. Features include:

- Create your own sets or choose from pre-selected tones
- Innovative interface allows all programming and sound to be activated by computer
- Rolls up to small size
- Powered by USB with 4 feet of cable
- Compatible with Windows XP/2000/Vista
- Comes with drum sticks, and software
- Measures 12.362in x 12.244in x 10in



Looking for a gift for that female friend of yours? How about giving her the USB Mr. Perfect? I nearly fell over in laughter when I saw this (BTW, there's also a Ms. Perfect for the guys out there too) actually. Connect Mr. Perfect to your PC and have him send you the "loveliest" messages all day long. You can even select the personality that Mr. Perfect will have - whether he'll be nice or "cheeky". (Cheeky will make the messages a tad bit "saucier"). Finally, you can customize Mr. Perfect with a picture of your Mr. Perfect. hahahah.

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Mr. (and Ms.) Perfect is of course powered by the USB port and compatible with all current version of Windows.

You can see more of Dream Link's products over at their website - the Dream Cheeky (<http://www.dreamlink.info/index.php>).

The Dream Info booth also had some folks from Solid Alliance on hand showing off various USB flash drives. Of particular interest were the following two USB flash drives. Each of these drives cost in excess of \$1000 dollars (I think it was closer to \$1500 but I could be wrong here). The designs are hand-crafted and utterly beautiful!



If you're not quite willing to pay that much for a USB flash drive, perhaps you'd be interested in Solid Alliance's Sushi USB memory sticks? Sushi fans will certainly love to own one of these!



You can check out more products (although in Japanese) at Solid Alliances' [website here](#).

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[Cowon at CES 2008](#)



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Cowon had a small booth located along the side wall of the South Hall of the LVCC. The following are pictures as well as descriptions of the portable media players that they had on display there. Quite honestly - nothing really stood out at Cowon but enjoy the pics anyhow!





First up is the Premium PMP Cowon Q5W. This high end portable media player has the following specs:

- 5 inch 16.7 million color TFT LCD with 800 x 480 touch screen display
- Supports WLAN and Bluetooth wireless connectivity
- Alchemy ALU1250 600MHz processor
- Windows CE 5.0 OS
- TV out with Component, S-Video, Composite outputs
- Supports AVI, ASF, WMV, MPG, OGM
- Supports DivX, XviD, MPEG4, WMV 7/8/9
- Supports MP3, WMA, ASF, OGG, WAV, FLAC, APE, MPC
- Supports JPG, BMP, PNG, RAW
- Photo and text viewer
- Adobe Flash Player
- FM radio
- Voice recorder
- Supports MS DRM 10
- USB 2.0
- Built-in stereo speaker
- 7 hour video playback and 13 hour audio playback
- 40GB or 60GB HDD



Here is the Extreme PMP Cowon A3 media player. The specs are as follows:

- New TI DaVinci chipset
- 1280 x 720 HD video playback support
- 800 x 480 resolution, 16.7 million colors, and a 4 inch TFT LCD display
- TV Out - Component, S-Video, Composite
- Supports AVI, WMV, ASF, MP4, MATROSKA, MPG, VOB, DAT, MTV, OGM
- Supports DivX 3.11 and up, XviD, MPEG4 SP/ASP, WMV 9/8/7, H.264 MP, M-JPEG, MPEG1
- Supports MP3/2/1, ASF, WMA, FLAC, OGG, M4A, TTA, APE, MPC, WV, WAV, AC3
- Video recording from TV, VCR, or camcorder
- Voice recording and line-in audio recording
- Supports JPG, GIF, BMP, PNG, TIF, RAW
- Document viewer
- FM radio and recording
- JetEffect powered by BBE and EQ filter
- User adjustable 10 band EQ
- Built in stereo speaker
- USB 2.0 support
- Alarm scheduled playback or recording
- 7 hours of video playback and 9 hours of audio playback
- 30GB/60GB of HDD storage
- Optional mobile TV package supporting DVB-T, T-DMB, 1 SEG



This is the Premium MP3 Cowon D2 media player. The specs are as follows:

- 2.5 inch 16.7 million color TFT LCD with a resolution of 320 x 240
- Touch screen capable
- Video, music, photo and text playback
- Flash Contents player
- Calculator and Notepad
- FM radio and recording
- Voice and line-in recording
- USB storage
- Easy to use interface via Virtual Click and Virtual Motion
- 74mW output
- Supports full scale 30fps QVGA video and TV out
- SD/MMC card support with SDHC support
- Up to 52 hours of music playback, 10 hours of movie playback
- Dynamic playlists
- USB 2.0
- Supports APE, MP3, WMA, OGG, WAV, FLAC, Moving Picture, JPG, BMP
- Supports MS DRM 10
- JetEffect powered by BBE and EQ filter
- Available in 2GB, 4GB, and 8GB flash memory
- D2 DAB Digital Radio Edition and D2 1 SEG Edition



