



100 Best Apps+Games

There are over **5,500** third-party applications in the iPod touch and iPhone App Store, the most expensive of which was a **\$999.99** program called "I Am Rich." Apple pulled that title, declaring it useless, but left hundreds of other clunkers up for download. Some are **free**. Most sell for **\$20** or less. Few users have time to sort through them.

Guess who's been scouring the Store every week since it opened? That's right: lucky, lucky us. We've actually been watching iTunes for new software since 2006, downloading every single iPod Game that Apple released. Now we've assembled a list of the **100 best apps and games** we've tested - for iPhones, iPod touches, and Click Wheel iPods - focusing on **titles with mainstream appeal** rather than ones made for narrow audiences. Inside, you'll see only the good stuff, including games - the Store's most popular genre - and apps that let you create art, share photos, record audio, stream music, buy movie tickets, and much more.



Trism

The iPhone's best original puzzle game has you match colored triangles by tilting and touching the screen. Multiple modes, great fun. **\$3**



Aqua Forest

Mixing Japanese cartoon graphics and an amazing fluid simulator, this unique puzzle game needs turns and touches to control liquids. **\$8**



Tetris

Better than the many versions that have come before, this one adds touch- and shake-controlled attacks to help clear colored blocks. **\$8**



Bubble Bash

Available for iPods and iPhones, this bubble-busting game has tropical themes and lots of levels; it's aim- and time-pressured. **\$5**



Super Breakout

The official sequel to the arcade game is the best iPhone block-buster, complete with element-themed art, music, and new power-ups. **\$5**



Tap Tap Revenge

As one of the only rhythm games for the iPhone, this has you tap a bar at three points as balls touch it, to the beat of music. A new song, every week. **FREE**



Bejeweled 2

Both iPods and iPhones have versions of this "match 3 gems in a line" game, but the iPhone version has better effects and more jewels. **\$8**



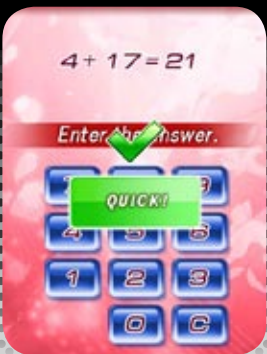
Diamond Twister

A cheaper Bejeweled variant, this one changes the number of on-screen gems and introduces both "reward gems" and a storyline. **\$5**



Block Breaker 2

While the iPod original is good, the iPhone Breakout clone is great - tons of powerups, action, and a two-player mode, all intense + fun. **\$5**



Brain Challenge

Sold for iPods and iPhones, this clone of Nintendo's Brain Age keeps you quickly solving trivia questions to raise your brain's acuity. **\$10**



KuGon

A puzzle game for math nerds? Yes - use logic to figure out which numbers fit into empty spaces on a grid. It's better than it sounds. Really. **\$3**



GalCon

With great touch-based controls, you launch ships at enemy planets to conquer single-screen galaxies. Many modes and multiplayer, too. **\$5**



Blackjack 21

Making blackjack worthwhile as a paid game is tough, but this one's many features - art, gambling, and rules - make it worthwhile. **\$2**



MotionX Poker

Impressively realistic, this dice-based poker game lets you shake to roll five dice into winning hands. Great art and unlocked features, simple play. **\$2**



Solitaire Forever

Hiding 150 different solitaire games behind an interface that is as flashy or flat as you prefer, this title makes great use of the iPhone's 3-D. **\$6**



Texas Hold'em

Based on the iPod poker game, the iPhone version sells for the same price and features higher-res artwork, new levels and wi-fi multiplayer. **\$5**



Moonlight Mahjong

One of our favorite iPhone tile-matching games uses 3-D to let you solve gravity-defying puzzles that would be impossible in reality. **\$5**



nikoli Sudoku

Fans of the popular number-based puzzle game can play Hudson's "official" Volume 1 with Japanese or Arabic numerals, plus music. **\$6**



Platinum Sudoku

For sheer scale, no Sudoku title can compare with this one, which has tons of themes, fonts, and songs, plus Kakuro, a full second game. **\$2**



Zen Pinball: R

The lack of truly great pinball games pushes this one to the top, a complete 3-D model of a rollercoaster-themed machine that tilts. **\$5**



De Blob

As action games go, this "run around coloring buildings with paint" title is pretty fun, offering intuitive controls and a kid-friendly theme. **\$7**



MazeFinger

Use your finger to trace an electric path through mazes, set to the beat of techno music and aided by cool special effects. Addictive, and... **FREE**



aMaze!

Though the very similar Labyrinth has 500 mazes, the 110 here are all solid, letting you tilt the device to make a ball safely exit, avoiding trap holes. **\$5**



Topples

Think Tetris in a cartoon Jenga world, where you stack blocks to set heights, fearing collapses. Cute, challenging, and cheap - a lot of fun. **\$1**



Shanghai Mahjong

More customizable than any other tile-matching game for the iPhone, this title lets you download new art, puzzles and tiles for free. **\$5**



Flick Sports Bowling

Only Freeverse has gotten bowling right on the iPhone, with fun touch-based controls, 3-D graphics, and nice audio. It's simple and fun. **\$5**



Mondo Solitaire

With over 100 different variants on solitaire, this cleanly designed game features user-selectable art and a straightforward interface. **\$10**



Real Soccer 2009

Equal in execution to any Nintendo DS soccer title, this one uses 3-D graphics, an on-screen joypad, and licensed teams to great effect. **\$10**



GL Golf

There's no truly great golf game yet on the iPhone, but this version at least has smooth 3-D ball tracking and five different 18-hole courses. **\$8**



Bomberman Touch

Based on the classic console action-puzzler, this lets you walk mazes blowing up enemies and blocks to find exits. Lots of levels to play. **\$8**



Asphalt 4 Elite Racing

Originally glitchy, the most technically advanced iPhone racer gives you 28 different vehicles, 9 cool tracks, and a multiplayer mode. **\$15**



Neverputt ME

With over 100 holes, this miniature golf title makes up for its lack of interface polish with lots of unique course designs, and a low price. **\$1**



Cro-Mag Rally

Impressively smooth, detailed levels and vehicles use caveman-themed art. There's a ton to explore and race through, now at a great price. **\$2**



iSlots

Picture the typical pocket-sized slot machine simulator. Now imagine it done right. This is as good as free one-armed bandits get. **FREE**



BiiBall 3D

Cheap, fun, and simple - you roll a ball through mazes filled with collectible stars, then shoot certain blocks that get in your way. **\$1**



Missile Command

Atari's 1980 "shoot down the missiles before they hit you" game gets refreshed with easier touch controls and much-improved AV. **\$5**

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Star Trigon

Twice the price on iPhone as on iPods, this puzzler lets you create triangles by jumping from planet to planet, rescuing floating people. **\$10**



Spore Origins

The first fifth of Spore sees you grow from a single cell into a deadly fish, collecting DNA in the water. Prettier on iPhone, cheaper on iPod. **\$5-8**



Uno

Currently only for iPods, this rendition of the classic card game is fast-paced, fun, and playable by one to four people at once. **\$5**



Peggle

The best iPod game released in the past year, this super-addictive mix of pachinko and pinball has you hit and remove pegs to beat levels. **\$5**



Spin

Beautifully illustrated, this simple puzzle game challenges you to turn a 3-D object to match a flat 2-D silhouette. Quite good for kids. **\$5**



Monopoly

Another iPod-only title, EA's version of this classic board game looks, feels, and plays like the original, only with superior automation. **\$5**



Song Summoner

A complete iPod-only strategy RPG by Japan's famed Square Enix, this lets you use iPod music to create soldiers that fight evil robots. **\$5**



Naval Battle

iPod-only, this enhanced version of the classic Battleship includes great visuals and numerous stages rather than just the same old board. **\$5**



Venger

The iPhone's best 3-D space shooter offers 20 challenging levels with mixes of Star Wars-like trench dodging, asteroids and bosses. **\$4**



Vector Blaster

Based loosely on the old arcade game Tempest, this lets you move a spaceship on the outside of a wireframe, shooting enemies. **\$3**



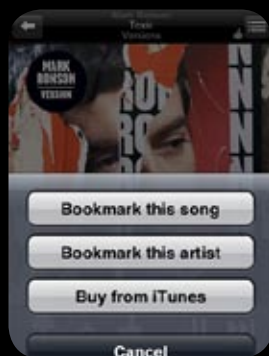
TanZen

This puzzler has you turn and place seven small shapes to recreate a larger, silhouetted shape. Free for 18 levels, 200 levels for a buck. **\$1**



X-Plane 9

This amazing sim is educational, not an action game; it uses realistic plane, weather, and terrain models to teach real flying skills. **\$10**



Pandora Radio

This amazing app streams music directly from EDGE, 3G or Wi-Fi, auto-picking songs you'd like based on a single artist or title. Plus, it's free, like radio. **FREE**



Last.fm

Though Pandora's picks are better, this offers a similar "choose a favorite artist, hear similar songs" service that also works outside the U.S. **FREE**



allRadio

Unlike Pandora and Last.fm, this app lets you tune over 4,000 Internet Radio stations over EDGE, 3G, or Wi-Fi, picking genres and stations yourself. **FREE**



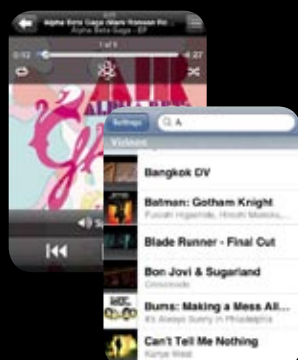
Sportacular

If you need sports scores for your favorite teams while on the road, this app is customizable, includes news, standings, and stats. Plus, it's... **FREE**



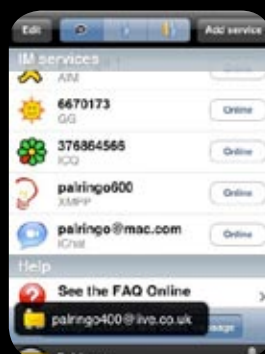
Snatch

Use an iPhone or touch as a multi-button trackpad and full Wi-Fi keyboard for your Mac - great for distance control. A PC version's coming soon. **\$7**



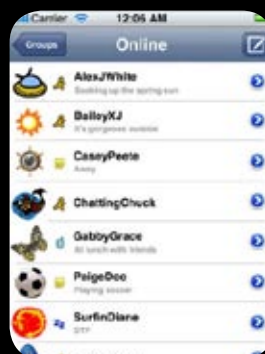
Remote

Apple's first free app lets the iPhone or touch work as a simple Wi-Fi remote control for any iTunes or Apple TV library, with Search and Genius. **FREE**



Paltalk

Our current top instant messaging app, this lets you chat on any major IM network, plus send audio and pictures, and receive web links. **FREE**



AIM

AOL's official IM app offers a nice interface, but no audio, photo, or web support. Still, for users of PC-based AIM or Mac iChat, it's easy. **FREE**



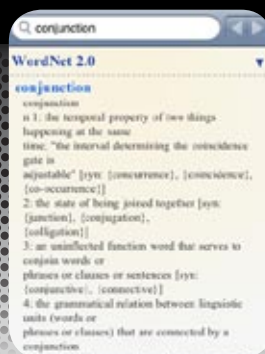
Now Playing

The best movie app we've seen for current theatrical releases, this lets you see critic scores, watch trailers, and buy tickets online, too. **FREE**



i.TV

Up-to-date TV listings. Theatrical movie listings and trailers. A search engine. If you want to know what's playing, this lets you know. **FREE**



WeDict

This free dictionary provides instant access to 150,000 English words and 51,000 Chinese/English ones; a paid version adds more. **FREE**



Linguo

Though it depends on a wireless connection, this translates between over 20 languages and includes a voice-sampled key phrasebook. **\$3**

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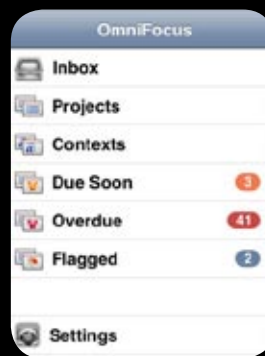
FileMagnet

This app easily transfers Word, Excel, PDF and other documents to the iPhone or touch to store and view, using a clean on-device interface. **\$5**



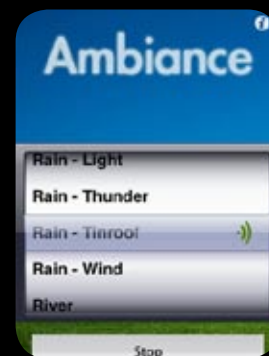
DataCase

Some users may prefer this over FileMagnet, as it transfers files to iPhone and touch without a program on Mac, and using FTP on PC. **\$7**



OmniFocus

A pro-caliber task manager, this Getting Things Done (GTD) app syncs with the popular Mac program, and can use GPS for tasks. **\$20**



Ambiance

Sometimes, it's easier to work or relax with ambient background noise. This app plays 50+ sounds, some relaxing, others strong. **\$1**



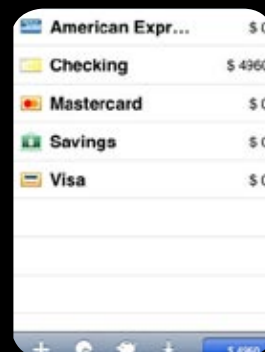
Instapaper

Grabs at least text from a web page and saves it for offline reading. A paid version lets you mail links, tilt to scroll, save position, and adjust font size. **FREE**



Balance

Of the budget apps, this is the rare free one that handles multiple budgets at once - five at max, while a \$1 version is unlimited. **FREE**



SplashMoney

More expensive than the other apps, this one syncs with a desktop budget program, and also can get new data from your financial institution. **\$10**



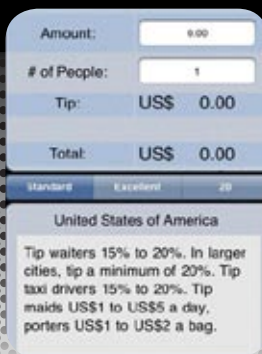
Save Benjis

Comparison shop from your iPhone while you're in a store: type a name and this scours the web for prices, then helps you order, too. **FREE**



Tips

Tip calculators come in handy when you're trying to split a check and leave cash for your server. This one has a super-simple, clean interface. **\$1**



Int'l Tip Calculator

When you're traveling abroad, it helps to know when and how much gratuity is needed. This app lets you know, and handles calculations. **\$2**



Band

Melding guitar, drum, piano and other instruments in a single app, this lets you create multi-track music recordings on the go. **\$2**



BeatMaker

A pro-grade music production center in simple iPhone form, this sampler, synthesizer and beat creator can export to MIDI or WAV. **\$20**



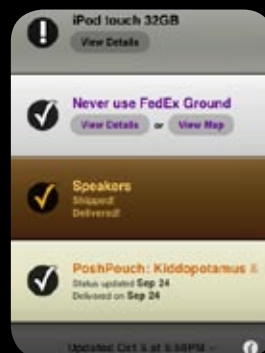
Amazon.com

As the only web-based app to make our list, Amazon's iPhone site makes searching and ordering easier than buying in a store. **FREE**



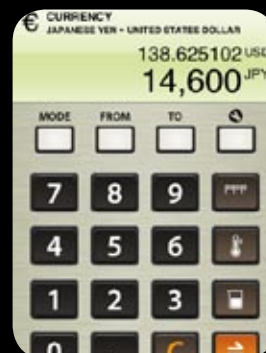
eWallet

Securely store cards, passwords, and personal data in a virtual wallet with great art, and sync it with your PC. Do you still need a real wallet? **\$10**



Delivery Status

Based on the Mac OS X widget, this app tracks multiple packages from major U.S. and foreign delivery services, as well as some stores. **\$2**



Units (Crossroad)

Streamlined and powerful, this app lets you convert area, currencies, energy units, temperatures, time, length, or weight. **\$1**



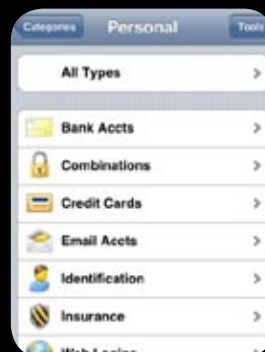
Facebook

Browsing and posting to this increasingly popular social network is simpler than ever with this official app, which offers photo uploading, too. **FREE**



Twitterrific

Reading updates sent by users of social network Twitter is easy, as is posting your own comments, photos, and GPS location. **FREE**



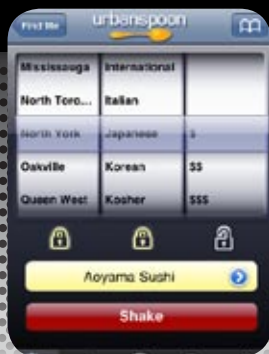
SplashID

Like eWallet but not as flashy, this app syncs with both PCs and Macs and stores anything you might keep in a wallet, with customization. **\$10**



1Password

Need to remember web passwords or fill forms from iPhone or touch? This app stores it all for free, or syncs with your Mac for \$40. **FREE**



Urbanspoon

Useful for travelers and those living in major cities, this lets you look up restaurant info and reviews, plus search for nearby ones. **FREE**



Cocktails

Skorpiostech's is the best of several iPhone OS drink recipe apps. Photos, thousands of recipes, and a great search engine focus on classy mixes. **\$5**



Shazam

It seems like magic when you hold your iPhone (or second-gen touch and mic) up to a radio, and this IDs the song, with iTunes link. Cool! **FREE**



Midomi

This Shazam competitor also IDs music from the radio - less reliably - but can also search by your humming, singing, or spoken words. **FREE**

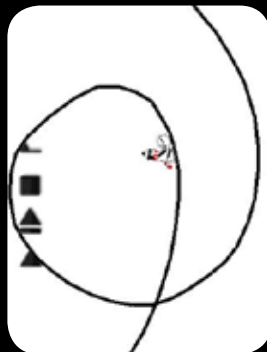
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Fring

Make free international phone calls from any iPhone or second-gen iPod touch. Yup, all you need is this, Wi-Fi, and a friend with Skype. **FREE**



Line Rider iRide

Combining drawing and gaming, this lets you sketch paths (and backgrounds) for a sledder to ride through, then share online. **\$3**



