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The "Cable Turtle," shown here connected to a cell phone, helps to hold loose cords and long wires in the car and elsewhere.

New gadgets tie up loose ends, er, wires

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Messy cars are nothing new. Since Model T days, people have trashed their vehicles with a host of litter such as food wrappers, empty cups and piles of papers.

But one type of disorder, a bunch of wires dangling from electronic gizmos, is a comparatively new phenomenon.

Now, like the car trash bucket that fits over the bump between the seats, new gadgets have been developed to wrap up, hide or otherwise corral wires, tools and other items. Most items cost \$30 or less, some as low as about \$5.

Here are some of the latest gadgets, according to online retailer Cable Organizer.com:

▸ **Micro cases.** The Pelican-brand holders are small enough for the glove box yet can hold PDAs, MP3 players, cell phone, even paperwork or jewelry. They're made of crushproof, impact-absorbing, watertight material to keep gizmos dry and secure.

▸ **Wire wheel.** The EZWIND Cord Organizer can wrap up jumper cables and help take the twists and tangles out as you wind.

▸ **Hiding it.** A gadget with the catchy name Cableyo-yo is a mini-cord reel to take out extra cord length, such as from a cell phone plugged to a cigarette lighter.

▸ **Tote bag.** A Klein Tools canvas bag, which has multiple interior pockets and a wide opening, can haul everything from tools to electronic devices.

▸ **Instant charge.** The Power Station Traveler which can charge up to three small portable devices such as an iPod, cell phone and Game Boy at the same time.