



1 PHILIPS STREAMIUM MCI900

What did we tell you about gadgets that eliminate the middleman? The MCi900 lets you tune in to Internet radio without your PC and allows you to store up to 160GB of music in its hard disk drive. This hi-fi system isn't just for show, though; its speakers are touted as more rigid, preventing vibrations and optimising sound quality. The alien-like tweeter that hangs above each speaker box serves to emit sound in all directions, giving you an audio experience that is hard to replicate.

PRICE \$1,299

3 PHILIPS NOTEBOOK CUSHIONSPEAKER

Despite its name, a laptop is not designed to sit on your lap. The Notebook Cushionspeaker is an excellent meld of both comfort and design, created to keep your laptop cool and your legs happy with its sturdy top and cushy base. Don't forget that it doubles as speakers, too, at a pretty respectable value to boot.

PRICE \$122

2 WINE-O-MATIC

Even opening a bottle of wine can be an art – the curiously named Wine-o-matic will give you a perfect dinner table performance every time. It's an unassuming metal cylinder that pops wine bottles with remarkable efficiency. All you have to do is lower the device (it uses an automated corkscrew) onto the bottle stopper, press a button and – voila! – the cork is off and you're ready to party.

PRICE \$89.90

4 JBL RADIAL IPOD LOUDSPEAKER

With its circular front-and-back speaker design, the shiny, black JBL Radial iPod loudspeaker dock is set to steal the spotlight at your next house party. This futuristic-looking speaker doesn't forsake sound for design, though – it pumps out stellar audio quality with crisp, resounding high notes and floor-shaking bass lines. It comes with an invaluable little remote that lets you switch tracks without having to elbow through your party guests.

PRICE \$469



Facts of life

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The number of seconds that usually passes before a lady guest checks out the bathroom of a single man's home.

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