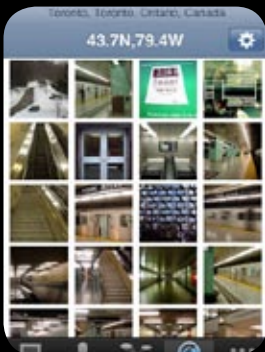
NetSketch

Nice EPS-friendly drawing tools, saving and e-mail options are enhanced by a very novel feature: you can collaborate on art using Wi-Fi. **\$6**



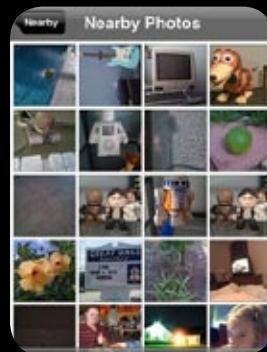
Sketches

Pre-drawn shapes, a clean UI, and the ability to send pictures to Twitter are highlights of this drawing program; a nice help system eases use. **\$5**



Exposure

Ad-supported, this app lets you browse, search, and comment Flickr photos, including a GPS-assisted "near me" feature to find local shots. **FREE**



Mobile Fotos

In addition to a Flickr browser, this app lets you upload full-resolution images directly to Flickr from the iPhone's camera - a rare feature. **\$3**



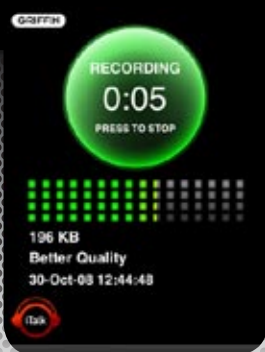
Gesture

Drawing is nice, but what if you have no inherent talent? This program lets you use tools to transform photos into artsy interpretations. **\$5**



Photogene

Filter, crop, color-adjust, sharpen and frame photos stored on your iPhone/touch, saving images at full resolution. Easy and fairly priced. **\$5**



iTalk Recorder

Both the iPhone and second-gen iPod touch support voice recording; this program lets you save audio and export directly to a Mac. **FREE**



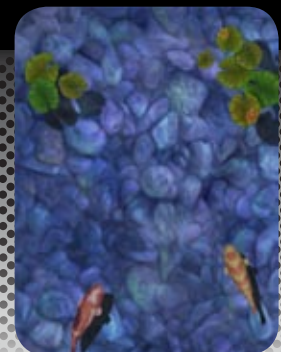
Note2Self

Even more powerful, this audio recording app can e-mail or provide web access to its files from any iPhone or second-gen, mic-equipped touch. **\$3**



iZen Garden

The best of all the "relaxing" apps we've tested, this lets you create and rake your own Japanese zen garden, including sounds. **\$2**



Koi Pond

Highly popular, this app lets you modestly customize a Japanese koi pond with lily pads, fish, and water, then interact with the fish. **\$1**



Google Earth

Look up information for almost any location on the planet with a simple search bar, complete with Google, Wikipedia, and user photo links. **FREE**



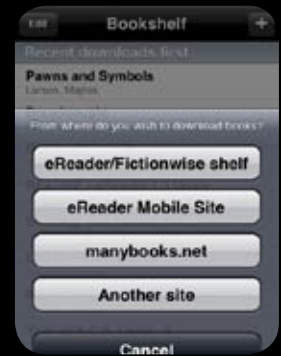
Manifesto

Though it doesn't sync with a computer app, this newsreader stores articles for reading when away from wireless, and easily find feeds on sites. **\$2**



NewsStand

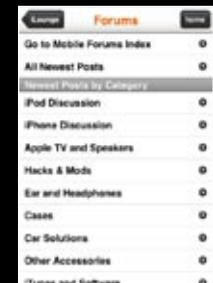
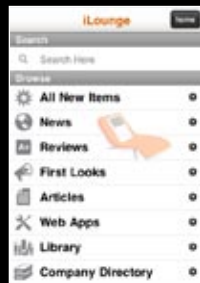
This app also does a great job of finding news on sites, but also features a unique widescreen browsing mode that looks plain cool. **\$5**



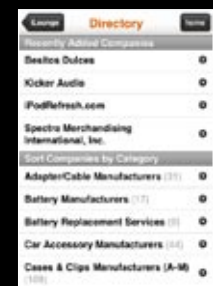
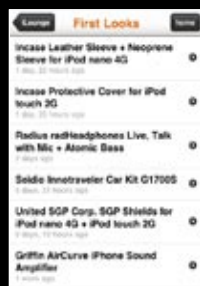
eReader

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Ten App Developers To Watch

With thousands of releases already in the App Store, how can you know whether a new release is worth downloading? Some companies constantly deliver quality software, so we've spotlighted ten that have released at least two good or great titles; here they are, in no particular rank order.



10. MooCowMusic

iPods and iPhones were designed to play downloaded music, but now they can create music on their own.

MooCowMusic's Band, Guitarist and Pianist are inexpensive tools that let you create and record compositions - can a real all-iPod band be far behind?



9. TheMacBox

Creator of Phonesaber, later transformed into the official Lightsaber Unleashed, TheMacBox also makes free unit converter, picture finder, and other free apps.



8. Ambrosia SW

Known on this platform only for games, Ambrosia Software also makes some of the best Mac audio recorder, ringtone maker, and screenshot apps. Could be huge and diverse.



7. Open Door

Internet apps have limits, but also radically expand your iPhone's power. Open Door Networks' Envi apps let you easily view famous art, comics, photos and books without Safari.



6. Freeverse

Covering various genres from ambient noise makers to flippant stapler simulations to games, Freeverse has a fun sense of humor and a great sense of visual design. While its games aren't always as deep as players might expect, they're frequently improved after release, and generally push the iPhone/iPod touch graphics hardware.

5. Electronic Arts

Though EA's App Store pricing has been iffy, its titles - notably including a great version of Tetris and a visually interesting version of Spore - are generally quite good. We're anxious to see Need For Speed and Sim City.



4. Ngmoco:

The biggest wildcard is this new, iPhone-specific developer, maker of the super-cool MazeFinger and original Topple titles. We foresee console-style software, with twists.



3. MobileAge

Downloadable content makes MobileAge's titles Blackjack 21 and Shanghai Mahjong special: add free art and puzzles that interest you. What other classics will they enhance?



2. Griptonite

As the developer behind Missile Command, Super Breakout, and Chimps Ahoy, Griptonite Games can do original games and awesome remakes. More Atari classics, please!

1. Gameloft

Probably the most impressive developer of iPod and iPhone software, Gameloft obviously cares about everything from aesthetics to features to pricing and quantity of releases; it has one of the largest catalogs of Click Wheel and iPhone OS titles, and almost all of them are good or great. We're especially impressed by the 3-D graphics and extra features it has been adding to iPhone releases; they make soccer, racing, and sudoku amazing.



Notable Single-Title Developers

Demiforce, Hassey Enterprises, Tapulous, PopCap Games, Secret Exit, Google, and Evernote are companies that we'd like to see release equally cool second iPhone/iPod touch apps.

THE APP REPORT CARD.

With hundreds of published reviews since the App Store opened, iLounge has rated more iPhone OS apps than any other independent publication in the world. We focus on noteworthy releases, favoring quality and value.

Drawing

LateNiteSoft Sketches	A-
Gotow.net NetSketch	B+
Josiah Larson iDoodle2 Lite	B+
inXile Entertainment Line Rider iRide	B
Josiah Larson iDoodle2	B
Steve Sprang Brushes	B
Alterme Inc. Paint	B-
Big Stone Phone iGraffiti	C+
Squires Studios Squiggles	C+
MobilityWare Finger Paint	C
miniMusic No.2	C
Pencil Busters DoodleIt	C-
Y Lau Blackboard	C-
IMAK Creations ColorTilt	D-
IMAK Creations ColorTouch	D

File Storage

Magnetism Studios FileMagnet	A-
Veiosoft DataCase	A-/B+
Olive Toast Files	B+
Not So Soft Software Caravan	C-
Regal Media TouchFS	C-
Pixio MobileFinder	F

Finance

Connor Wakamo Balance	A-
Design by a Knife Pennies	B+
Ractor QuickBank	B+
SplashData SplashMoney	B+
Deskscape Budget	B
James Narrin MyMoney	B
Adamcode Spend Lite	B
Adamcode Spend	B-
Jeff Hale Accountr	C+
Catamount Software PocketMoney	C
Quantum Quinn Day Bank	C
Simpsonics Finance	C
Digiot Pocket Lint	C-
Gladding Development Ledger	C-
Threedef Bankarama	F

Games - Action/Arcade/Pinball

Gameloft Block Breaker Deluxe 2	A-
Atari Interactive Missile Command	B+
Atari Interactive Super Breakout	B+
Bootant Break Classic / BlocksClassic	B+

Discovery Comm. Cannon Challenge	B
PlayFirst Diner Dash	B
Rude Scotsman Vector Blaster	B
Storybird Space Buster/Ikanoid	B
THQ Wireless De Blob	B
Binary Square Space Out	B-
Hudson Soft Puzzloop	B-
Metismo Vektrax	B-
THQ Star Wars: The Force Unleashed	B-
ZEN Studios ZEN Pinball: Inferno	B-
ZEN Studios ZEN Pinball: Rollercoaster	B-
Lazrhog Games rRootage	C+
Pangea Software Billy Frontier	C+
PHD Gaming Alien Invasion	C+
Solus Games Funky Punch	C+
Digital Legends Entertainment Kroll	C
NeonSurge SolarQuest	C
Chillingo Tank Ace 1944	C-
Jean Pierre Martineau Stellar Blaster	C-
Namco Ms. Pac-Man	C-
Bootant BreakTouch/BlocksTouch 3D	D+
Namco Pac-Man	D+
Konami Frogger	D
Random5 iTiltPinball	D-

Games - Cards, Dice + Gambling

Mike Sedore Solitaire Forever	A-
Ambrosia Software Mondo Solitaire	B+
Amplified Cookie Bonus Solitaire Free	B+
Apple Texas Hold'em	B+
Chris Miles iSlots	B+
Digital Smoke Solitaire City	B
Fullpower Tech. MotionX Poker	B
Gameloft Platinum Solitaire	B
MobileAge Blackjack 21	B
Smallware Sol Free	B
Amplified G. Cookie Bonus Solitaire	B-
Red Mercury Acid Solitaire Collection	B-
Seahorse Soft. Pyramid Solitaire Lite	C+
Smallware Solebon	C-
Smallware Wee Spider Solitaire	C-
Seahorse Software Pyramid Solitaire	D+
Cliff Maier Demon Solitaire	D
Cliff Maier Las Vegas Solitaire	D
Griffin 5 Card Touch	D
Griffin Lucky 7 Slots	D
Mike Orr Solitaire CAO	D

MobilityWare Freecell	D
MobilityWare Pyramid	D
MobilityWare Solitaire	D
PosiMotion Solitaire Top 3	D-

Games - Driving and Racing

Pangea Software Cro-Mag Rally	B
Freeverse Moto Chaser/Motoracer	B-
Polarbit Raging Thunder	B-
Vivendi Crash Bandicoot Nitro Kart 3D	B-
Gameloft Asphalt 4 Elite Racing	C+
Handmark GTS World Racing	C
Audi Audi A4 Driving Challenge	D

Games - Flying and Space Flying

Wretched Games Venger	B
Horsham Online Zone Warrior	B-
Pangea Software Nanosaur 2	B-
Resolution Int. Clusterball Arcade	B-
Rocking Pocket Blue Skies Air Force	B-
espressoSoft Star Smasher	C-
Hunter Research and Tech Mission 22	D-
Posimotion Apache Lander	F

Games - Music

Tapulous Tap Tap Revenge	B
Resolute Games ThumStruck Free	C-

Games - Platform

IUGO Mobile Ent. Toy Bot Diaries E. 1	B-
Pangea Software Bugdom 2	B-

Games - Puzzle/Board (Non-Action)

Gameloft Platinum Sudoku	A
Little White Bear Studios TanZen Lite	A-
MobileAge Shanghai Mahjong	A-
Ambrosia Software Aki Mahjong	B+
Gameloft Brain Challenge	B+
Hudson Soft Nikoli Sudoku Vol. 1	B+
Little White Bear Studios TanZen	B+
Midnight Martian Moonlight Mahjong	B+
Midnight Martian Moonlight Mah. Lite	B+
Brian Wuster Tangrams Lite	B
Candy Cane Fuzzle Lite	B
Electronic Arts Sudoku (Num-pre)	B
EpicTilt ESPN Cameraman	B
Ian Marsh Hanoi	B

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IVRealms KuGon	B	PopCap Games Bejeweled 2	B-	Urbanspoon Inc. Urbanspoon	B+
Manta Research Cubes Lite	B	Sega Super Monkey Ball	B-	Avantar YellowPages	B
Phase2Media Sudoku Classic	B	Tag Games Rock'n'Roll	B-	Hongtao Guo WeDict	B
Phase2Media Sudoku Unlimited	B	Namco Star Trigon	B-	Hongtao Guo WeDict Pro	B
Brian Wuster Tangrams	B-	Field System/Route24 Newtonica	C+	Oil Price Information Service iGas	B
Bric Entertainment Photo Hunter	B-	Andy Qua Cube Runner	C	Whitepages.com WhitePages Mobile	B
Ian Marsh Hanoi Plus	B-	Nigel Williams TouchCris	D+	Adam Leonard People	B-
Sunsoft Mahjong Solitaire	B-	Sega Columns Deluxe	D+	Ethan Allen Package Tracker Lite	B-
Electronic Arts Scrabble	C+	Macer Software TetoTeto!!	D	SportsTap SportsTap	B-
Gameloft Chess & Backgammon Class.	C+			TheMacBox Lightsaber Unleashed	B-
RightSprite Sudoku.MD	C+	<u>Games - Sports and Table Sports</u>		TranCreative Software WordBook	B-
Alexandre Minard SudokuManiak	C	Acceleroto Air Hockey	A-	Yellowpages.com YPMobile	C+
Houdah Software ACTSudoku	C	Gameloft Real Soccer/Football 2009	A-	Ethan Allan Package Tracker	C
Kevin Kozan Satori Sudoku	C	Celeris Virtual Pool Mobile	B+	Jamcode GasBag	C
Magnetism Studios Tile Sudoku	C	Freeverse Flick Sports Bowling	B+	SplashData Flight Tracker	C
Maverick Soft. Yulan Mahjong Solitaire	C	Sea Lion Air Hockey! Fingertip Sports	B+	40Cozy Pour1out	C-
Candy Cane Fuzzle	C	Eurocenter Adrenaline Pool Online	B	Avantar AirYell	C-
On-Core Game Pack Vol 1:		FlipSide5 Touch Hockey	B	TrackMyShipments TrackMyShip.	C-
Sudoku, Wordfind and PictureFlip	C	Lazrhog Neverputt ME	B-	TrackMyShipments TrackMyShip. Lite	C-
Ambrosia Software Mr. Sudoku	C-	Publisher X Beer Bounce (Quarters)	B-	MacEnvy iTrack	D
Freeverse Big Bang Sudoku	C-	SGN iBowI	B-	Opal Limited Bloom	D
Mighty M. Good Games Sudoku (Free)	C-	IUGO Mobile Ent. Shaky Summit	C+	TouchTomes Battle of Waterloo	D
OutOfTheBit Sudoku Pro	C-	Nuclear Nova Software GL Golf	C+		
Pelted Software Battle at Sea	C-	SGN iGolf	C+	<u>Mouse + Trackpad</u>	
Jirbo iMahjong	D+	Nicoteam AirHockey	C	Hoofien Snatch	A-
Mutant Piano Software ChartFight	D+	Personae Studios Air Hockey	C	R.P.A. Tech Air Mouse	B+
Sans Pareil Kamicom Sudoku	D+	PosiMotion Pool	C	HLW iTap	B
Trivial Technology Trivial Sudoku	D+	Chillingo Par 72 Golf (II)	C-	Jens Henneberg WinRemote	C
WhiteNile Systems KillerSudoku	D+	Chillingo Vegas Pool Sharks Lite	C-	Mbpowertools WiFiiTouchPad	C
Jason Linhart Enjoy Sudoku	D	Finblade Ernie Els Golf 2008	C-	Pearworks PearPad	C-
Surf Shack Soft. Surf Shack Sudoku	D	TheWay 300 Bowl	C-	Qwasi QwasiPad	C-
Mighty Mighty Good Games Sudoku	D-	Finblade Tennis Slam	D+	Sensim Pad v. 1.0	F
eLogicpuzzles tSudoku Plus	F	Chillingo Beach Volleyball	F		
John Moffett iFish	F			<u>Movies + TV</u>	
Junpuusha Shovel De Touch	F	<u>Instant Messengers</u>		Cyrus Najmabadi Now Playing	B+
Shekhar Yadav Sudoku	F	Palringo Limited Palringo	A-	Flixster Movies	B+
		AOL AIM	B	xTeo Trailers Lite	B-
<u>Games - Puzzle/Maze (Action)</u>		SHAPE Services IM+ All-in-One Mess.	B	Avantar Showtimes	C+
Electronic Arts Tetris	A-	CallWave WebMessenger	C	xTeo Trailers	C
Ngmoco:) MazeFinger	A-	Beejive BeejiveIM	C-	Avantar OneTap Movies	C-
Bootant BiiBall 3D Lite	B+	twenty08 MobileChat	D	k5Software KickScreen Movie Trailers	C-
Demiforce Trism	B+				
FunGyre aMaze! Lite	B+	<u>Internet Radio</u>		<u>Music Makers</u>	
Hudson Soft Aqua Forest	B+	Pandora Media Pandora Radio	A-	Intua BeatMaker	A
Jirbo MarbleMash (Free)	B+	Last.fm Last.fm	B+	MooCowMusic Band	A-
Ngmoco:) Topple	B+	AOL AOL Radio	B	MooCowMusic Guitarist	A-
Bootant BiiBall 3D	B	VisuaMobile allRadio	B	MooCowMusic Pianist	B+
Codify Labyrinth	B	Nullriver Tuner Internet Radio	B-	Frontier Design Group Guitar	B+
Codify Labyrinth Lite	B	BluMediaLab StreamItAll Radio	D	Benjamin McDowell Beat Loop	B
Couch World Games Shards	B			Magnus Larsson Bedrum	B-
Couch World Games Shardsette	B	<u>Miscellaneous</u>		Pure Profit BtBx	B-
FunGyre aMaze!	B	Laminar Research X-Plane 9	A	iZotope iDrum	C+
Gameloft Bubble Bash!	B	Crossroads Solutions Units	A-	Afrim Kacaj Tingalin	C+
Gameloft Diamond Twister	B	Jeff Hamilton Sportacular	A-	Yonac miniSynth	C
Glu Games Space Monkey	B	JuneCloud Delivery Status touch	A-	Yonac Thereminator	C
Hassey Enterprises Galcon	B	TheMacBox Units	A-	Pakl PaklSound1	C-
Hudson Soft Bomberman Touch	B	ApogeeDev Equivalence	B+	Stefan Weleby Synthesizer	D
Jirbo MarbleMash (Paid)	B	Edovia Linguo	B+		
Noah Witherspoon Tris	B	Google Inc. Google Earth	B+	<u>Newsreaders (RSS) and Book Readers</u>	
Secret Exit Spin - The Silhouette Game	B	Inkling Technology Flight Executive	B+	Fictionwise eReader	A-
Electronic Arts Spore Origins	B-	Skorpiostech Cocktails	B+	Mayor Justin Manifesto	A-
Freeverse Plank	B-	Swiss Development Translator	B+	omz:software Newsstand	A-
Pattern Making Co. Radius	B-	The Omni Group OmniFocus	B+	Marco Arment Instapaper Free	B+