Above is the Cowon Extreme MP3 iAudio 7 portable media player. Specs are as follows:

- Swing-Touch interface
- Up to a whopping 60 hours of playback
- Choose from 2GB, 4GB, 8GB, 16GB flash memory
- Support for music, video, photo, and text playback
- FM radio and recording
- Voice and line-in recording
- USB storage support
- 1.3 inch color TFT display with 160 x 128 resolution and support for 260K colors
- Supports MP3, OGG, WMA, ASF, FLAC, WAV, Moving Picture, JPEG
- Supports Microsoft DRM 10
- Dynamic playlists
- USB 2.0
- JetEffect powered by BBE and EQ filter
- User adjustable 5 band EQ



Here is the Cowon Optimal Slim iAudio U5 portable media player. Specs are as follows:

- Slim design
- 1.8 inch TFT Color LCD display with a resolution of 128 x 160
- FM radio and recording
- Voice recorder
- USB Storage support
- 64 mW output
- Supports MS DRM 10
- Supports MP3, WMA, WAV file formats
- Choose from 2GB, 4GB, or 8GB flash memory
- Multi Language Support
- Up to 24 hours playback
- Dynamic playlists
- USB 2.0
- JetEffect powered by BBE and EQ Filter
- User adjustable 5 band equalizer

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[Logitech introduces the Squeezebox Duet](#)



Here's the newly introduced Logitech Squeezebox Duet network music system which allows consumers to listen to their digital music collection from anywhere in the home - as long as they are within reach of their network (wired or via wireless connectivity). The Squeezebox Duet has two parts - the Squeezebox Duet Controller and the Squeezebox Duet Receiver.



The Logitech Squeezebox Duet Controller features a beautiful 2.4 inch full color LCD display which helps user navigate their entire digital music collection. A single controller can control multiple Squeezebox Duet receivers around the home. The controller comes with a convenient scroll wheel, a graphical menu-ing system, and intuitive buttons. You can access your personal music collection, Internet radio stations, and online music subscription services all via the Duet Controller. The controller allows you to search music by artist, albums, playlists, genres, and various other categories. You'll also be able to see album cover art on the full color display and be able to customize the screen with your own wallpaper.



The Logitech Squeezebox Duet Receiver is a compact wireless receiver which easily fits in any room in the home - whether it's the living room, bedroom, den, or the kitch. It features 802.11g wireless communications which means you won't need to run an Ethernet cable around the entire house. You can easily run multiple receivers around the home to play separate tracks around the house or you can even synchronize the songs being played back on all the receivers at the same time.



Other features include:

- Support for a wide variety of digital music files including uncompressed and lossless formats
- Connect to SqueezeNetworks - Logitech's always-on Internet radio and music aggregation service
- Supports Windows NT, 2000, XP, Mac OS X, Linux, BSD, Solaris

Specs include the following:

- High fidelity 24 bit Burr-Brown DAC
- Two dedicated linear power regulators for DAC and line-out stages
- Signal to noise ratio - over 100 dB
- Supports Apple Lossless, FLAC, WMA Lossless, AIGG, WAV, PCM, MP3, AAC, OGG, MP2, MusePack, WMA file formats
- Optical and coax digital connections
- Dedicated high precision crystal oscillators
- 802.11g wireless with support for WPA Personal, WPA2-AES, and 64/128bit WEP encryption
- 100 Mbps Ethernet

The Logitech Squeezebox Duet is certainly a cost effective way to add music accessibility and playback throughout the home. The Squeezebox Duet is due out this month for an MSRP of \$399.99. If you want to add additional receivers, they will cost \$149.99. A standalone controller will cost you \$299.99.



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[Logitech's new Harmony One Universal Remote Control](#)



There's a new Harmony remote from Logitech and it was unveiled last week at CES 2008. The new Harmony One universal remote control features a redesigned key layout as well as a new 2.2 inch color touch screen display that uses capacitive technology which responds to tiny electrical charges from the fingertips.

According to Logitech, the Harmony One has a more intuitive button layout with the remote basically divided into four zones:

- Numbers
- Traditional DVD controls
- D-pad with volume and channel up/down
- On-screen menu buttons





The remote features 40 of the most-essential buttons that people use on remote controls.

As with other Harmony remotes, the Harmony One supports the creation of Activity macros - a single touch activates all the components and inputs necessary to perform an action such as watching the TV, or viewing a DVD etc.

