Bose Lifestyle 135 System (right) and Bose CineMate 1 SR

\$4,999 (Lifestyle 135 System), \$2,999 (CineMate 1 SR)

These two soundbar systems are a first from Bose and are designed to connect easily to a user's existing TV and home entertainment devices. The CineMate 1 SR is a 2.1 channel system comprising a soundbar speaker and wireless subwoofer module that connects to a TV with just one cable. The Lifestyle 135 features the same soundbar system but includes an additional media console and an iPod dock. The media console lets users connect up to six music and video sources, such as Blu-ray or CD players, to the system. Both the CineMate and Lifestyle 135 feature soundbar speakers that can be placed horizontally on a table or mounted vertically on a wall. The speaker then automatically makes adjustments to optimize the sound optimise the sound.

HEADPHONES

Philips SHL9700/10

Designed to woo aspiring DJs, these headphones feature studio-grade 40mm speakers. The earcups sport an aluminium exterior and come with memory-foam earpads that offer a comfortable fit for long hours of use. These headphones are foldable as well, so that they can be easily stored for travel.

EARPHONES

Vcho Z-1 \$29.90, from Tangs Orchard

These affordable in-ear style earphones feature noise-isolating technology that can help keep out unwanted ambient sound. Weighing a light 2g, these earphones have 10mm speakers that can enhance bass notes. The earphones also feature flat, wide cables made to prevent tangling.



PHONE ACCESSORY

CaseMate Tank for *iPhone* \$99, from EpiCentre

As its name suggests, this iPhone case is designed to offer heavy duty protection. It also claims to the first to feature a physical screen that protects the iPhone's touchscreen from impact, cracking and condensation. This screen can be retracted into the case like a sliding door when the phone is in use. The body of the case features a hard polycarbonate outer shell and a soft, silicone interior that cushions the phone against impact.

PHONE ACCESSORY

Veho Pebble Mini \$69, from Tangs Orchard

It may be small, but this credit card-sized portable battery pack can store enough juice to fully charge a smartphone twice. The Pebble Mini comes with four different charging adapter tips, including ones for the iPhone and BlackBerry devices. This battery pack also features an automatic shut-off mode that protects devices against short-circuits and over-charging.

PHONE ACCESSORY

Fostex AR4i

\$210 (before GST), from ProAktiv Systems

Wannabe iPhone movie directors may want to take a look at this quirky accessory - it is designed to improve the sound quality of the videos you record with the iPhone 4. This accessory attaches to the iPhone 4 and features three stereo inputs. It comes with two microphones that can be plugged into the main unit. The AR4i runs on two AAA batteries, which will provide enough power for about eight to 10 hours of use.

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