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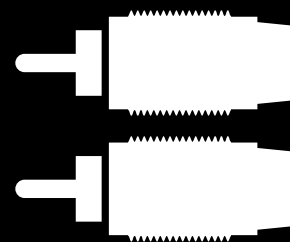
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Marco Arment Instapaper Pro	C+	Random Ideas iZen Garden	A-	TapeShow Gratuity	D
Sebastian Schimansky sebNews	C-	Nicoteam Earth3D	B+	Uncouth Software Simple Tip Calc	D
Tuomas Artman Web Feeds	C-	Signs Studios aSleep	B+	Justin Jeffress TipBuddy	D
Phantom Fish Byline	D+	The Blimp Pilots Koi Pond	B+	Shekhar Yadav Tip Calculator	D
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Steve Polyak SimpleRSS	D	Chillingo iChillout	B-		
VirtueSoft.com azRSS Newsreader	D	Chillingo iRelax-Ambient	B-	<u>Virtual Lighters</u>	
Boris Klaydman iRSS	F	Chillingo iRelax-Electronica	B-	SonicMule Sonic Lighter	B+
		Trileet Attaining Zen	B-	Ubermind iLightr - Virtual Lighter	B
<u>Photography - Editing</u>		Lingon i Korg Meditation Timer	C+	bam4 Freebird	B-
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Intellicore ImageTouchLite	C	Facebook Inc. Facebook	A-	My Edge Software Lights!	C-
Nick Drabovich Magic Touch	C	The Iconfactory Twitterrific	A-	iPocketApps iFlame MECB	D
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<u>Photography - Sharing</u>		<u>Tip Calculators</u>		<u>Wallet Apps</u>	
XK72 Mobile Fotos	A-	Kudit Tips	A-	Ilium Software eWallet	A
Connected Flow Exposure 1.1	B+	Neutrinos TipTotaler	A-	SplashData SplashID	A
William Fleming Klick	B+	iHarwood Meal Splitter v2	B+	Agile Web Solutions 1Password	B+
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Connected Flow Exposure Prem. 1.1	C+	Manta Ray Software Tippetly Split	B+	GEE! Technologies LockBox	C+
SoundSpectrum Fotomatic	C+	Vault 13 Studios Int'l Tip Calc.	B+	Samurai Code Monkey Secret Safe	C+
Flektor MoPhoTo	C	Carlos Perez Tip	B	Bookshelf Apps SecretBook	C
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		Palasoftware iTrip	B	GEE! Technologies LockBox Pro	C
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Zarboo SpeakEasy Voice Recorder 1.0	B+	Apical Studios TipSY	C	Phnsft Safe	C-
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Patrick O'Keefe VoiceRecord	B-	Abel Duarte Tipper	C-	Telience.com Passwords	D
Retronyms Recorder	B-	Charles Ying Tip Calc	C-	Aziz Uysal iSecret	F
Simple Touch Software iRecorder	B-	Charles Ying Tipper	C-	Craig Lurey Keeper	F
Red Rock Software Recordifier	C	IncisiveGeek TipCalc	C-	HINZ Steuerungs ME iWebLogin	F
Sophiacom YouNote	C	Mobile Logic Tip Master	C-	Hon Cheng Muh NotePadLock	F
GarSoft VoiceNotes	C-	Houdah Software ACTGratuity	D+	Thomas Kilmer Passwd	F
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Verge23 Voice Memos	D				

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The iPod + iPhone Accessory

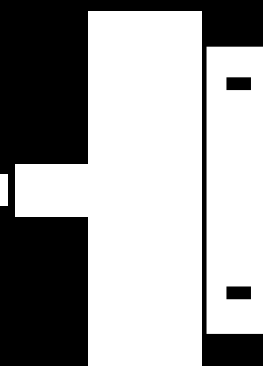
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Our advice: pick items that work with both iPods and iPhones.

Last year was probably the worst in the history of iPod accessories. Not only did Apple introduce the iPhone, which wouldn't work properly with many speakers and car kits, but then it released new iPods that were incompatible with popular video docks and displays. Many of our favorite add-ons - and yours - became all but worthless overnight.

This year, the dust has mostly settled, as some of the old accessories have been retooled into iPhone- and 2007/2008 iPod-friendly versions. So our recommendations are largely focused on products released in the past year, as well as ones that work with both current iPods and iPhones. Pick wisely; who knows what sort of Apple device you might be connecting or docking with the add-on next year?



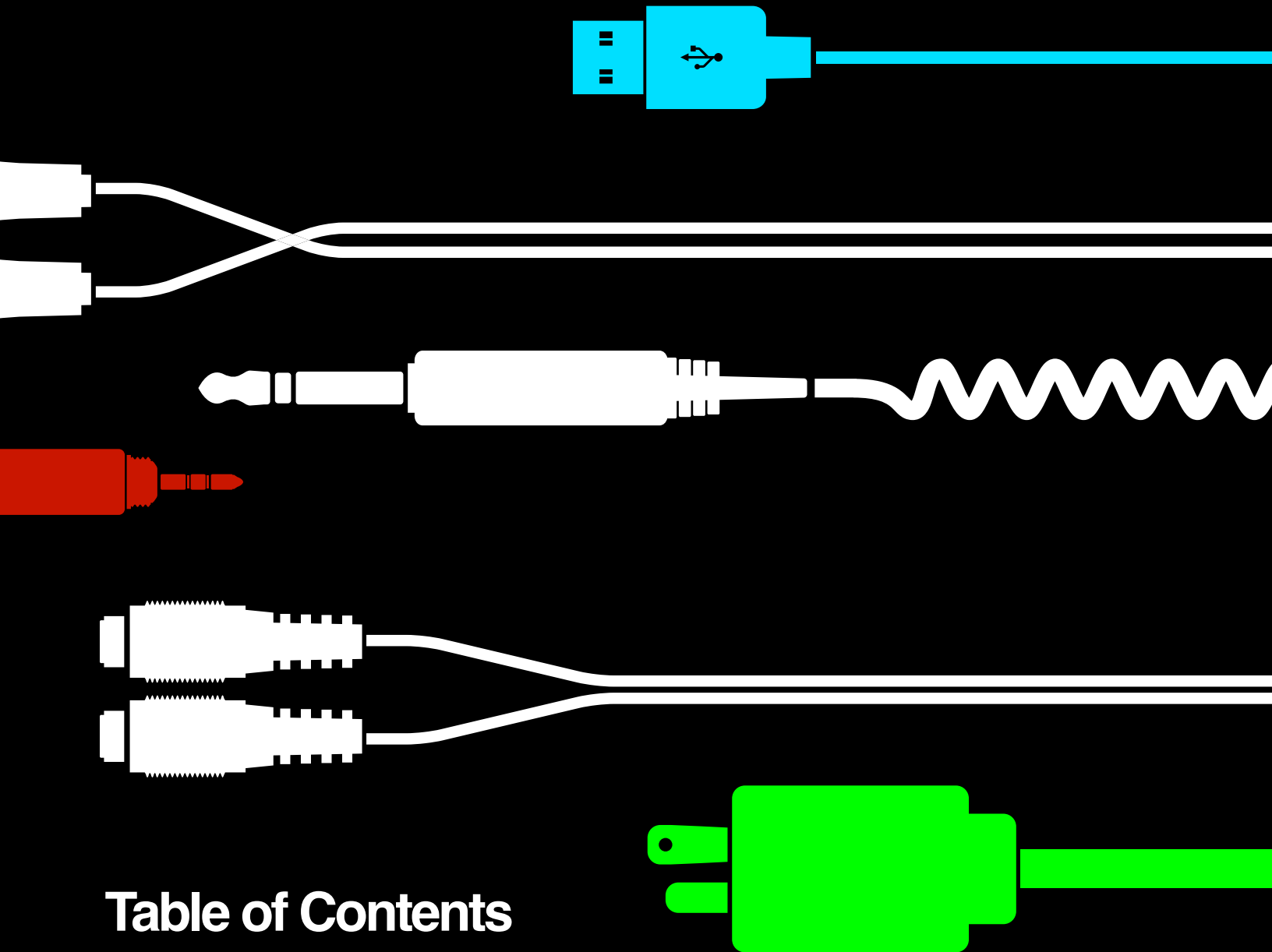


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Clock Radios



Sony ICF-C1iPMK2 | \$100 | A-

As Sony's best iPod and iPhone accessory yet, this budget AM/FM dual alarm clock radio offers good sound, nice black or white styling, and a fairly shallow depth that leaves space on your nightstand. Though its clock is on the small side and doesn't have some of the sophisticated features of more expensive alternatives, ICF-C1iPMK2 offers more bang for the buck than most \$100 alarm clocks, which typically lack iPhone support.



iLuv IMM173 | \$130 | B+

Though the central idea - a dual-dock iPod and iPhone alarm clock - might seem gimmicky, iLuv's dual alarm clock radio offers sleek, modern styling and a few frills missing from Sony's design: a big, bright screen with the current date, adjustable bass and treble controls, and a cool magnetic remote that stores on the unit's back. If you don't need the second dock, don't use it, but it may come in handy later.




iHome iP99 | \$150 | B+

Strictly speaking, iHome's iP99 is a bit expensive for what it offers: tamer styling and audio quality than the average \$150 clock radio. But it's the only iPhone-ready system at this or a lower price level to include alarms that can be set to repeat only on weekdays, weekends, or all week, a real convenience. If you don't have or plan to buy an iPhone, iHome's earlier model iH9 offers otherwise identical functionality and similar styling for \$50 less.



Boston Horizon Duo-i | \$200 | A-

We picked only one non-iPhone clock for this section, and that's this Boston Acoustics system, which offers comparatively wonderful sound out of the box, plus bass and treble controls to let you tweak the audio to your preference, and strong radio output. It's also the only system here that can be color-customized: you can pick a gray or white body, then add any of nine metal alternate speaker grilles for \$25. Strong sound for the price.



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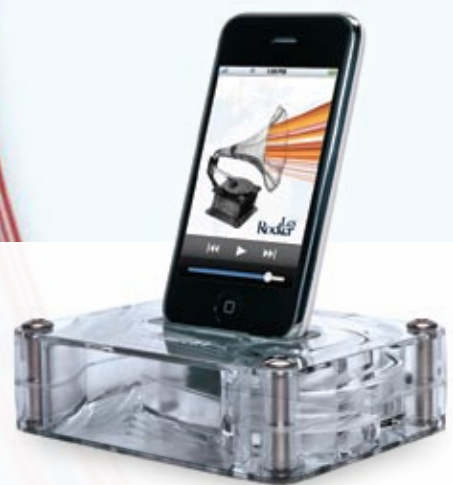


AirCurve™

What you hear when you set your iPhone 3G into AirCurve is your iPhone's speaker — magnified.

AirCurve collects the sound from iPhone's speaker and moves it along a mathematically-engineered spiral waveguide (visible inside AirCurve's clear body), focuses it like a lens, and pushes it out into the room, amplified and undistorted. With 10dB of amplification, your iPhone becomes a speakerphone, a tabletop sound system, and a travel alarm that really can wake you up in the morning.

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All-in-One Table Speakers

\$150 | A- | Jensen JIMS-525i

We always appreciate speakers that represent a good value for the dollar, and JIMS-525i achieves that with a low price, good sound, and a novel feature: HD Radio tuning. Previously found only in a \$500 Polk iPod system, HD Radio lets you receive higher-quality digital broadcasts from local stations, and JIMS-525i lets you save song info to easily locate at the iTunes Store. It's iPhone-ready, too.



\$150 | B+ | JBL On Stage 200ID

Less aggressive visually than JBL's past iPod audio systems, On Stage 200ID serves both as a long, shallow speaker dock and as a shielded unit for use with computers; it can fit under many LCD screens, including Apple's. Fuller, more bassy audio than prior On Stage units is augmented by JBL's dynamic equalization, which automatically adjusts the system to make the most of your songs. Given that it's iPhone-ready, it's a solid performer for the price.



\$200 | B | Altec Lansing T612

More powerful sonically than the less expensive systems here - it can fill a room with ease - the T612 was actually the first official iPhone-ready speaker, and represents a better value now that it can be found for \$160 or so online. Though it's physically larger, less visually neutral, and a little lighter on bass than the SoundDock below, T612 comes close enough sonically to justify saving the \$100 difference in price; it can also be wall-mounted with a \$3 Altec kit.



\$300 | B | Bose SoundDock Series II

Released in 2004, Bose's original SoundDock shocked the iPod industry into clone mode: the slate-like all-in-one system blended in anywhere and offered pleasantly warm sound. Released mostly to add iPhone compatibility, SoundDock Series II sounds and costs the same, offering only slight cosmetic tweaks and a new remote control. Competitors have come a long way since 2004, offering better sound for this price, but if you like Bose, consider it.



Portable Speakers



DLO Portable Speakers/iPhone | \$50 | B+

In past years, we've given the nod to some really inexpensive iPod speakers, but these days, wireless interference is an issue, and super-cheapies don't do so well. Thus, the plainly-named Portable Speakers are the entry point, collapsing into a 4" by 5" egg that splits into legitimately good-sounding stereo speakers and a plastic dock. An included power supply or four AAA batteries keep it churning out tunes; no iPhone charger is included.



Logitech Pure-Fi Anywhere 2 | \$130 | A-

Representing the sweet spot in portable audio system performance and pricing, this system - also known as Pure-Fi-Anywhere for iPod and iPhone - combines four speaker drivers with a 10-hour rechargeable battery, carrying case, and nice remote control. With significantly cleaner, more detailed audio than in peer systems, Anywhere 2's only issues are its 13.25" width, and its tendency to drain its batteries when not in use.



JBL On Stage IIIIP | \$170 | B+

Smaller than a Frisbee at 7.5" in diameter, the iPhone-ready On Stage IIIIP achieves a nice balance between audio quality and portability, though at a higher price-to-performance ratio than Pure-Fi Anywhere 2. We'd give the sonic edge to Logitech's design, but On Stage IIIIP sounds nearly as full and requires less physical storage space. You'll need to provide six AA batteries to keep it running on the road, but a power adapter and nice remote are included in the box.



Altec Lansing inMotion MAX | \$200 | B

The design may be polarizingly retro and large, but inMotion MAX is one of the only good portable iPod systems to include a clear digital FM radio alongside four gold paint-rimmed drivers - better than Pure-Fi 2 in sound, if not in style - and a pop-out iPod dock. There's a 3.5-hour rechargeable battery inside, and the system includes both a matching 1980s-styled remote control and power supply. It works with iPhones and iPods alike, and folds for storage.

Premium Audio Systems

\$350 | B+ | Griffin Evolve

Last year, we loved the wireless audio system **Evolve**, but a \$50 price bump has slightly dampened our enthusiasm. You still get an iPod docking base, two speakers, and a remote control. The speakers come off the base and work from 100 feet away, the remote controls the iPod and speakers no matter where you or they are, and the whole system looks beautiful. While the sound quality doesn't rival peer-priced wired iPod speakers, nothing else offers Evolve's features.



\$350 | B+ | Kicker iKick iK500

If the exact opposite of meek and cute could be conjured into an iPod speaker, the iK500 would be it: a pricey, almost evil-looking all-in-one with the sort of horsepower you'd expect from a maker of loud car audio systems. Five-inch woofers - larger than the ones in most iPod audio systems - are paired with 0.75" tweeters and a 6" square reflex subwoofer to deliver very strong low-end and volume. Often sold for \$250, it's a beast if you like loud, bass-rich audio.



\$600 | B | Focal JMLab Focal XS

Some iPod audio systems are built for value; others are for style. Focal XS is designed to match the look of Apple's 2007 iMacs, adding a 6.5" bass driver in a large floor unit, and twin satellites that suspend 0.75" tweeters and 3" drivers on metal and gloss plastic perches next to any computer screen. The right speaker base includes an iPod dock for audio and synchronization, controlled via an Infrared remote. You could get the same sound for less, but not the same look.



\$600 | B+ | Bowers + Wilkins Zeppelin

We've previously described the 25" by 8" by 8" Zeppelin as the audio equivalent of an olympic gold medallist in fencing, rather than an ominous, Tyson-style heavyweight boxer; this unusually shaped all-in-one packs a 5" bass driver, twin 3.5" midrange drivers and two 1" tweeters, collectively delivering subtly clearer audio and deeper bass than \$300 speakers at typical levels, and much better sound at extreme levels. Again, you're paying for the look: it's art, as much as sound.



Car Accessories

Apple's release of the 2007-2008 iPods and iPhones threw car accessory makers into turmoil: prior audio, video, and charging kits stopped working properly, leaving users to find replacements. Our anger over these changes led us to stop recommending high-end car accessories, as we do not want to advise readers to spend hundreds or thousands of dollars on kits that may not work with their next iPods or iPhones. The items in this section are affordable and compatible with current models; we've noted the compatibility differences between today's and past models below.



Pre-2008 iPods

Charge and play audio and video with all add-ons, but 2007 iPods have video locks, and need special cables for in-car video monitors.



2008 iPods

Play audio with all add-ons, but do not charge from some older cables, and have video locks. Special cables are needed for in-car video.



Original iPhone

Loud audio interference can interrupt music, and video is locked, too. Charges fine from all cables, but puts up a nag screen with most.



iPhone 3G

Less audio interference except in EDGE mode. Locked video. Charges only from new cables, puts up nag screens for even more old add-ons.