Key features of the Harmony One include the following:

- Full color touch screen display
- Sculpted backlit buttons
- New ergonomic design
- Rechargeable battery
- Replaces up to 15 remotes
- Online database of more than 225,000 devices from more than 5000 manufacturers
- Smart Start Technology tracks the power state and input setting of the various components it controls

The Harmony One will be available in the beginning of February for an MSRP of \$249.99.





[VIEVU Wearable Personal Video Recorders at CES 2008](#)



I had the opportunity to drop VIEVU which had a smooth booth at the Sands Expo. This company specializes in creating personal video recording devices and currently has two models - the PVR-PRO which sells direct to consumers for \$499.95 and the PVR-LE which is specifically for law enforcement usage.



VIEVU describes the PVR-PRO as a wearable video recording device and seriously - that's what it really is. Think of it as a small video camera that you attach to your shirt or front pocket. The device has a tri-clip design which basically allows it to be attached to nearly anything out there. There's also a small sliding door that hides the camera lens behind it. When you're ready to shoot some video, simply slide the shutter door down and the camera begins recording video onto it's internal memory.



I briefly spoke with Tom Burns (Sales Director at VIEVU) and he explained to me his own thoughts and feelings about the PVR-PRO. First off - it's a great tool for law enforcement of course because it allows officers to record basically everything that happens at the scene of a crime. Officers can now fully record what is happening from their point of view so there's no argument whether someone committed an illegal action or not.

On the consumer side, it's all about capturing the emotion of the moment. Who wants to go around holding a camcorder or camera in their hands? If people see you shooting video at them with a camcorder in their hands, they will undoubtedly act just a tad bit differently. With the PVR-PRO clipped to your shirt or pocket, there's a much better chance that individuals will act more naturally and show their true emotions of the moment. On top of this - you get to fully enjoy the environment around you without worrying about whether your shot is correct or if you're panning too quickly etc (though you might still pan a bit too fast if you're body moves all over the place!)



Above is a photograph of some video footage taken by the folks at VIEVU while using the PVR-PRO as they were walking through the streets of Vegas. It's definitely a pretty cool device to have on hand if you don't want to deal with actually carrying a camcorder in your hands etc. Here are the specs:

- VGA quality video (640 x 480)
- Weighs approximately 5 oz
- Measures approximately 2.75 x 1.75 x 0.65 inches
- Zero light infra-red capability - records in complete darkness
- Rugged rubberized case for durability
- Waterproof design - IPX5 standard
- 64 degree field of view
- 4 hours of video recording
- Low memory LED indicator
- Low battery LED indicator
- green design - meets RoHS and WEEE standards
- On/Off switch provides lens protection
- Download to PC via USB
- Supports Windows 2000, XP, Vista

The MSRP for the PVR-PRO is \$499.95 which might be a tad bit high for some consumers - especially since you can get camcorders these days for much cheaper prices. Of course - you do lose the convenience of having something wearable which happens to also operate in complete darkness so it's a tradeoff.

If there's one thing I hope VIEVU works on for later iterations of the device - it would be to improve the overall look of the device. While it's fairly small in size, it's still somewhat noticeable if it's clipped on a shirt. If they could further miniaturize it and make it more inconspicuous - that would be AWESOME. Adding a media card slot would also make it even more handy for long usage.

I look at it this way. I would LOVED to have had the PVR-PRO on hand while walking around CES 2008. Why bother snapping up pics, carrying a camcorder etc, when I could simply talk naturally to folks at CES AND be able to record the conversations as they happen.

Oh.. one final note - someone tell the folks at GhostHunters that they need to pick up these devices for their investigations!

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[SE2 Labs and the ITC One at CES 2008](#)





SE2 Labs had a smooth booth at CES 2008 showcasing their ITC One - their personalized all-in-one home entertainment solution. With each ITC One, custom installers or end users can design a personalized system from the SE2 Labs website. According to SE2 Labs, every ITC One is then built and shipped within two weeks. You can choose from the following components for the ITC One:

- Microsoft Xbox 360 console
- Xbox 360 HD DVD player
- Nintendo Wii
- DirecTV
- High Definition TiVo
- Dish Network DVR
- National Cable Providers DVR including Comcast, Time Warner, Cox Cable etc
- AMX Netlinx Control System
- High End Digital Surround Processor
- Bryston Pre-Amp Processor with full digital outputs
- IcePower High End D Class Amplifiers
- High End Video Processor
- Front Touchpanel Screen
- Apple Video iPod with Dock
- Proprietary Remote Control
- Power Conditioning
- Super Quiet Cooling System
- Super Easy 2 Connect Rear Panel
- Transparent Cabling and Cable Harness
- Anti-Noise and Vibration System

The idea is simple enough - do you want to build a complex home theater system yourself or do you want to purchase an all inclusive system that's put together by a system integrator? I just wish the box was a bit more.. attractive looking??

