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ThumbsUp Dual Power Bank

With two USB ports and enough capacity to fully charge a smartphone three times, as well as keeping an iPad charged on the move, this portable charging unit is perfect for moments when a standard battery won't last long enough. Its LCD screen shows remaining charge, and three USB cables are included in the box, including one for Apple products.

Price: £39.99 from menkind.co.uk



Kensington SoundWave

GPS-based apps, such as navigation and driver monitoring tools, can quickly drain an iPhone battery. Kensington's new wind-screen-mounted cradle includes a charging cable and compact USB charger, and features a built-in speaker which amplifies voice directions, calls and alerts from whichever app you're using through the speakerphone.

Price: £34.99 from Kensington.com



Blue Microphones Tiki

Claimed to be the first USB microphone capable of behaving like the human ear, the Tiki is able to focus on the required sounds and block out the rest. Keyboard tapping, whirring computer fans and other background noises are reduced, ideal for conference calls or recording interviews in CD quality, and it mutes itself automatically when not in use.

Price: £59.99 from Apple Store

HipKey

Designed to make it easier to keep track of your belongings, HipKey attaches to your keys or bag and is paired with a phone or tablet via Bluetooth. Leave either the fob or the device it's paired with behind, and once you walk outside a pre-set proximity area it'll sound an alarm. HipKey also features built-in motion sensors to let you know if your bag is being moved, and can trigger an alarm to help you find your phone too.

Price: £69.95 from hippih.com



apps of the month



Garmin StreetPilot

Understanding that navigation goes beyond driving, Garmin's new app for iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch doesn't stop navigating when you're parked. Its Urban Guidance mode includes public transport routes, while Google Street View lets you view your destination before you set off. Lane assistant, 3D buildings, driving style monitoring and Cloud synchronisation across all devices mean it's just as capable inside the car too.

Price: £44.99 from iTunes Store



Delivery Status Touch

Keep track of packages from a growing list of delivery companies, including Amazon, City Link, DHL and Royal Mail, all from within one app. Simply enter tracking details and the app will show delivery times and the package's location on a map. Companies not supported can also be tracked, though in less detail, and the app synchronises with a desktop widget for live updates.

Price: £2.99 from iTunes Store



Partly Cloudy

A clever and unique way to plan around the unpredictable British climate, Partly Cloudy uses a rotary clock-style infographic to show temperature, wind and precipitation at a glance for any point of the week ahead. Favourite multiple locations within the app for easy planning and click to access detailed information as required.

Price: 69p from iTunes Store