Charge iPods + iPhones

Charge iPods+ iPhones

Charge + Transmit iPod

Charge, Aux + Control



Griffin PowerJolt for iPhone 2008

With a small charging bulb, the latest \$20 PowerJolt adds a glowing charge indicator ring to its face, and includes a 2004-2008 iPod and full iPhone-friendly cable.



Incase Wall & Car Charger/iPhone

Unique among add-ons, this \$40 adapter plugs into both cars and wall outlets, providing power in a soft touch rubber-coated shell. iPod or iPhone audio is headphone port only.



Griffin iTrip Auto for iPod (2008)

This \$60 cable charges and outputs audio from any 2004-2008 iPod to a car's FM radio, offering solid sound quality and the ability to tune to everclear station 87.9. It's not iPhone-ready.



Monster iCar-Charger 200

For \$50, this car charger works with iPods and the original iPhone, also outputting line-level audio and offering play/pause, track, and playlist toggle buttons on the chrome charging bulb.

Window Mount

**Griffin WindowSeat**

Shipped with cradles for the iPhone, iPhone 3G, and first iPod touch, this \$30 accessory suctions to a car windshield by default, but can also be used with an included adhesive pad to attach to a dashboard.

Vent Mount

**DLO VentMounts (iPhone/iPod)**

Sold in separate \$25 versions for iPhone, iPhone 3G and iPod touch, the cradle holds your device in front of a car's air vent, then separates to serve as an open belt clip holster when you're on the go.

Dashboard Mount

**Kensington Dash Mount**

With an iPod- and iPhone-agnostic resizing cradle on the front, this \$30 hinge and ball joint system suction-clamps onto your dashboard, and comes with adhesive just in case you need it.

Custom Mount

**ProClip Padded Holder w/ Tilt**

Deluxe but highly vehicle- and device-specific, this \$35 holder joins with a \$30 ProClip car mount to provide a soft, safe iPod or iPhone holder that tilts and swivels onto any angle. A pricey favorite.

Charge, Play + Control

**Griffin iTrip Auto-Pilot SmartScan**

Combining playback controls on a charging bulb with an in-line FM transmitter, this \$100 cable works with iPods and iPhones, playing their music through a car's FM radio with strong audio quality. Charges and works with all 2004-2008 iPods and iPhone models, though the price is a bit steep.

Charge, Play + Remote

**Kensington LiquidAUX**

One step beyond Monster's iCarCharger 200, this \$80 kit handles iPod and iPhone line-level audio output and charging through a nice fabric-jacketed cable, adding a clean-looking RF remote control with a steering wheel mount. An extension cable is included for audio to adjust for different cars.

Charge, Mount + Play

**Belkin TuneBase FM**

Improved substantially from its 2007 iPod-only predecessor, the \$100 iPhone and 2004-2008 iPod version of this car mount, charger, FM transmitter and audio-out system basically does it all - a better value than other \$100 systems, but also second-place to iTrip in FM audio quality.

Voice-Sensing Handsfree

**BlueAnt Supertooth 3**

Though pricier than SurfaceSound Compact (shown in the iPhone 3G section), this \$130 unit offers multilingual voice prompts, including the names or phone numbers of incoming callers, and can sense your voice to answer calls. It's impressive technology, best used in quiet vehicles.

Headphones

The most important iPod accessory for portable listening is an excellent replacement pair of headphones. An incredible amount of detail - more than you'd ever guess - is lost when you're using the free Apple earbuds or equally low-end replacements. This year, our first page focuses on options priced from \$75 and up, as they deliver the best balance of improved performance for the added price you'll pay over the \$30-50 options covered in our past guides. Then we look at top options priced from \$179 to \$500, and a small collection of special-purpose options priced from \$40 to \$300. Full reviews of these and dozens of other models can be found on the iLounge web site, along with a five-part **Complete Guide to Earphones**, complete with helpful explanations.



Quality Budget In-Ears



A-
\$50

Sony
MDR-EX75

A little more expensive than buying a spare pair of Apple earphones, **MDR-EX75** adds silicone tips for fantastic isolation, and offers expanded dynamic range; you'll hear superior bass and more midrange detail than with the buds that Apple supplies. A carrying case and special cable that splits in the middle are included with the black and silver earpieces.



Metal Bass Superstar



B+
\$101

v-moda
Vibe Duo

There aren't many all-metal earphones out there, and even fewer that fit inside your ear canal. The identically priced and same-sounding **Vibe** for iPods and **Vibe Duo** for iPhones are stylish, light, and available in a handful of colors; they both reveal detail from and exaggerate the mid-bass and bass portions of your music. Duo includes a mic and call answer button, too.



High Detail + Isolation



A-
\$149

Etymotic
hf5

Sold in black, blue, or red versions exclusive to Amazon.com, **hf5** is a microphone-less version of the award-winning hf2, and the lowest-priced variant on the award-winning ER-4P. This heritage speaks to hf5's superb high-frequency and midrange detail, slightly punchier than in the ER-4P, and its tight, non-aggressive bass. A great, comfortable earpiece to reveal secrets in songs.



Warm, Big Sound



B+
\$150

Shure
SE210

Though Shure makes a cheaper pair of earphones in the SE110, the slightly pricier **SE210** delivers clearer sound with less bass bias. It's a more capable low-end performer than the ER-6i, and delivers warmer sound, but it's also physically bigger, and thanks to substantial reseller pricing differences sells at a \$40 premium. Shure includes great coated foam tips like Westone's.

Sound Differences. Today's iPods and iPhones all sound great, except for the noisy shuffle, which doesn't benefit as much from high-quality earphones; the others also support mic-equipped headsets.



Tiniest Double-Drivers

**A****\$179****JAYS
q-JAYS**

We really, really like what Sweden's JAYS has accomplished: its \$99 d-JAYS are great for their price, and its \$179 q-JAYS are better - the smallest two-drivers-per-ear headphones we've seen, with better bass and overall performance than Etymotic's ER-4P and hf5. Amazingly light, they fit any size of ear, thanks to seven included sets of silicone tips, including XX-small.



Copper with Super Bass

**B+****\$350****Klipsch
IMAGE X10**

Though it's not the strongest in highs or mids, **IMAGE X10** surprised us by offering extremely strong bass performance - the equivalent of a Klipsch speaker system with a good subwoofer - in some of the smallest enclosures around. Bundled with five sets of eartips, an airplane adapter and two carrying cases, X10 is a nice pick for size-conscious bassheads.



Three-Driver Earplugs

**A-****\$400****Ultimate
Ears TF10**

When it released the **Triple.Fi 10 Pro** in 2006, Ultimate Ears effectively antiquated its top-of-the-line custom-fit UE-10 Pro earphones, offering the same three-speaker-per-ear technology at less than half the price. Though Triple.Fi's larger than Shure's SE530 and not quite as comfortable, it's won fans with a nice sound balance, clear mids, and more energy than the UE-10s.

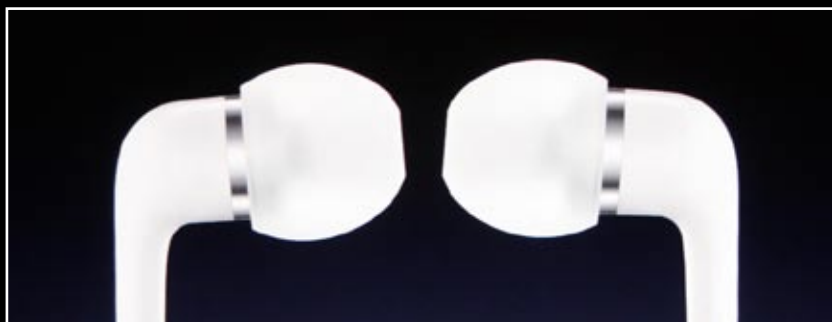


Simply the Best Overall

**A****\$500****Shure
SE530**

Spotted at various but lower prices under its prior \$500 name, the **SE530** was the top 2006 pick of iLounge's editors, and remains our favorite "price no object" earphone today. With three drivers per ear tuned better than the Triple.Fi's, SE530 offers greater comfort, now including coated foam tips, and presently unbeaten sound quality across the board. If you can afford them, do it.

Check the Mic. Apple missed its October release date for two new headphones: the **Earphones with Remote and Mic** (\$29), and **In-Ear Headphones with Remote and Mic** (\$79, shown). They let iPod nano 4Gs, 120GB iPod classics, and iPod touch 2Gs record audio, pause, change tracks, and volume.



The Underwater Option



A-
\$60

**H2O Audio
Surge**

As the best waterproof earphones we've tested - the only ones to receive an A-level rating - **Surge** works great above or under water, even when completely submerged at depths of up to 12 feet. They include five sets of eartips, providing the snugest fit and best bass of any water-safe earphones; paired with H2O's Amphibx armband, you can run in the rain, or swim.



Cheap, Quality Wireless



B+
\$100

**Logitech
FreePulse**

Bluetooth wireless headsets aren't perfect yet, but Logitech's **FreePulse** has the right idea, delivering good sound quality, fine comfort, and a 33-foot wireless range from your iPod - all at a category-leading price. The neutral looking, light headband won't fit all users, and battery life between charges is only 6 hours, but it lets you listen while your iPod is bagged or pocketed.



Hi-Fi Noise Cancellers



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\$220

**Audio-Tech
ATH-ANC7**

Offering the best bang for the buck of any noise-cancelling headphone we've tested, Audio-Technica's **ATH-ANC7** offer detailed and balanced, slightly bass-rich sound that outstrips Bose's QC2, and 40 hours of AAA battery life. The only real caveat: the earcups are best-suited to small- or medium-sized ears. You'll find them for \$125 or less online, a major steal.



Bigger Noise Cancellers



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\$300

**Bose Quiet
Comfort 2**

Larger than the newer, pricier version 3, the over-ear **QuietComfort 2** provides isolation and active noise-cancellation like ATH-ANC7, but with larger earcups, and slightly less treble. Users who love Bose and aren't detail-obsessed mightn't mind paying the premium, which includes an extra audio cable and one AAA for the same 40-hour battery life.

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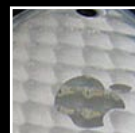
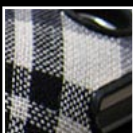
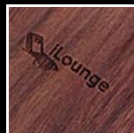
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Choosing Your Case

iLounge receives an average of 10 new cases every week for testing, and we've seen everything from \$5 rubber sleeves to multi-hundred-dollar designs. Since there are thousands of cases out there, we can't review them all, but we can point you towards great options and help you evaluate others you might find in stores. Here's what we look for when we rate cases.

Materials

Metal is the strongest material, but rubber is the most accommodating. Pick a look you like, then check the protection and price.



Front

The best cases protect the device's screen, controls, and metal face or bezel while leaving them usable; lazier designs leave the screen or controls exposed, or cover them in an unusable way. Most companies now include film that prevents gouges and chips in glass or plastic screens and controls; others use integrated clear plastic covers that are okay, too.



Bottom

Partially open bottoms are now very common on iPod and iPhone cases; they let you connect to speakers and cables without hassles. The best cases come with optional bottom covers.





Back and Sides

Virtually every iPod case covers the entire back and both sides, save for the occasional tiny wrist strap hole. iPhone cases almost always leave the camera exposed, plus holes for the volume buttons and ringer switch. Smart companies have found ways to cover these parts with rubber or clear thin plastic, but they're in the minority; openings are common.



Top

Almost every iPod case makes an attempt to cover at least the top corners, typically more; iPhone cases are often left partly open. We strongly prefer designs that cover the whole top save the headphone port; rubber can be used for the whole case or just to cover a switch or button on top.



Pack-Ins + Value

Most plastic and rubber cases sell for \$20-\$25 without belt clips, video stands, lanyards, or other frills; real leather and thick metal cases can sell for more. Great plastic cases include a lot for \$25; poor ones include little for \$30.

More Great Cases



Most of the best current iPod and iPhone 3G cases start on page 22 of this Guide; here are a few that also deserve mentions. Griffin's **Clarifi** (1, \$35) adds a close-up lens to the iPhone 3G, enabling you to take clear pictures of nearby subjects, or flip the lens off for more distant ones. Similarly matte and glossy black is SwitchEasy's **Capsule Rebel** for iPhone 3G (2, \$25), which comes in 10 other colors - including a great transparent version - each with a bundle of smart, protective pack-ins. Marware's **Sidewinder Deluxe** (3, \$35) combines a soft plastic clear case with a belt clip holster that expands to manage your headphone cord. Something much lighter and simpler can be had in Incipio's **Feather** (4, \$20), a super-thin shell in your choice of colors that covers most of the iPhone 3G's back while included film screen protectors handle the front. For iPod shuffle users, Capdase's **Soft Jacket with USB Syncha** (5, \$12) isn't easy to find in the U.S., but includes a clear frosted rubber case and a tiny replacement for Apple's packed-in iPod shuffle Dock. Finally, PDO's **Aluminum V2 for iPod classic** (6, \$30) offers an all-metal silver or black enclosure with a clear screen protector and your choice of colored rubber Click Wheel covers.





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Late, Great Cases



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Some of our favorite cases of 2008 were developed for now-discontinued iPod models, but they're worth mentioning anyway. Atlantic's **iceBar2** (1, \$80) is a fully waterproof speaker system that works with first- through third-generation iPod nanos, running off batteries and capable of being dunked. Less powerful speakers can be found in the non-submersible iFrogz **Audiowrapz** (2, \$25), which add small iPhone-esque passive drivers to the bottom of third-gen iPod nanos. iSkin's **Fuze** (3, \$40) is a combination soft and hard plastic original iPhone case with solid protection and great looks - one of the company's best designs of the past two years, coming soon for iPhone 3G. Even though many of XtremeMac's accessories have become hard to find recently, its sharp two-toned **Tuffwrap** cases (4, \$20) for last year's iPods and iPhone are still lingering at some stores - they were a great value even before they were discounted to half that price. DLO's dot-textured **HybridShell** (5, \$25) was hot for the original iPod touch; we're awaiting a version for the current model. And SwitchEasy's **Runaway** (6, \$9) lets you use the Nike + iPod Sport Kit with any pair of shoes, attaching to its laces and holding the Nike+ Sensor.

Grab Bag Gifts



Want something “outside the box?” As a smart desk-decluttering accessory from Griffin, **Simplifi** (\$70, 1) stylishly combines card readers (SD, xD, MS, CF) with a two-port USB hub and an iPod/iPhone dock for your computer. Apple’s **Universal Dock** (\$49, 2) offers audio-out and data sync, and comes with an Infrared remote; you can spend \$49 more for cables to make it charge and output video. Touchpensys’ **Styluses** (\$17-\$19, 3) let users with long fingernails “touch” their iPhone and iPod touch screens with one or two precise nubs. myVu’s **Crystal 701 iPod Edition** (\$300, 4) is a pair of legitimately good, lightweight goggles that let iPod users watch videos at 640x480 resolution with stereo headphones, while three accessories help to record videos: Elgato’s \$150 **EyeTV Hybrid** (5) is a USB-key sized TV tuner with strong TV recording software for Macs, while **Turbo.264** (\$100, 6) offers high-speed encoding of H.264-format videos. **iRecord Pro** (\$260, 7) transforms VCR or TV content into iPod format.





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Leather Gifts



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Leather is the go-to material for high-class cases, with a handful of specialists in especially deluxe designs. The best is Argentina's Vaja, which perfected its leather-covered hardshell design in iVolution Silver (1, \$280), adding silver front and side accents to an already beautiful iPhone case. Less deluxe versions, including iVolution (2, \$85) and Top SP (3, \$85), don't include the silver but do let you pick two or more body colors from a collection of 38. Noreve's **Tradition Cases** (4, \$40 and up), have beautiful softness and colors, with luxurious suede as a more expensive option, but they're typically less impressively detailed than the Vajas. **Kidskin leather cases** from a.b. sutton (5, \$88+) are handmade, letting you pick every detail from thread to pattern and monogram, while Sena Cases offers **WalletBook Cases** (6, \$52), available in 13 colors, some croc-textured and others not. A less expensive option, Marware's **Flip Vue** (7, \$30), looks stylish in white or black for iPhone and iPod touch.



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Gifts to Hunt For



If you're willing to go through extra searching effort, there are a handful of iPod or iPhone gifts out there that will impress any recipient. U.K.-based Gear4's **DUO** speakers (1, \$200) uniquely split into two halves: the front's a slim, battery-powered portable, and the back's a charging dock with a big subwoofer inside. Together, they create a full-bodied mini home audio system. Macally's **TunePro** (2, \$100) is an attractive all-in-one flat panel speaker with a mirrored face and a peek-through clock, perfect for modern desks. Belkin's **GoStudio** (3, \$120) offers iPod nano and classic users a recorder with two mics and a speaker, plus inputs. Just Mobile's **Xtand** (4, \$40) is a rotating metal stand for iPhone or iPhone 3G use, fusing great looks with a perfect way to watch videos. **iWood 3G** (5, \$100 and up) is one of several pricey but cool handmade wood cases from Miniot; you pick the wood type and engraving. Jet Navy Collection's **Illusion Cases** (6, \$25) offer super cool angular transparent backs, while ION Factory's **Carbon Fiber Leather Shells** (7, \$60-80) use stripes of carbon fiber against nice leather.





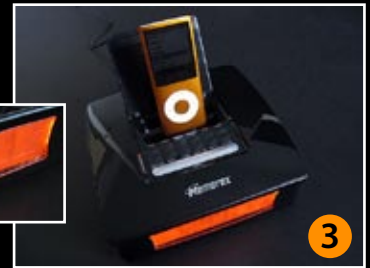
Luxury Gifts



Ever since Sean Combs - yes, Puff Daddy, P. Diddy, Diddy, or whatever you want to call him these days - decked out an iPod and Altec speaker set in diamonds, luxury versions of Apple's products and accessories have attracted attention. Offered in black or silver, DEOS's **diamond-encrusted iPod earphone covers** (\$3,500 to \$15,000) range in price from 32 to 302-diamond versions, and actually come with laser-engraved iPods. Partner **Etchstar.com** (2) provides the engraving, which it also offers as a custom service for \$50-\$70 per iPod or iPhone. Swiss jeweler Knalihs Athem goes further, with fifty limited edition **475-diamond-bezeled iPhone 3Gs** (3, \$10,000 each) for sale. Case-Mate offers a \$20,000, **42-diamond iPhone case** (4), where diamonds are set in 18K gold and gold faux carbon fiber leather. Gilty Couture's **Jewelry Covers** (5, \$180+) sheathe iPods in precious metals and Swarovski gems, while the U.K.'s Goldstriker offers **gold-dipped iPods** (£350-£440), and British designer John Harrington has a **5-diamond iPod shuffle** (7, £300) with Renaissance-themed laser etching.