What's even better - once you've designed the ITC One on the website, installing it is a cinch - simply connect the power, video source, and speakers, and then turn it on. There's no cabling to deal with - no racks to install, and no integration issues to deal with.

Starting prices for the ITC One is \$24,995.

Here's the side profile of the ITC One:



Here's the back panel



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Here are some official press images:





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Finally, SE2 Labs won the “Best of Innovations 2008” for the Integrated Home Systems category.

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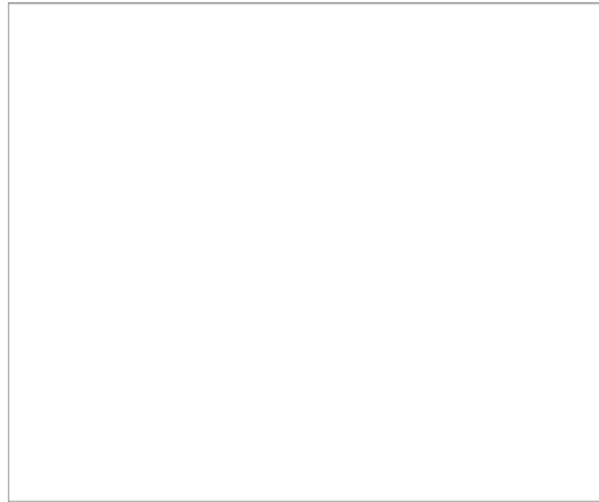
[CNET names iRiver W7 as "Best of CES" for MP3 and Portable Video Players](#)

iRiver has announced that their W7 MP3 player with integrated GPS capabilities has been selected by CNET as the winner of the MP3 and Portable Video Players category for this year’s CNET “Best of CES” awards.

The iRiver W7 features:

- Optional GPS capabilities via a separate car mount
- 3 inch touch screen
- Supports music, videos, photos, text, and Flash games
- Integrated FM tuner
- E-Dictionary
- microSD card slot for additional storage space
- Available in 4GB and 8GB storage capacities

According to CNET, the iRiver W7 is due out in the US sometime around the end of Q1 and the beginning of Q2. No word of pricing yet here in the states. You can read more about it [here](#).



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[IOGEAR Portable Hard Drive/Media Player at CES 2008](#)



This is an upcoming IOGEAR device (which has yet to be announced nor named) which is basically an external hard drive/media player. Inside the green chassis is a small portable hard drive which you can use to store all of your latest digital content - everything from music to photos to videos. Bring it with you to your friends or families' home and then connect it up to your television set to view the content.

On the video side, the device will support most of the popular formats including MPEG-2/MPEG-4/H.264 etc. Storage sizes have yet to be finalized but you can probably expect a 250GB unit to be available sometime in 2008.

The device can be controlled using the onboard buttons or a separate remote control.



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[IOGEAR GearJuice Slim Charger \(Model GMP4001W6\)](#)



Moving up the power ladder, we have the new IOGEAR GearJuice Slim Charger (model GMP4001W6). This ultra-portable device is the perfect power/charging companion to your USB compatible mobile devices. Simply charge the GearJuice Slim Charger and then bring it with you on the road. When your mobile devices are running low on power, connect the Slim Charger and have it power/charge your device. As an example, the Slim Charger is typically capable of charging a cell phone 1 to 2 times before it itself needs a recharge.

Features of the GearJuice Slim Charger include:

- Lightweight and ultra-thin design
- High capacity and reliability
- Works with most phones and PDAs
- Built-in short circuit, over-charge, and temperature protection
- 5V power supply
- Fits in your wallet, purse, or pocket easily
- USB output
- Rechargeable cycle up to 500 times
- Measures 3.5 x 0.2 x 2.22 inches and weighs 1.5 oz

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[IOGEAR GearJuice Rescue Charger \(Model GMP3001W6\)](#)



You can classify this one in the “Why didn’t someone think of this before?” category. If you have a number of mobile devices with mini-USB connectors, then the IOGEAR GearJuice Rescue Charger is for you. This device takes a single AA battery and provides extra juice to your mobile device thanks to the mini-USB connector. Think of it - how many times has your cell phone or PDA died and you wish you had access to your charger? Chances are, you had a better shot in finding an AA battery than having your charger on hand.

Features include:

- Rescue your cell phone or mobile device from power failure
- Lightweight and compact design
- Uses one AA battery
- Provides up to 15 minutes of additional talk time
- Mini USB output for most USB charging devices
- Built-in overcharge, short-circuit, and temperature protection