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The mission of our shopping guide is to help you find products that are suitable for your individual needs and that work well with Windows Vista. Our reviewers' verdicts will never be swayed by advertising revenue or by 'freebies' – only by each product's quality and value for money.

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"I need to download some files from an old floppy disk"

The floppy disk isn't dead just yet. If you want to access the data on old floppy disks on a modern Windows PC, then you'll need a floppy disk reader. This Lindy model simply plugs into your PC's USB connection and is ready to use. It's slim and lightweight, so you can easily about tuck it in your back pocket.

Lindy USB Floppy Disk Drive

Web www.lindy.com/uk

Price £29.99



"I need to carry my notebook around safely"

This pair of funky-looking cases will protect your notebook from damage when you're on the go, and their in-built cooling stands stop the laptop getting too hot when you're working at a desk. The SleeveTop, and its slightly more substantial-looking bigger brother, the PocketTop, are available in orange and green, while the more conservative business can choose to get them in silver.

Belkin SleeveTop and PocketTop

Web www.belkin.com/uk

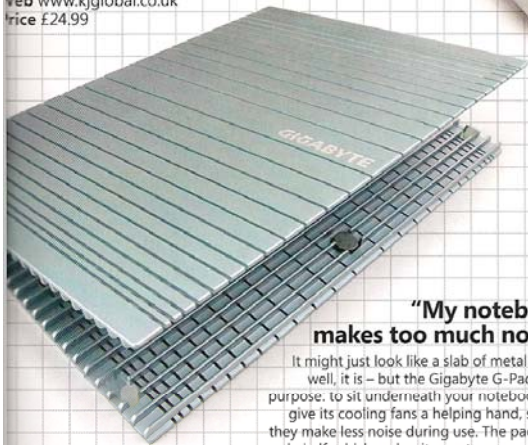
Price SleeveTop £29.99; PocketTop £39.99



"Laptop accessories just aren't small enough"

There are plenty of mice designed for notebooks on the market, but few are truly portable. The Slim G4 optical mouse is about the size of a credit card and is designed to fit in a single PCMCIA slot on your notebook. It's got a touch scroll wheel, a rotating cable tidy and the body can be folded over to make it more comfortable in the hand. It's available in four different colours and you can even get your own design on it.

Slim G4 Optical mouse
 Web www.kjglobal.co.uk
 Price £24.99



"My notebook makes too much noise"

It might just look like a slab of metal – and, well, it is – but the Gigabyte G-Pad has a purpose: to sit underneath your notebook and give its cooling fans a helping hand, so that they make less noise during use. The pad folds in half, which makes it easy to carry around, and comes in small and large sizes, to cater for the more modest or bigger notebook. There's a choice of a black or silver finish, too.

Gigabyte G-Pad Fanless Notebook Cooling Pad
 Web www.gigabyte.com.tw
 Price £17.99 (from www.scan.co.uk)

"My computer wires keep getting all tangled up"

One day, everything from phone chargers to speaker cables will be wireless. But, until then, these cable-tidy solutions will enable you to clean up excessive wiring in a variety of cool ways, from a frog that looks a bit like a sumo wrestler to a fish skeleton, that, er, looks like a fish skeleton.

Animal Cord Control
 Web www.cableorganizer.com
 Price Approximately £2, depending on exchange rate



"I just want an MP3 player that plays music, nothing more"

Creative's Zen Stone MP3 player proves that despite technology's endless progression, not everyone wants their music device to do everything. Some just want it to play music and the Zen Stone does just that. It's got 1GB of memory – good for around 500 songs – is incredibly compact, and there are six different colours to choose from. Subscribe to *Windows Vista Magazine* today, and you could get one for free! Turn to page 54.

Creative Zen Stone
 Web www.creative.com
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