Gifts for Kids



Over the past few years, iPod accessories and games for kids have become increasingly popular, with some companies specializing in kid-friendly choices. Sold in pink, white, or yellow, Speakal's **iPig** (1, \$140) is a legitimately impressive-sounding audio system with touch-sensitive ear volume controls and an included remote; Hasbro's series of i-Dog, i-Cat, i-Fish, and i-Cy penguin (2, \$30) animal speakers are cheaper, with colorful lights that flash to your music. As a budget speaker specialist, Memorex makes the **Mi4019** (3, \$40), a super-small, budget clock radio, as well as affordable portable speakers like the \$100 iTrek (not shown). Sonic Impact's **Roxy and QuikSilver i-P23** (4, \$130) speakers have integrated clocks, and outer casings with logos from the popular apparel brands. Recent game releases, including the cartoony iPod touch/iPhone beat-em-up **Funky Punch** (5, \$5) and maze game **Rock'n'Roll** (\$4) are colorful and tailor-made for younger players, while iPod nano and classic games such as **Sonic the Hedgehog** (7) are all sold for \$5, and feature gameplay that's safe for all ages. Skip two pages for more.





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A good choice for tweens is Vestalife's **Ladybug** (8, \$110-\$125), sold in silver, red, blue, and black versions, the latter two with Element Skateboards branding. Powered by batteries or an included wall adapter, the ball-shaped three-speaker system has a fun look, warm sound, and a completely portable design - it even comes with a black drawstring carrying bag. Less expensive options include Blue Box's **miJam WassUp** (9, \$30), a speaker that connects to any iPod and actually dances around to your music, and portable \$20 **miJam** musical toys like **Mini Mix** (10), which let you connect up your iPod and add synthesizer music on top of whatever you're playing, playing their combined audio through a small included speaker. Need something quieter? Belkin offers **RockStar** (11, \$20), which lets you connect and mix up to five iPods worth of music to one pair of earphones, one iPod to five earphones, or a combination of earphones and iPods so that everyone at the lunch table can listen to and play music together. There aren't any switches to worry about; RockStar just handles inputs + outputs properly.



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IPOD CLICK WHEEL GAMES

"Click Wheel iPods," specifically the old fifth-generation iPod, the iPod classic, and both third- and fourth-generation iPod nanos, are capable of playing what Apple now calls "iPod Click Wheel Games." Other than four built-in games, the others are sold for \$4.99 through the main iTunes Store page.



B+

Apple Inc.
Vortex

Pre-installed on iPod classics and 3G/4G nanos, **Vortex** gives you a ball and paddle to break blocks that rotate inside a deep tube. Lots of levels and cool power-ups make it last longer than most brick-busters.



B+

Apple Inc.
Klondike

It's old iPod solitaire, with a new **Klondike** name and new frills: music, your choice of backgrounds and card backs, and a settings menu full of rule changes. Included with the iPod classic + 3G/4G nanos.



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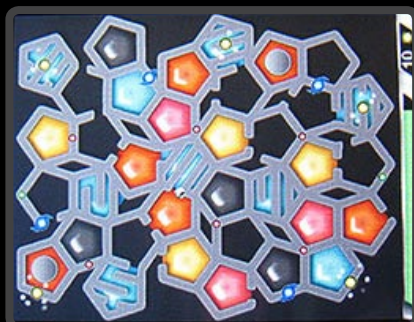
Apple Inc.
iQuiz

Included with iPod classic and 3G nanos, **iQuiz** presents you with movie, TV and music trivia questions based in part on your library, or on data files downloaded from the Internet. Fun, but a battery killer.

B

Apple Inc.
Maze

Designed to show off the fourth-generation nano's accelerometer, **Maze** is built into that model and not sold for the others. Clean art and a nice included song let you enjoy twisting the nano to guide a ball through mazes.



A-

Electronic Arts
Mahjong

Though the iPhone and iPod touch have better versions, EA's tile-matching game **Mahjong** is great by Click Wheel iPod standards, taking you through numerous puzzles with Chinese-themed art, music, and menus; a smart, fun game.



B+

MTV/Harmonix
Phase

Rhythm games generally consist of tapping buttons to the beat of a song. Like Harmonix's **Guitar Hero**, **Phase** puts pucks on screen and has you tap when they get close to one of three platforms, based roughly on your iPod tracks.



IPOD CLICK WHEEL GAME REPORT CARD

We've reviewed every game released so far for Apple's Click Wheel iPods, and though we've spotlighted the best of them on earlier pages of this Guide, there are many others in various genres.

Developer	Title	Summary	Rating
Apple	iQuiz (aka iPod Quiz)	Now included with iPod classic; a movie/music trivia game.	A-
Apple	Maze	Built into nano 4G, a ball zips through accelerometer mazes.	B
Apple	Texas Hold 'em	A poker variant where players bet on limited hands.	B-
Apple	Vortex	Included with iPod classic and nano, break blocks in a well.	B+
D2C Games	Chalkboard S. Baseball	A weird baseball game with ugly art and dull gameplay.	C-
Disney	Pirates of the Caribbean	Overhead view sailing, shooting enemies and doing quests.	B+
Electronic Arts	Mahjong	The classic Chinese tile-matching game, with nice interface.	A-
Electronic Arts	Mini Golf	Cartoony, mediocre miniature golf for kids.	C-
Electronic Arts	Monopoly	A very good rendition of the board game, made simple.	B+
Electronic Arts	Royal Solitaire	Somewhat overdone cartoony version of 10 solitaire games.	B
Electronic Arts	Scrabble	A so-so rendition of the classic word-making board game.	B-
Electronic Arts	Spore Origins	The good first fifth of the recent evolution of life simulation.	B
Electronic Arts	Sudoku (Num-pre)	A very good take on Japan's popular number puzzler.	B+
Electronic Arts	Tetris	Attractively presented block-dropping title with OK controls.	B
Electronic Arts	The Sims Bowling	A decent bowling game with Sims art and customization.	B-
Electronic Arts	The Sims DJ	Try to keep Sims characters dancing to iPod music. What?	B-
Electronic Arts	The Sims Pool	A good pool game with Sims art and audio.	B
Electronic Arts	Yahtzee	Another EA board game port, here a dice-rolling yawner.	C
FreshGames	Cubis 2	Match colored blocks by shooting new ones onto a grid.	B
Gameloft S.A.	Block Breaker Deluxe	A brick, paddle, and ball game with powerups and a story.	B
Gameloft S.A.	Brain Challenge	Clone of Nintendo's Brain Age, with timed mental exercises.	A-
Gameloft S.A.	Bubble Bash!	Clone of Taito's Puzzle Bobble; you match colored balls.	B
Gameloft S.A.	Chess & Backgammon	Two classic board games, with multiple art styles for each.	B
Gameloft S.A.	CSI: Miami	Based on TV show, use forensics to solve a short crime.	C+
Gameloft S.A.	Lost	Based on TV show, wander island on light-action missions.	C+
Gameloft S.A.	Mystery Mansion Pinball	A decent pinball title with above-average graphics, sounds.	B-
Gameloft S.A.	Naval Battle	Battleship clone, but with nice structure, graphics and audio.	B+
Gameloft S.A.	Uno	Surprisingly fun, exciting version of the classic card game.	A-
Hudson Soft	Bomberman	Good version of the old console maze game with bombs.	B
MTV/Harmonix	Phase	Simple rhythm/tapping game by developers of Rock Band.	B+
Namco	Ms. Pac-Man	Mediocre version of classic dot-munching arcade game.	C-
Namco	Pac-Man	Even worse version of classic dot-munching arcade game.	D+
Namco	Pole Position: Remix	Mediocre remake of classic arcade racing game.	C+
Namco	Star Trigon	Clean translation of simple but challenging arcade puzzler.	B+
PopCap Games	Bejeweled	Match three or more gems of a kind on an 8x8 grid.	B-
PopCap Games	Peggle	Fantastically addictive mix of pachinko and pinball.	A
PopCap Games	Zuma	Match three balls as they spiral closer to your cannon.	B-
Sega of America	Sonic the Hedgehog	Near-perfect port of Sega Genesis game, except controls.	B+
Sony BMG	Musika	An "Interactive Visualizer" and a simple tapping/music game.	B
Square/Enix	Song Summoner	A strategy role-playing game; make soldiers using music.	B+

WARNING: "IPOD GAMES" ARE IPOD-SPECIFIC.

Unfortunately, there are no guarantees that the games listed here will work on future Click Wheel iPods, and they're guaranteed not to work on iPod touches, iPhones, Apple TVs, or computers. Separate versions of some of these titles have been released for the iPhone/iPod touch platform, and must be purchased separately, often at a higher price. We've rated those titles separately.

2008

Best of the Year Awards



Our Best of the Year awards recognize the products, programs, and people that have most improved the way users enjoy their iPods and iPhones. Though most of these categories involve hands-on testing of dozens or hundreds of new products released over the last 12 months, our new Readers' Choice Awards enabled readers to vote for the year's best Apple device, as well as top third-party accessory, application, and game developers. With thousands of reader votes and iLounge testing hours logged, here are 2008's results. Congratulations to all the winners!

iPod shuffle Case of the Year



H2O Audio **iSH2 Waterproof**

There were virtually no new iPod shuffle cases released this year, but that didn't stop H2O from innovating with iSH2, which lets swimmers attach the tiny iPod to the back of their heads - either clipped to swim goggles or an included headband - to hear music underwater. Headphones are included for the \$80 price.

Runners Up

Metallo **Guilty Couture shuffle**
\$55-75

Capdase **Soft Jacket & Syncha**
\$12

iPod nano Case of the Year



SwitchEasy **CapsuleThins**

Consistently excellent in the nano case department, SwitchEasy sped out **CapsuleThins**, 10 different fourth-generation iPod nano cases sold for \$20 a piece. In typically thoughtful fashion, the company includes a video stand, headphone adapter, and more in each package; no other company offers a comparable bundle.

Runners Up

Griffin **Wave Case**
\$25

Marware **Sport Grip**
\$15

iLounge Members of the Year

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I have not looked at the numbers but if they are true as reported by Apple, then it is even more impressive that iPhone sales have outdone RIM sales if for no other reason then there is only one model of iPhone on only one carrier per market in most areas, but several versions of Blackberries on several carriers in those same regions.

Posted by **TosaDeac** on October 21, 2008 at 7:11 PM (CDT)

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Its not that impressive, the iPhone is hyped beyond belief. Its demographic is towards teenagers/young adults who would likely upgrade just to fit in with the crowd or just simply upgrade to the "latest, greatest" device.

Blackberry however appeals to business, these people don't have impulses to go out and buy the latest black berry to "fit in".

Code Monkey, Galley, Robert, TosaDeac, UrbanSlaughter

We continue to appreciate members of the iLounge community who keep our forum discussions and comments helpful, interesting, and balanced. These five members were leading contributors in 2009.

iPod classic Case of the Year



Power Support **Crystal Jacket**

What makes an iPod case really special? Comprehensive protection, fair pricing, and an X factor - a little difference that sets it apart from other cases we've seen. For \$30, Crystal Jacket fits that mold: its video stand, Click Wheel film, Dock cover, and "see your iPod inside" design exemplify Power Support's clean approach.

Runners Up

Speck
ArmorSkin
\$30

Griffin
Wave Case
\$25

iPod touch Case of the Year



Griffin **iClear**

Following up on last year's award-winning model, **iClear** remains a great value at \$20, covering all of touch's face, back, and sides with either hard plastic or film. A nice combination of fully transparent faceplate and frosted rear shell help its looks; the company's Reflect substitutes a chrome faceplate and black rear for \$5 more.

Runners Up

DLO
Action Jacket
\$30

Belkin
Sport Armband
\$25

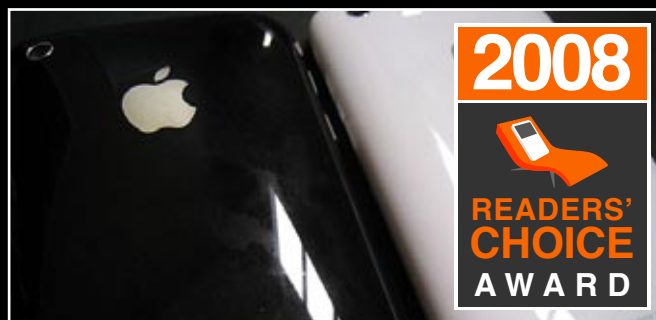
Apple Product of the Year - Editors' Choice



iPod nano (Fourth-Generation)

An even better value than last year's model, the \$149 8GB and \$199 16GB nanos are colorful, fun, and - of course - thin. A great gift for anyone.

Apple Product of the Year - Readers' Choice



iPhone 3G

Readers picked Apple's second mobile phone as its best digital media product of the year, an embrace of its lower \$199/\$299 up-front prices.

iPhone 3G Case of the Year



SwitchEasy Colors

Some case makers saw iPhones as a chance to charge ridiculously high prices for simple cases; **Colors** is the opposite. You get 10 color choices and absolutely superb protection for the iPhone 3G, including port covers. SwitchEasy has created the ultimate \$15 silicone rubber case, for sure.

Runners Up

DLO VideoShell (Version 2)
\$20

Artwizz SeeJacket Crystal
\$30

iPhone Headset of the Year



Aliph Jawbone (2008)

Light, visually neutral, and yet stellar in audio quality, the 2008 version of **Jawbone** is one of very few wireless earpieces that lets callers hear you - and vice-versa - when you're standing next to a running motor or in heavy wind. For calls, this \$130 set is awesome; it can be had for \$100.

Runners Up

BlueAnt V1 Voice Control Headset
\$130

iSkin Cerulean F1 Stereo Bluetooth
\$130

iPod Clock Radio of the Year**Boston Acoustics Horizon Duo-i**

There are clocks, there are radios, and there are audio systems with clocks and radios. **Horizon Duo-i** is the latter, with great sound, a cool interface, and replaceable front grilles. It wowed us more than any iPhone-ready competitor. Runners Up: Sony **ICF-C1iPMK2** (\$100), iHome **iP99 Clock Radio** (\$150).

iPod + iPhone Speaker of the Year**Logitech Pure-Fi Anywhere 2**

Less expensive than last year's version and now iPhone-compatible, the \$130 **Pure-Fi Anywhere 2** continues to offer the best portable sound you can find for its price, and comes in either black or white colors. A case, remote, wall adapter and 10-hour rechargeable battery are still included.

Runners Up

JBL On Stage
200ID
\$150

Altec Lansing
T612
\$200

iPhone Speakerphone of the Year**Contour SurfaceSound Compact**

Breakthroughs are now rare, but the \$100 **SurfaceSound Compact** - jointly developed by Bluetrek and Contour Design - is so smart that competitors haven't been able to touch it; a super-thin, visor-mounted speakerphone that runs off its own battery, and includes a charger.

Runners Up

Blueant Wireless
Supertooth 3
\$130

iHome **iP47**
Speakerphone
\$200

Accessory Maker of the Year - Readers' Choice

GRIFFIN



Griffin Technology

A diverse and innovative product lineup, consisting of cases, speakers, docks, other electronic accessories and software, helped prior Accessory Maker of the Year award winner **Griffin** capture our 2008 Readers' Choice Award. What does it have in store for 2009? Runners Up: **Logitech**, **Belkin**.

Headphone of the Year



Audio-Technica **ATH-ANC7**

This wasn't a strong year for new headphones, but Japan's Audio-Technica blew us away with the \$220 **ATH-ANC7**, certainly the best pair of active noise-cancelling headphones ever to challenge Bose's QuietComfort series. Rather than trying to match Bose's price or performance, **ATH-ANC7** decided to beat both, and succeeded.

Runners Up

Etymotic **hf2**
Noise-Isolators
\$179

Ultimate Ears
Super.fi 4vi
\$150

iPod Click Wheel Game of the Year



PopCap Games **Peggle**

Though App Store releases have captured more attention, the \$5 **Peggle** - released just after the 2007 Awards - is the best game released for any Apple pocket device in the past year. Addictively simple, the pachinko-influenced brick-breaking game has won millions of fans on different platforms; a sequel, **Peggle Nights**, is coming.

Runners Up

Gameloft
Brain Challenge
\$5

Gameloft
Uno
\$5

iPod/iPhone Game Developer of the Year - Editors' and Readers' Choice

**Gameloft**

It's one thing to develop a great iPod/iPhone game - it's another entirely to consistently churn out impressive releases. Judged on quality, quantity, pricing, and longevity, **Gameloft's** titles repeatedly impress us, and they keep getting better every year. Runners Up: **Electronic Arts, Hudson Soft.**

iPhone/iPod touch Game of the Year

**Gameloft Platinum Sudoku**

Puzzle games appear to be the most common in the App Store, and though we've reviewed hundreds of games, Platinum Sudoku stood out from the rest due to its polish and staggering \$2 price. Offering 200,000 grids, mini-games, unlockables, and a second full game called Kakuro, it shows how iGames should be done.

Runners Up

Electronic Arts

Tetris

\$8

MobileAge

Shanghai Mahjong

\$5

iPhone/iPod touch App of the Year

**Laminar Research X-Plane 9**

No app showed off the sheer power of the iPhone platform like X-Plane 9, which puts a computer-class flight simulator - complete with realistic flight dynamics, terrain, and weather - in your pocket. Repeatedly updated to add more features, this \$10 app demonstrates why downloads, not packaged discs, are the future.

Runners Up

Intua

BeatMaker

\$10

Fringland

Fring

Free

iPod/iPhone Application Developer of the Year - Editors' and Readers' Choice

PANDORA



Pandora Media

Though Pandora's only a one-app company, its eponymous, free program is a doozy - a streaming audio player that finds music you'd like and don't already own. Smarter than Apple's Genius thanks to a lot of hard work by Pandora, it takes iPods + iPhones to the next level. Runners Up: **Fringland** + **AOL**.

iPod Car Accessory of the Year



Griffin TuneFlex Aux (2008)

Adding line-level output to your iPod needn't be expensive; for only \$50, **TuneFlex Aux** proves as much. Bundled with cradles for various iPods, and capable of keeping any of them charged while outputting Dock Connector audio to a variable line-out port, it's great. Belkin adds FM transmitting; Kensington instead adds a remote.

Runners Up

Belkin TuneBase FM for iPhone + iPod
\$100

Kensington LiquidAUX
\$80

Video Accessory of the Year

FAIL

None

Accessory makers still haven't recovered from Apple's 2007 decision to cripple video-out from iPods; the video display docks we loved from companies such as Sonic Impact and Memorex were never replaced in 2008, and popular past add-ons still don't work. This year's releases were B-worthy at best; we'll hope for better next year.

Runners Up

Myvu Crystal 701 iPod Edition
\$300

Elgato Systems EyeTV Hybrid
\$150

Accessory of the Year

**Contour SurfaceSound Compact**

Immediately after the iPhone was announced, it was obvious that handsfree accessories and speakerphones would be needed, but far too few companies obliged, and fewer succeeded in releasing anything innovative. As a convenient, wireless speakerphone for iPhone and iPhone 3G users, SurfaceSound Compact lets you talk on the phone with very good sound quality and minimal button pressing. It is the only accessory we've tested this year that we couldn't live without - unless, of course, 2009 brings a sequel.

Runners Up

Boston Acoustics

Horizon Duo-i

\$200

Aliph

Jawbone (2008)

\$130

Accessory Maker of the Year - Editors' Choice

**SwitchEasy****SwitchEasy**

Though we typically confer our highest honor on companies that do many things well, we also like to recognize those that do exceptional jobs with focused lineups. SwitchEasy has had an outstanding 2008, making many of the best cases for various iPod models, at reasonable prices. We actively look forward to its releases.

Runners Up

Griffin Technology

iHome

Logitech

THE BIG REPORT CARD.

We've reviewed over 2,000 products since the iPod launched; they're all listed here. Read our full reviews on iLounge.com for all the details.

Adapters and Cables - Data

SendStation PocketDock Combo	A
SendStation PocketDock	A-
SendStation PocketDock Line Out USB	A-
Global Source Retractable USB/FW	B+
Griffin Technology Dock400 Cable	B+
Griffin Technology Dock800 Cable	B+
Kensington Accessory Adapter/shuffle	B
Macally Link360 FireWire 1394A 3D	B+
Macally Link360 USB 3D Adapter	B+
Nyko Stereo Link Cable	B+
SendStation FireWire & Line Out	B+
XtremeMac Audio Kit for iPod shuffle	B+
BTi u-Link Accessory Adapter for nano	B
Incipio IncipioBud for iPod shuffle (2G)	B
Macally Link360 FireWire 1394B 3D	B
Taylor Technologies iPlus+ for iPod nano	B
Targus 9-Pin/30-Pin Accessory Adapter	B/B-
SendStation Dock Extender	B-
Carrot Idea USB Flexible Dock/2G shuffle	B-
Gadget Accessories USB Sync Cable	D

Adapters and Cables - Indoor Power

Griffin PowerDuo Charging Kit for iPod	A-
Sonnet iPod USB Power Adapter	A-
Apple iPod USB Power Adapter (9/06)	B+
Better Energy Systems Solio	B+
Capdase Universal Power Adapter	B+
Capdase USB Power Adapter/shuffle	B+
Griffin PowerBlock for iPod and iPhone (2008)	B+
Logiix The iPower Pro Ultra Slim	B+
Apple iPod USB Power Adapter (2005)	B
Griffin Technology Dock Adapter shuffle	B
Griffin PowerBlock Dual Universal AC Charger	B
XtremeMac InCharge Traveler	B
Griffin Technology PowerBlock travel 2007	B-
Griffin Technology PowerDuo travel	B-
Van Hauser iSuperCharger	C+

Apple TV and Accessories

Apple Inc. Apple TV 2.0 (40GB/160GB)	B+
XtremeMac XtremeHD Audio Cable	B+
XtremeMac XtremeHD Comp. Video Cable	B+
XtremeMac XtremeHD HDMI>DVI Cable	B+
XtremeMac XtremeHD HDMI>HDMI Cable	B+
XtremeMac XtremeHD HDMI Switcher	B+
XtremeMac XtremeHD TOSLINK Cable	B+
Apple Inc. Apple TV 1.0 (40GB/160GB)	B

Audio/Video Cables

Griffin HomeConnect Audio & Video	A-
Marware AV Cable for iPod photo/5G	A-

XtremeMac RoadShow Car AV Cable	A-
Belkin AV Cable for iPod (Color LCD)	B+
Capdase Come Home Headphone Port	B+
Pacific Rim Technologies Retractable AV	B+
Apple iPod AV Cable	B
Capdase Come Home Dock Conn/Comp.	B
Capdase Come Home Dock Conn/S-Video	B
Apple Component AV Cable	C+
Gecko Gear iPod Audio and Video Cable	C+
Apple Composite AV Cable	C
BoxWave iPod Photo AV miniSync	C

Batteries

BTi's The iPod Battery	A
FastMac TruePower 1G/2G	A
Newer Technology NuPower Super 1G/2G	A
Apple iPod shuffle Battery Pack	A-
BTi's The iPod Battery ii	A-
FastMac TruePower 3G	A-
Just Mobile Gum and Gum Pro Power Packs	A-
Newer Technology NuPower Hi-Cap 3G	A-
Sonnet Volta	A-
Compact Power Systems Cellboost	B+
ezGear PowerStick Shuffle	B+
iLuv i603/604 Rechargeable Silicone Skin	B+
Tekkeon myPower Battery Pack	B+
APC Mobile Power Pack UPB10	B
Belkin Backup Battery Pack	B
BTi AA iPod Battery	B
ezGear PowerStick iPod Battery Pack	B
FastMac TruePower 4G	B
Griffin TuneJuice BatteryPack	B
Kensington Mini Battery Pack - iPhone/iPod	B
Lithium House iCel 201 External Power	B
Nyko iBoost	B
Nyko iBoost mini Battery Pack	B
RichardSolo Smart Backup Battery Pack	B
Belkin TunePower	B-
Compact Power Systems iRecharge	B-
Kensington Portable Power Pack	B-
Mophie Juice Pack for iPhone	B-
XtremeMac MicroPack Dock + Battery	B-
Compact Power Systems iRecharge Value	C
Gadget Accessories Battery Pack	F

Bluetooth / Wireless Home Audio

Griffin Evolve Wireless Sound System	A-
Griffin Evolve Add-On Set	A-
TEN Technology naviPlay	A-
Belkin TuneStage for 4G/mini iPod	B+
Belkin TuneStage 2	B+
Griffin Technology BlueTrip LE	B+

Logitech Wireless Music System	B+/B-
Logitech FreePulse Wireless Headphones	B+
Macally BlueWave Headset	B+
Bluetake I-Phono BT420EX	B
Bluetake I-Phono mini BT450	B
Brookstone Wireless Music System	B
Creative Xdock X-Fi Dock/Receiver	B
Etymotic ety8 In-Ear Bluetooth Earphones	B
iLuv i399 2.1-Channel Hi-Fi Audio System	B
iSkin Cerulean F1 Stereo BT Earphones	B
iSkin Cerulean TX+RX Transmitter/Receiver	B
JBL Reference 610 BT Wireless Headphones	B
Klipsch RoomGroove Wireless Speaker	B
Lenntek Hookup Lanyard for nano	B
Mondo Mint DMS300	B
Oakley O ROKR Bluetooth Eyewear	B
Scosche Bluelife Headphones & TX	B
Scosche Bluelife Wireless Home Kit	B
TEN Technology naviPlay Headset Kit	B
Wi-Gear iMuffs Bluetooth Headset	B
FriendTech iDea Wireless Dock/Headset	B-
iSkin Cerulean F1+TX Headset/Transmitter	B-
Logitech Wireless Headphones	B-
GlobalSat iWAG Wireless Bluetooth Set	C+
Lenntek Hookup Bluetooth Kit for iPod	C
Silex Tech wiDock Wireless Dock for iPod	C
d.Muse iBlue Bluetooth Phone Adapter	C-

Camera Adapters

Griffin Clarifi with Close-Up Lens/iPhone 3G	A-
Apple iPod Camera Connector	B+
Belkin Media Reader	B+
Belkin Digital Camera Link	B
Meritline Wide-Angle Lens for Apple iPhone	B-

Car Mounts

ProClip Padded Adj. Holder w/ Tilt Swivel	A
TEN Technology FlexibleDock/Charger	A
Belkin TuneBase FM for iPhone + iPod	A-
Griffin TuneFlex Aux (2008)	A-
Nyko Universal Car Mount	A-
Power Support Mobile Stand	A-
ProClip In-Car Mount for iPod photo	A-
ProClip Padded Holder w/ Tilt Swivel iPhone	A-
ProClip Padded Holder w/ Tilt Swivel nano 3G	A-
ProClip Padded Holder w/ Tilt Swivel touch	A-
ProClip Padded iPod In-Car Holder	A-
ProClip Tilt Swivel Holder for iPhone	A-
Belkin TuneBase FM for iPod	B+
Belkin TuneBase FM for iPod nano	B+
DLO VentMount for iPhone	B+
DLO VentMount for iPhone 3G	B+

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DLO VentMount for iPod touch	B+	Griffin RoadTrip All-in-One Car Solution	C+	Incase Slider Case for iPhone 3G	C+
Griffin TuneFlex nano Charger/Cradle	B+	Pioneer AVIC-Z1/CD-IB100II iPod Adapter	C+	ION-Factory Carbon Fiber Leather Shell	C+
Griffin TuneFlex 5G Charger/Cradle	B+	Van Heusen iSuperCharger	C+	JAVOedge Leather Side Pouch	C+
Griffin PodPod/iSqueeze	B+	Macally iPodCarCharger	D	Speck SwitchWay	C+
Griffin WindowSeat for iPhone/3G + touch	B+	Gadget Accessories 3-in-1 Travel Charger	B+/F	Uniea U-Skin for iPhone 3G	C+
Kensington Car Mount for iPod	B+			United SGP Corp. Ultra Thin Plus Case	C+
ProClip In-car holder for iPod	B+	Cases - iPhone 3G		xGear Defender Case for iPhone 3G	C+
ProClip Padded Holder w/ Cable Attachmt.	B+	SwitchEasy Colors for iPhone 3G	A	Artwizz Leather Pouch for iPhone 3G	C
ProClip Padded Holder for iPod 5G	B+	Artwizz SeeJacket Crystal for iPhone 3G	A-	Capdase Soft Frame for iPhone 3G	C
ProClip Padded Holder for iPod nano	B+	DLO VideoShell for iPhone 3G	A-/C-	Contour Design Flick for iPhone 3G	C
Macally FM Cup Transmitter/Charger	B	Griffin Clarifi Case with Built-in Close-Up Lens	A-	Contour Design Fusion for iPhone 3G	C
Pro Fit Ultimeout	B	H2O Audio Amphibx Waterproof Armband	A-	JAVOedge Indented JAVOSkin for iPhone 3G	C
XtremeMac MicroFlex Car/iPod nano	B	OtterBox Defender Series for iPhone 3G	A-	PDO Sleek Crystal Case for iPhone 3G	C
Belkin TuneDok	B-	SwitchEasy Capsule Rebel for iPhone 3G	A-	Uniea U-Suit Premium for iPhone 3G	C
ProClip Padded w/ Tilt Swivel& Charging	B-	Case-Mate Vroom Case for iPhone 3G	B+	BTA Workshop Illusion Class 3 Versions	C-
JAVOedge Universal Mobile Mount/iPhone	C+	Contour Design Hardskin for iPhone 3G	B+	Seidio Innocase II	C-
HandStands iGrip Sticky Pad	C-	Contour Design iSee for iPhone 3G	B+	Seidio Innocase Holster	C-
Pacific Rim Tech iCradle FM	D+	DLO HybridShell for iPhone 3G	B+/D+		
		Griffin iClear for iPhone 3G	B+	Cases - iPhone	
Car Power Chargers, Kits and Adapters		Griffin Nu Form Hard-Shell Case	B+	Artwizz SeeJacket Crystal for Apple iPhone	A-
Belkin TuneBase FM for iPhone + iPod	A-	Griffin Wave Case for iPhone 3G	B+	Contour Design iSee iPhone V3	A-
Belkin TuneBase FM with ClearScan	A-	iFrogz Treadz Case for iPhone 3G	B+	Griffin Wave for iPhone	A-
Griffin PowerJolt USB Auto Charger (v2)	A-	Incipio Feather for iPhone 3G	B+	H2O Audio Amphibx Waterproof Armband	A-
Griffin TuneFlex Aux (2008)	A-	iSkin Solo for iPhone 3G	B+	iSkin Fuze for iPhone	A-
Harman Kardon Drive + Play	A-	Marware Flexi-Shell for iPhone 3G	B+	Marware SportGrip Smooth Silicone	A-
SendStation smartCharge for iPod (2007)	A-	Marware Sidewinder Deluxe for iPhone 3G	B+	Otter Products OtterBox for iPhone Defender	A-
TEN Technology FlexDock	A-	Marware SportGrip for iPhone 3G	B+	PDO TopSkin for iPhone	A-
Belkin Auto Kit	B+	Marware Sportsuit Convertible	B+	Belkin Clear Case for iPhone	B+
Belkin Charging Kit for iPod	B+	PDO TopSkin for iPhone 3G	B+/D	Capdase Classy Leather Case for iPhone	B+
Belkin TuneBase FM Version 2	B+	Sena Cases WalletBook	B+	Case-Mate Naked Case Version 2 for iPhone	B+
BTI Auto/Air Adapter	B+	SwitchEasy CapsuleNeo for iPhone 3G	B+	Case-mate Signature Leather Case	B+
Dension ICE-Link Auto Integration Kit	B+	Vaja iVolution Top SP for iPhone 3G	B+	Contour Design iSee for iPhone	B+
DLO TransDock Micro	B+0	AB Sutton Simple Slip for iPhone 3G	B	Contour Design Showcase for iPhone	B+
DLO TransPod FM (Boxy, Dock Conn.) V2	B+	BTA Workshop Illusion Class 2 Versions	B	Core Cases Aluminum Slider Case for iPhone	B+
Griffin PowerJolt for iPhone (2008)	B+	Case-Mate Carbon Fiber Leather Case	B	CoverCase Hard Acrylic Case for iPhone	B+
Harman Kardon Drive + Play 2	B+	Case-Mate Naked Case for iPhone 3G	B	DLO SlimCase Protective Leather Shell	B+
iStore iPod2Car Line-Quality Integ. Kit	B+	Case-Mate Signature Leather Case	B	DLO StrapWrap	B+
Monster iAirPlay Charger	B+	DLO Jam Jacket for iPhone 3G	B	Gizmac Titan Clear for iPhone	B+
SiK imp in-car charger/line out	B+	DLO SlimCase for iPhone 3G	B	Griffin ClearBoost for iPhone	B+
Belkin TuneCast Auto for iPhone and iPod	B	Griffin Elan Form Hard-Shell Leather Case	B	Griffin Courier Utility Case	B+
DLO AutoPod Intelligent Car Charger	B	Griffin iClear with Belt Clip and Armband	B	Griffin Reflect for iPhone	B+
DLO TransPod FM Late 2005 (Rounded)	B	iFrogz Luxe Case for iPhone 3G	B	Marware Sport Grip Backwinder for iPhone	B+
DLO TransPod FM (Boxy, Dock Connector)	B	Incipio dermaSHOT for iPhone 3G	B	Marware Sportsuit Convertible for iPhone	B+
ezGear ezCharge for iPod shuffle	B	iSkin Revo2 for iPhone 3G	B	Power Support Crystal Jacket Set	B+
Griffin iTrip Auto with SmartScan	B	Marware C.E.O. Flip Vue for iPhone 3G	B	Sena Cases Dockable Case for iPhone	B+
Griffin RoadTrip with SmartScan	B	Marware C.E.O. Sleeve for iPhone 3G	B	Sena Cases LeatherSkin Case for iPhone	B+
Griffin PowerJolt USB Auto Charger (v1)	B	Speck Fitted Case for iPhone 3G	B	Uniea U-Suit Premium for iPhone	B+
Griffin PowerPod FireWire Charger	B	Speck PixelSkin for iPhone 3G	B	Vaja iVolution Silver for iPhone	B+
Incase Charger (Version 2)	B	Speck ToughSkin for iPhone 3G	B	Vaja iVolution Top Holster	B+
Macally USB iPod Car Charger	B	Uniea U-Suit Folio Premium for iPhone 3G	B	Vaja iVolution Top SP Holster	B+
Monster Ultra Low Profile Charger	B	Vaja iVolution Black n'Red Limited Edition	B	XtremeMac TuffWrap for iPhone	B+
Pacific Rim Technologies Car FW Adapter	B	Belkin Silicone Sleeve for iPhone 3G	B-	Belkin Sport Armband for iPhone	B
XtremeMac InCharge Traveler	B	Gecko Gear iPhone Glove for iPhone 3G	B-	Case-Mate Leather Flip Case for iPhone	B
Belkin TuneBase	B-	Griffin FlexGrip for iPhone 3G	B-	DLO Jam Jacket for iPhone	B
Belkin TuneBase for iPod shuffle	B-	Incipio Silicrylic for iPhone 3G	B-	DLO Jam Jacket for iPhone (Version 2)	B
Capdase USB Power DC Car Charger	B-/D-	JAVOedge Back Covers for iPhone 3G	B-	Griffin Elan Form Natural Cork Case	B
DLO TransPod (for original iPods)	B-	Marware C.E.O. Glide for iPhone 3G	B-	ifrogz Silicone Wrapz and Treadz for iPhone	B
DLO TransPod for iPod shuffle	B-	Marware C.E.O. Premiere for iPhone 3G	B-	Incase Fitted Sleeve for iPhone	B
Griffin Technology PowerDuo travel	B-	Noreve Tradition Leather Case for iPhone 3G	B-	Incase Leather Folio for iPhone	B
Macally BTCup FM Transmitter w/Bluetooth	B-	Noreve Tradition B Leather Case	B-	Incase Sports Multifunction for iPhone	B
Marware Car Charger for iPod	B-	Noreve Tradition C Leather Case	B-	Incipio Executive OVRMLD L. Hard Case	B
Monster iCharger	B-	Sena Cases WalletSkin	B-	InnoPocket Metal Deluxe Case for iPhone	B
SendStation smartCharge shuffle/USB	B-	Speck SeeThru for iPhone 3G	B-	ION-Factory Carbon Fiber Leather Shell	B
Belkin TuneBase FM	C+	Uniea U-Feel for iPhone 3G	B-	iSkin Revo for iPhone	B
Dension ICE-Link 1.1 Auto Integration Kit	C+	Vaja iVolution for iPhone 3G	B-	iStyles 2007 Sleeve Collection	B
Digiana Audia X iTube-101 shuffle	C+	Griffin Elan Clip for iPhone 3G	C+	Macally mCase Protective Leather Case	B

Marware C.E.O. Premiere for iPhone	B	Noreve Tradition Leather Case for iPhone	C	PDO Sporteer Armband	B-
Marware Sportsuit Sleeve Discreet	B	Noreve Tradition B Leather Case for iPhone	C	Capdase Soft Jacket	C+
Metallo Design Guilty Couture Chromium	B	Prima Cases Select Low Profile Vertical Jacket	C	DLO Action Jacket for iPod classic	C+
Metallo Design Guilty Couture Stainless Steel	B	RadTech Gelz for iPhone	C	Speck TechStyle Classic for iPod classic	C+
Pacific Rim Technologies iShield	B	Speck Holster-Pro for iPhone	C	Capdase Crystal Case for	C
Pacific Rim Technologies Leather Jacket	B	Speck TechStyle-Runner for iPhone	C	Case Logic True Sport Armband/iPod classic	C
PDO Reviso Premium Leather Case	B	Tekkeon Hard Case with Soft Touch	C	CoverCase Cobra Leather Cases	C
Sena Cases MagnetFlipper Case	B	Uniea U-Feel for iPhone	C	XtremeMac Verona Holster Leather Cases	C-
Speck SkinTight 2-Pack for iPhone	B	Vaja iVolution Lady Holster for iPhone	C	JAVOedge JavoSkin Cases	D+
Speck SeeThru for iPhone	B	BoxWave Designio Vertical Flap L. Case	C-	DLO UrbanShell for iPod classic	D-
Speck ToughSkin for iPhone	B	Macally mPouch Protective Leather Pouch	C-	JAVOedge JAVOLeather Hard Form-Fitted	F
Speck TransPort for iPhone	B	Marware C.E.O. Elite for iPhone	C-		
Tunewear Icewear for iPhone	B	BoxWave Designio Open Screen L. Sleeve	D+	Cases - iPod 5G (with video)	
Uniea U-Suit Folio for iPhone	B	BoxWave FlexiSkin for Apple iPhone	D+	Agent 18 VideoShield Kit	A-
Uniea U-Suit for iPhone	B	JAVOedge JavoShield Aluminum Metal Case	D+	Aquarius iJacket for iPod 5G	A-
Vaja iVolution for iPhone	B	JAVOedge JavoSkin Cases	D+	Better Energy Systems Tread Visor	A-
Vaja iVolution Stripes for iPhone	B	PDair Leather Sleeve with Cover	D+	Boomwave Podstar Diablo for iPod video	A-
Vaja iVolution Top Crystal 2 for iPhone	B			Capdase Crystal Clear Case for iPod	A-
Agent 18 EcoShield for iPhone	B-	Cases - iPod classic (6G)		Contour Design Showcase video	A-
Agent 18 iPhone Shield	B-	Belkin Remix Metal for iPod classic	A-	ifrogz wrapz Customizable Cases	A-
Belkin Acrylic Case for iPhone	B-	Belkin Remix Metal (2008)	A-	iSkin eVo3 for iPod 5G	A-
CoverCase iPhone Slip Hard Leather Case	B-	Griffin Wave Case for iPod classic	A-	Logic3 Crystal Armor Case for iPod video	A-
CoverCase SlimSkin Silicon Case for iPhone	B-	H2O Audio Amphibx Waterproof Armband	A-	Marware Sidewinder for iPod video	A-
DLO HipCase for iPhone	B-	iSkin eVo4 Duo for iPod classic	A-	Marware Sportsuit Basic for iPod video	A-
Griffin Technology Elan Snap-In for iPhone	B-	Marware SportGrip for iPod classic	A-	Otter Products OtterBox for iPod video	A-
Griffin Streamline Armband for iPhone	B-	PDO TopSkin for iPod classic	A-	Pods Plus Aluminum V2	A-
Incase Slider Case for iPhone	B-	PDO Aluminum V2 for iPod classic	A-	Power Support Illusion Case for iPod 5G	A-
JAVOedge AlloyVision Crystal Metal Case	B-	PDair Aluminum Metal Case for iPod classic	A-	Speck Products ToughSkin 5G	A-
JAVOedge JavoClearCase for Apple iPhone	B-	Power Support Crystal Jacket	A-	AB Sutton Video Slip	B+
Marware C.E.O. Flip Vue for iPhone	B-	XtremeMac TuffWrap	A-	Agent 18 VideoShield	B+
Marware C.E.O. Sleeve Slim Executive	B-	Capdase Sport Armband	B+	Capdase Soft Jacket	B+
Marware Sidewinder Smart Holster	B-	Case Mate Signature Leather Case	B+	Core Cases Aluminum Case 5G	B+
Orbino Strada Premium Hand-Stitched	B-	Contour Design Showcase Classic	B+	Core Cases Aluminum Swivel Case	B+
Pacific Rim Technologies iShield Mirror	B-	DLO StrapWrap	B+	DC Shoes Incase Folio for iPod 5G	B+
PDair Leather Sleeve for Apple iPhone	B-	Griffin Courier Utility Case	B+	Griffin iClear Photo	B+
Prima Cases Select Premium Leather Flip	B-	Griffin Elan Convertible	B+	Handstands iSnug Video Set	B+
SwitchEasy Capsule for iPhone	B-	Griffin iClear for iPod classic	B+	ifrogz Tadpole	B+
Speck TechStyle-Classic for iPhone	B-	Griffin Reflect for iPod classic	B+	Incase Neoprene Sleeve	B+
Tunewear Ambassador for iPhone	B-	iFrogz Silicone Wrapz for iPod classic	B+	iSkin Claro Silicone/Clear Case Combo	B+
Belkin Holster for iPhone	C+	Incase Leather Sleeve for iPod classic	B+	iSkin Claro Special Edition	B+
Capdase Soft Jacket	C+	Marware Sportsuit Convertible	B+	iSkin eVo3 Limited Special Edition	B+
GreenEdge Reef Soft Touch Cases	C+	ShadesCases Shades	B+	Marware CEO Classic	B+
Griffin Technology Elan Holster for iPhone	C+	Speck ToughSkin for iPod classic	B+	Marware Sportsuit Convertible for iPod 5G	B+
Incase Protective Cover for iPhone	C+	Agent 18 Classic Shield	B	Marware TrailVue for iPod with video	B+
JAVOedge JAVOLeather Case for iPhone	C+	Contour Design iSee Classic 80/160	B	Oakley 99037 Case for iPods	B+
Macally mSleeve Genuine Leather Case	C+	DLO Jam Jacket with Earbud Management	B	Pods Plus Aluminum Case for iPod Video	B+
Marware C.E.O. Cover Vue for iPhone	C+	Griffin AeroSport Armband	B	Power Support/Miyavix Kimono Case	B+
Marware Quick Vue for iPhone	C+	Griffin Elan Convertible	B	Power Support Silicone Jacket for 5G iPod	B+
Prima Cases Premium Leather Lateral iPhone	C+	H2O Audio iV6 Waterproof Case	B	SBS Innovations iShok 5G Video	B+
Sena Cases Elegia Pouch for Apple iPhone	C+	Incase Neoprene Sleeve for iPod classic	B	Secure-It The PodSafe iPod Security Case	B+
Sena Cases UltraSlim Pouch for iPhone	C+	Noreve Tradition Leather Case	B	Speck Products Canvas Sport for iPod	B+
Vaja iVolution Holster for iPhone	C+	Power Support Silicone Jacket for iPod classic	B	Speck Products See-Thru Sexy Hard Cases	B+
Capdase Crystal Case	C	XtremeMac Verona Flip Leather Cases	B	Vaja iVod video SP	B+
Case-Mate Signature iPhone Holster	C	XtremeMac Verona Sleeve Leather Cases	B	XtremeMac Iconz Sport for 5G	B+
CoverCase Cobra Leather Cases	C	Case Logic Traditional Tin	B-	XtremeMac MicroFlip for iPod with video	B+
Fabrix Cases	C	Case Logic Trend Cases	B-	XtremeMac MicroGlove for iPod w/ video	B+
Incipro dermaSHOT Silicone Case	C	DLO HipCase Leather Folio for iPod classic	B-	AB Sutton Video Book	B
Incipro ECO case and Standard Pouch	C	DLO VideoShell for iPod classic	B-	Aquapac 100% Waterproof MP3 Case	B
Incipro Silicrylic Case for iPhone	C	JAVOedge JAVOLeather Case Pull Out	B-	Axio Deluxe Shock-Resistant Silicone	B

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Belkin Flip Leather Case for iPod	B	Marware CEO Classic 4G	A-	Chums Flip Case for iPod	B-
dasblau The Versa2	B	Marware SportSuit Convertible	A-	Chums iFrame Case for iPod	B-
DLO PodFolio	B	Marware TrailVue 4G	A-	DLO Jam Jacket Pro	B-
Griffin Technology Centerstage	B	Miyavix Kimono	A-	Hook Casemandu iPod Travel Case	B-
Griffin Technology Disko	B	OtterBox iPod 4G/photo	A-	Incase Leather Sleeves	B-
Griffin iClear Polycarbonate Case for iPod	B	Speck Products ToughSkin	A-	Incase Pouch Fashion Case	B-
Griffin Technology Vizor for iPod	B	Sumo Cases Flap	A-	MCA Hautes Coutures Double Stitch	B-
ifrogz bagz Water Resistant Cases	B	Sumo Cases PlayThru Vertical 4G	A-	Pacific Design iPod Flip Case	B-
ifrogz Exotics Animal Skin iPod Cases	B	Vaja iPod DJ	A-	Paul Frank iPod Cases	B-
iStyles 2007 Sleeve Collection	B	Speck Products GripSkin	A-	Power Support Crystal Jacket 4G	B-
Marware Sportsuit Sleeve for iPod video	B	Speck Products PortfolioSkin	A-/B+/C	Rivet iGrab with QR Belt Clip/Dash Mount	B-
Miniot iWood 5g/iWood Red	B	Acme Made The Wallet	B+	Speck Products iKitty for 4G iPod	B-
NorthShore International Kaftan Cases	B	Body Glove Fusion Case iPod 4G	B+	Vaja Classic AP96 Leather Studded Case	B-
Orbino Cambio	B	Capdase Flip-Top Leather Case	B+	Agent 18 Click Shield	C+
Pacific Rim Tech. 5G Quartz Case	B	Core Cases/InnoPocket Magnum Case	B+	DLO Action Jacket 4G	C+
Sena Cases iPod Video Premium Stand	B	DLO Jam Jacket	B+	Lajo eXo3	C+
Speck Products Active Sport Armband	B	ezGear Clear Case	B+	Marware SportSuit Basic	C+
Speck Products Active Sport Case	B	H2O Audio SV-iP4G Underwater Housing	B+	Mindknob Premium Glove Leather Case	C+
Tunewear PRIE Ambassador	B	Incase Music Belt	B+	Pods Plus Leather Flipcase	C+
Tunewear PRIE Ambassador Sienna	B	Incase Neoprene Sleeve for iPod	B+	Acme Made The Traveller	C
Tunewear PRIE TuneWallet	B	Incase Wallet Fashion Case	B+	Lajo Zip4g b	C
Tunewear PRIE TuneWallet Sienna	B	iSkin eVo 2	B+	Lime iPod Peel Cases	C
Speck Products Grass FunSkin	B	Lajo eXo 2 / eXo2fb	B+	Lime Regular Peel Case for iPod	C
Vaja Classic AP186 for iPod video	B	LifePod Urban Camouflage ModPods	B+	Mobile Juice Skin Art 4G	C
Vaja iVolution Leather Suit	B	Matias iPod Armor 4G	B+	PRM iDiddy Case/Lanyard/Earbuds 4G	C
Vakaadoo iVak 5G	B	Moshi/Aevoe iPouch	B+	Aneta Genova SoundGear Play-Through	C
Zofunk Zosen Silicone Case	B	Pacific Rim Technologies 4gShield	B+	Belkin NE Leather Flip Case for iPod	C-
Belkin Holster Case for iPod	B-	Power Support Silicone Jacket Set	B+	Belkin Sports Jacket for iPod 4G/20GB	C-
Belkin Kickstand Leather Case for iPod	B-	Proporta Crystal Case	B+	Pacific Design Pouch	C-
Case-Mate Leather Case	B-	Secure-It The PodSafe iPod Security Case	B+	Krusell Music Multidapt for iPod	D+/D-
Contexture Design 45 iPod Cases	B-	Speck Products GripSkin 4G	B+	Gadget Accessories Aluminum Case	D
DLO Action Jacket	B-	Speck Products HandSkin	B+	<u>Cases - iPod mini</u>	
DLO VideoShell	B-	Speck Products iGuy	B+	Lajo exoflmini	A
Griffin Technology California Roll	B-	Sumo Cases Quilted and Stripe	B+	OtterBox for iPod mini Waterproof Case	A
ifrogz Rana Italian Leather Cases	B-	Targus Flip Case for iPod	B+	Power Support Square Type Sil. Jacket	A
Innopocket Metal Deluxe Cases	B-	Targus Slide Case for iPod	B+	Vaja iPod mini	A
iPodstreet Flip Leather	B-	Timbuk2 iPod Case	B+	Speck Products ToughSkin mini	A
iPodstreet Leather Encased	B-	Tunewear Icewear 4G	B+	STM Mini Cocoon Travel Case	A
Pacific Design 5G/Video Flip Case	B-	Tunewear WaterWear 4G	B+	Tunewear Prie Classic Face Case	A
Pods Plus Silicone Skin with Beltclip	B-	Vaja iPod Crystal	B+	a.b. sutton Tokyo '64 Handmade Leather	A-
Pods Plus Silicone Skin without Beltclip	B-	Vaja iPod Rasta	B+	a.b. sutton Mini Clutch Leather	A-
Scosche SoundKase Cases for iPod Video	B-	Speck Products 4G SkinTight Armband	B+/B	Capdase Metal Case for iPod mini	A-
Skymate Designer Series Case for iPod 5G	B-	Belkin NE Deluxe Leather Case for iPod	B	Contour Design iSee-mini	A-
Speck Products Cloud FunSkin	B-	Belkin Neoprene Sport Case w/ Drawstring	B	DLO Jam Jacket & Pro mini	A-
Sumo Cases Horizontal PlayThru Stripe	B-	Burning Love Pouch for iPod	B	Handstands iPak/iSnug Set	A-
Vaja Classic AP181/191 for iPod video	B-	Capdase Soft Jacket	B	Incase Multifunction Sport Case	A-
Vaja Classic AP187/197 for iPod video	B-	DLO Relaxed Leather Cases	B	Incase Neoprene Sleeve for iPod mini	A-
Vaja iPod video for 5G iPods	B-	Gadget Accessories Solid Cover Case	B	iSkin mini	A-
Womp! Access for iPod video	B-	HotRomz Cases for iPod	B	Kate Spade mini iPod Cases	A-
Apple Computer Leather Case for iPod	C+	Incase Folio for U2 Special Edition	B	Lajo exo3mini	A-
Pacific Rim Mktg. iDitti Commuter	C+	Incase Journal Fashion Case	B	Marware SportSuit Convertible	A-
BoxWave Designio Leather Shell Case	C	Incase Travel Kit	B	Marware TrailVue	A-
iPodstreet iPod Video iTube Silicone Case	C	Lajo eXo / eXofb / eXo iPodArt	B	Matias iPod Armor mini	A-
RexRegina Conrad 5G	C	Lajo eXo 3x	B	Miyavix Kimono	A-
iPodstreet iPod Leather Case w/ W. Strap	D+	Noreve Tradition Leather Case	B	Pacific Design iPod Mini Flip Case	A-
SKB Drypod Waterproof/Interactive Hard	F	Piel Frama Luxurious Leather Case	B	Power Support Crystal Jacket mini Set	A-
		RadTech Sleevez for iPod (4G/photo)	B	Speck Products GripSkin for iPod mini	A-
		Rivet iGrab	B	Speck Products Mini Arm Band	A-
		Aneta Genova Soundgear Sleeve	B	a.b. sutton Mini Slip Handmade Leather	B+
		Timbuk2 iPod Carrying Case	B	a.b. sutton Mini Fastback Leather	B+
		Tunewear Prie Hook	B	Agent 18 Mini Shield Case	B+
		Vakaadoo iVak 5G	B	Agent 18 Mini Shock Case	B+
		XtremeMac Silicone Sleeve	B	Belkin Leather Pouch for iPod mini	B+
		Speck Products SkinTight 4G iPod Skin	B/B-	Belkin NE Classic Leather Case for mini	B+
		Apple iPod Socks	B-	Body Glove Fusion Case mini	B+
		Be-Ez Travel Bag	B-	Booq Venom mini Case	B+
		Booq Venom45 Case	B-		
<u>Cases - iPod 4G/color (Click Wheel)</u>					
Incase Multifunction Sport Case for iPod	A				
STM Cocoon case	A				
Vaja i-Volution 4G with Wheel Protector	A				
Otterbox Waterproof for iPod 4G/photo	A/A-				
Belkin NE Sports Leather Case for iPod	A-				
Contour Design Showcase	A-				
Handstands iPak/iSnug Set	A-				
iSkin eVo 2 with Wheel Cap	A-				
Lajo eXoflp	A-				

Eroch Lili mini Waterproof Case	B+	Cases - iPod nano 4G		Marware Sportsuit Relay	B+
H2O Audio SV-iMini Underwater Case	B+	Apple iPod nano Armband (4th Generation)	A-	Marware Sportsuit Runabout	B+
Innopocket Metal Deluxe Case	B+	Belkin Sport Armband	A-	Noreve Tradition Leather Case	B+
iSkin Vibes for iPod mini	B+	Griffin Wave Case for iPod nano 4G	A-	Power Support Silicone Jacket for iPod nano	B+
Lajo exo2mini	B+	H2O Audio Amphibx Waterproof Armband	A-	ShadesCases Shades	B+
Lajo exo2mini-fb	B+	Marware Sport Grip for iPod nano 4G	A-	Speck ActiveFit for iPod nano 3G	B+
LifePod Urban Camouflage ModPod minis	B+	SwitchEasy CapsuleThins	A-	Speck ArmorSkin for iPod nano 3G	B+
Marware Santa	B+	Griffin Elan Convertible	B+	Speck ToughSkin for iPod nano 3G	B+
MCA Hautes Coutures Snow for iPod mini	B+	Griffin iClear for iPod nano 4G	B+	Tunewear Prie Rawhide and Moccasin Cases	B+
Moshi/Aevoe Mini iPouch	B+	iFrogz Silicone Wrapz for iPod nano 4G	B+	Uniea U-Suit Premium for iPod nano 3G	B+
Speck Products iGuy for mini	B+	Incase Leather Sleeve	B+	XtremeMac TuffWrap Plus for iPod nano	B+
Speck Products Mini FlipStand	B+	Incase Neoprene Sleeve	B+	Belkin Leather Folios for iPod nano & classic	B
Speck Products PortfolioSkin for mini	B+	Incipio dermaSHOT for iPod nano 4G	B+	Boomwave Diablo and Bearaphim Cases	B
Targus Slide Case for iPod mini	B+	Belkin Eco-Conscious Leather Sleeve	B	DLO Action Jacket	B
Tunewear WaterWear mini	B+	Belkin Leather Sleeve	B	DLO Jam Jacket with Earbud Management	B
Vaja Classic case	B+	Griffin AeroSport Armband	B	DLO HybridShell and MetalShell for nano	B
Belkin Hard Case for iPod mini	B	Griffin Elan Form Hard-Shell Leather Case	B	DLO MetalShell for nano	B
Capdase Flip Top Leather Case	B	Griffin FlexGrip for iPod nano 4G	B	DLO Shell for nano	B
ezGear Clear mini Case	B	Griffin FlexScreen for iPod nano 4G	B	Griffin Elan Convertible	B
Global Source Deluxe Leather Case	B	Incase Hard Case for iPod nano 4G	B	Griffin Streamline Armband for iPod nano	B
HotRomz Cases for iPod mini	B	Incase Sports Armband	B	ifrogz 3GNanowrapz	B
iLeath Mini Print Case	B	Marware Sport Grip Deluxe for iPod nano 4G	B	ifrogz Treadz	B
Incase Handcrafted Leather Sleeve	B	Noreve Tradition Leather Case	B	iSkin DuoBand Armband + Protector	B
Innopocket Magnesium Case	B	Speck PixelSkin for iPod nano 4G	B	Marware C.E.O. Slim Fold for iPod nano	B
Kroo Executive Leather Cases	B	Sumajin Loop Cases for iPod nano 4G	B	PDair Aluminum Metal Case	B
Kroo Laguna Leather Cases	B	Tunewear Icewear for iPod nano 4G	B	PDair Flip Type Leather Case	B
Kroo Soho Leather Cases	B	Belkin Remix Metal for iPod nano 4G	D+	PDair Sleeve Type Leather Case	B
Lime Mini Flip Case	B	Belkin Sonic Wave Silicone Sleeve nano 4G	D+	PDO Aluminum N3 for iPod nano	B
Marware Safari	B	DLO Action Jacket	D+	Speck SeeThru for iPod nano 3G	B
Matias Clear iPod Armor mini	B			Speck TechStyle-Classic for iPod nano 3G	B
Rivet iGrab mini with Lanyard or Clip	B	Cases - iPod nano 3G		Tunewear Tuneshell for iPod nano	B
Sena Detachable Flip	B	Apple iPod nano Armband	A-	XtremeMac Verona Flip Leather Cases	B
Slappa ShockShell	B-	Belkin Remix Metal for iPod nano	A-	XtremeMac Verona Sleeve Leather Cases	B
Speck Mini iStyle	B	Core Cases Aluminum Slider Case for nano	A-	Agent 18 NanoShield Kit for iPod nano G3	B-
Speck Mini Skin	B	DLO VideoShell for iPod nano	A-	Capdase Bifold Style Leather Case	B-
Targus Flip Case for iPod mini	B	Griffin FlexGrip	A-	Capdase Vertical-Flip Style Leather Case	B-
Tunewear Icewear	B	Griffin FlexScreen	A-	Case Logic Traditional Tin	B-
Burning Love Airpodz	B-	H2O Audio Amphibx Waterproof Armband	A-	Case Logic Trend Cases	B-
Capdase Soft Jacket	B-	H2O Audio iN3 Waterproof Case	A-	CoverCase Dual SlimSkin Silicon Case	B-
Chums iFrame Case for iPod mini	B-	ifrogz Audiowrapz for iPod nano 3G	A-	DLO HipCase Leather Folios	B-
DC Shoes / Incase Sleeve	B-	iSkin Duo for iPod nano 3G	A-	DLO Jam Jacket Design for iPod nano	B-
Gadget Accessories Aluminum Case	B-	iSkin for iPod nano 3G	A-	Gecko Gear Nano Sports Armband	B-
Marware MetroVue mini	B-	Marware C.E.O. Slim for iPod nano	A-	Incase Sports Armband for iPod nano	B-
Speck Products iKitty for mini	B-	Marware Sidewinder for 3G iPod nano	A-	JAVOedge JAVOLeather Case Pull Out	B-
Timbuk2 iPod Mini Carrying Case	B-	Marware SportGrip for iPod nano (video)	A-	Marware Sportsuit Sleeve	B-
Aneta Genova SoundGear Play-Through	C+	Marware Sportsuit Convertible	A-	PDO Sporteer Armband for iPod nano 3G	B-
Belkin Sports Jacket for iPod mini	C+	Nike Sport Armband for iPod nano (video)	A-	Uniea U-Suit for iPod nano (3G)	B-
DLO Action Jacket mini case	C+	PDO TopSkin for iPod nano	A-	Capdase Soft Jacket for iPod nano	C+
Krusell Music Multidapt for iPod mini	C+	Power Support Crystal Jacket	A-	I-nique Eco-nique Climate Positive	C+
Lajo exomini	C+	SwitchEasy Biscuits for G3 Nano	A-	Capdase Crystal Case for iPod nano	C
Marware Basic	C+	SwitchEasy Silicon Biscuits for Nano 3G	A-	Case Logic True Sport Armband for nano 3G	C
Marware Runabout	C+	XtremeMac TuffWrap	A-	CoverCase Cobra Leather Cases	C
Modus Design Dopi Cases	C+	Capdase Sport Armband	B+	Fabrix Cases for iPod nano 3G	C
RadTech Sleevez for iPod mini	C+	Contour Design iSee nano V3	B+	Grantwood Technology Tuneband for nano	C
Bird-Electron POCO	C	Gecko Gear Ice Case Crystal Clear	B+	Incase Protective Cover for iPod nano 3G	C
PRM iDiddy Case/Lanyard/Earbuds mini	C	Griffin iClear for iPod classic and nano (video)	B+	Speck TechStyle-Runner for iPod nano 3G	C
Burning Love AirPodz for iPod mini	C-	Griffin Reflect for iPod classic and nano (video)	B+	Vaja i-Volution Grip with Hook for iPod nano	D+
Proporta Crystal mini Case	C-/D-	iFrogz Motion Armband for iPod nano	B+	JAVOedge JavoSkin Cases for 2007 iPods	D+
Mobifly iPod mini Mobifly Kit	D+	Incase Leather Sleeve for iPod nano	B+	JAVOedge JAVOLeather Hard Form-Fitted	F
Tunewear Prie Hook mini	D-	Incase Neoprene Sleeve for iPod nano	B+		

Reader Advisory: Astroturfing and Product Revving. Over the past several years, iLounge has caught companies trying to create phony grass roots support for their products, or opposition to competitors' products. We have banned this sleazy marketing practice, called "astroturfing," and booted companies for doing it. Also, some companies continue to change ("rev") their products after initial shipments, generally improving them but sometimes making them worse. See iLounge's Discussion Forums for discussions of post-release product changes.

Cases - iPod nano 2G

Contour Design iSee nano V2	A
H2O Audio Outdoor Case for iPod nano	A
ifrogz 30 Combo Case for 2G iPod nano	A
ifrogz Nanowrapz for 2G iPod nano	A
iSkin Duo for iPod nano (Aluminum)	A
Aquarius iJacket for iPod nano 2G	A-
Better Energy Systems Pocket Rock 'It	A-
Core Cases Aluminum Case for nano (2G)	A-
Gizmac Titan Clear for the iPod Nano 2G	A-
Griffin iVault for nano	A-
Griffin Trio Plus for iPod nano	A-
H2O Audio Amphibx Waterproof Armband	A-
iSkin for iPod nano (Aluminum)	A-
Marware Sidewinder Spectra for 2G nano	A-
Marware Slyder for iPod nano 2nd Gen	A-
Otter Products OtterBox for iPod nano 2G	A-
Power Support Illusion Case for nano (2G)	A-
Power Support Silicone Jacket Round	A-
Power Support Silicone Jacket Square	A-
Speck Products Canvas Sport for nano 2G	A-
Speck ToughSkin 2 Tough Case nano 2G	A-
SwitchEasy Capsule for iPod nano G2	A-
Tunewear Icewear nano 2G	A-
AB Sutton Nano Slip	B+
Boomwave Podstar Bearaphim for 2G	B+
Boomwave Podstar Diablo Spectrum 2G	B+
Contour Design Showcase nano (2G)	B+
DLO Twister for iPod nano	B+
Griffin iClear Photo for iPod and iPod nano	B+
Griffin Technology Trio for nano	B+
iSkin Vibes for iPod nano 2nd Generation	B+
JAVOedge AlloyVision Crystal Metal Case	B+
Noreve Tradition Leather Case for nano G2	B+
Red Snapper Mypod Custom	B+
Vaja Classic Top for Apple iPod nano 2G	B+
Vakaadoo iVak N-type 2 Case for nano	B+
Aquapac 100% Waterproof MP3 Case	B
Capdase Bifold Style Classy Leather Case	B
Capdase Hip-Hop Style Soft Jacket	B
Capdase Pattern Leather Case for nano	B
FatPengy iStitch Customizable	B
ifrogz bagz Water Resistant Cases for nano	B
Marware Sportsuit Sensor+/Sport Kit	B
Mophie Relo Radura	B
NorthShore International Kaftan Cases	B
Pacific Rim Technologies Quartz Shield	B
PDO/Pods Plus Aluminum N2 for 2G	B
Proporta Alu-Crystal Case	B
Sena MagnetFlipper for iPod nano 2G	B
Speck See-Thru Lucid Case for 2G	B
Vaja i-Volution with Hook for nano 2G	B
Capdase Belt Leather Case for nano	B-
Capdase Classy Leather Case for nano	B-
Skymate Designer Series Case for nano	B-
Apple Computer iPod nano Armband 2G	C+
ifrogz Clear Case for 2nd Gen iPod nano	C+
Tunewear Prie Uni for iPod nano	C+
ventureDESIGNworks freeHAND	C+
Pacific Design Uptown Clutch for nano	C
PodDress PodDress for iPod nano	C
SwitchEasy RunAway AnyShoe Adapter	C

Cases - iPod nano 1G

AVA Lava for iPod nano	A
iSkin Duo for iPod nano	A
Aquarius iJacket for iPod nano	A-
Better Energy Systems Tread Visor	A-

Boomwave Podstar Diablo for iPod nano	A-
Capdase Crystal Clear Case for iPod nano	A-
Capdase Soft Armor for iPod nano	A-
Carrie Scott/Herchmer Jamband Sport	A-
DLO nano fling Fashion Wristlet Case	A-
Griffin Technology Bookcase nano	A-
H2O Audio Amphibx Waterproof Armband	A-
H2O Audio Waterproof Housing for nano	A-
ifrogz wrapz Customizable Cases for nano	A-
Incase Neoprene Sleeve for iPod nano	A-
Incase Neoprene Sports Cases for nano	A-
Marware Sidewinder for iPod nano	A-
Marware Sportsuit Basic for iPod nano	A-
Otter Products OtterBox for iPod nano 1G	A-
Power Support Crystal Jacket for nano	A-
Power Support Illusion Case for iPod nano	A-
STM Holster for iPod nano	A-
Sumo Cases Stripe for iPod nano	A-
Tunewear Prie Ambassador Sienna	A-
XtremeMac SportWrap for iPod nano	A-
Agent 18 Shield 4 Nano	B+
Apple Computer iPod nano Tubes	B+
Axio Thump Shock-Resistant Silicone	B+
Better Energy Systems Tread Ellipse III	B+
Core Cases Aluminum Case for iPod nano	B+
DC Shoes Incase Folio for iPod nano	B+
DLO Action Jacket for iPod nano	B+
Macally Ilesuit Protective Sleeve for nano	B+
Marware CEO Billfold Wallet for nano	B+
Marware Sport Grip for iPod nano	B+
Marware Sportsuit Convertible for nano	B+
Marware Sportsuit Santa for iPod nano	B+
Marware Sportsuit Sleeve for iPod nano	B+
Miniot iWood nano	B+
Pacific Rim Tech. nano Magnesium Shield	B+
Power Support Silicone Jacket for nano	B+
Power Support/Miyavix Kimono for nano	B+
Secure-It The PodSafe iPod Security Case	B+
Speck Products Canvas Sport for nano	B+
Tunewear Icewear for iPod nano	B+
Tunewear Prie Ambassador for iPod nano	B+
Tunewear Prie TuneWallet Sienna	B+
Vaja iVod nano	B+
XtremeMac IceFrame for iPod nano	B+
XtremeMac Iconz for iPod nano	B+
XtremeMac Iconz Sport for iPod nano	B+
A-1 Quality Products Nano iKeychain Case	B
Apple Computer iPod nano Armband	B
Axio Deluxe Shock-Resistant Silicone	B
Belkin Folio Cases for iPod nano	B
Contour Design iSee nano	B
Handstands iSnug Nano Set	B
Incase Leather Folio for iPod nano	B
Innopocket Metal Deluxe Case for nano	B
iPodstreet Bifold Leather Case for nano	B
Marware CEO Card Wallet for iPod nano	B
Marware Sport Grip Extreme	B
Marware Sportsuit Runabout for nano	B
Marware Sportsuit Safari for iPod nano	B
Moshi nanoPouch	B
Nike Sport Armband for iPod nano/shuffle	B
Pacific Rim Tech. Gel Shield 3-Pack	B
Pods Plus iPod Nano Skin	B
Shinnorie EZgoing Leather Pouch nano	B
Speck Products Active Sport Armband	B
Speck Products Active Sport Case	B
Speck Products nano Grass FunSkin	B
Speck Product ToughSkin for iPod nano	B

Sumo Cases Flip for iPod nano	B
Tunewear Prie TuneTag Sienna	B
Tunewear Prie TuneWallet for iPod nano	B
Vaja Classic AP161	B
Winzz iFace nano	B
XtremeMac MicroGlove for iPod nano	B
XtremeMac MicroShield Clear Case	B
XtremeMac TuffWrap 3-Pack for iPod nano	B
Belkin Flip for iPod nano	B-
Belkin Holster for iPod nano	B-
Capdase Luxury Metal Case for iPod nano	B-
Case-Mate Leather Case for iPod nano	B-
Incase University Collection Wallets	B-
Pacific Design Nano Flip Case	B-
Pods Plus Aluminum Case for iPod nano	B-
Speck Products nano Cloud FunSkin	B-
Speck Products nano iGuy	B-
Speck Products See-Thru Sexy Hard Case	B-
SwitchEasy Capsule for iPod nano	B-
Tunewear Prie TuneTag for iPod nano	B-
Vaja Classic AP171	B-
XtremeMac MicroWallet Accent	B-
XtremeMac MicroWallet Leather	B-
XtremeMac MicroWallet Pastel	B-
XtremeMac TuffWrap Single-Pack	B-
Apple Computer Leather Case for nano	C+
C6 Mfg. Carbon Fiber Nano Case	C+
Capdase Chic Leather Case for iPod nano	C+
iPodstreet Horizontal Encased Leather	C+
iPodstreet Jacket Leather Case	C+
iPodstreet Jacket with Trim Leather Case	C+
Noreve Tradition for iPod nano	C+
Pacific Rim Mtg. iDitti Commuter for nano	C+
Proporta Protective Silicone Case for nano	C+
Belkin Carabineer for iPod nano	C
iPodstreet Metal Case for iPod nano	C
Mr. Smith Jimi nano-case	C
Speck Products Connect & Protect nano	C
Speck Products SkinTight for iPod nano	C
Speck Products SkinTight Deluxe for nano	C
Incase Leather Wallet for iPod nano	C-
iPodstreet Thong Leather Case for nano	C-
Nike Nike+ Sport Armband for iPod nano	C-

Cases - iPod shuffle 2G

Power Support Silicone Jacket:	A-
Capdase Protective Case Set	B+
H2O Audio iS2 Waterproof Housing	B+
Incipio [performance] Armband	B+
JAVOedge JAVOClearCase	B+
Capdase Leather Case and Syncha Set	B
DLO Action Jacket for iPod shuffle	B
Griffin Tempo Armband for iPod shuffle	B
H2O Audio iSH2 Waterproof Case/Headset	B
ifrogz Shuffle Wrapz 3-Pack Silicone Cases	B
JAVOedge JAVOShield Stainless Steel Case	B
JAVOedge JAVOSkin Case	B
Mophie Bevy w/ Key Chain/Bottle Opener	B
Hori Silicone Cover for iPod shuffle	B-
Mophie Mueva Wraptor	B-
Speck TechStyle Puck All-in-One Case	B-
Proporta Crystal Sleeves for 2G shuffle	C+
Proporta Silicone Sleeves for 2G shuffle	C+
Proporta Steel Sleeves for 2G iPod shuffle	C+

Cases - iPod shuffle 1G

Apple iPod shuffle Sport Case	A
iSkin Shuffle Duo for iPod shuffle	A

TuneWear Icewear Shuffle	A
Body Glove Fusion Case shuffle	A-
DLO Action Jacket for iPod shuffle	A-
iMojo shuffle Sweats	A-
OtterBox for iPod shuffle	A-
Power Support Silicone Jacket Shuffle	A-
XtremeMac TuffWrapz	A-
Agent 18 Shield 4 Shuffle Packs	B+
Apple iPod shuffle Armband	B+
Capdase Luxury Metal Case	B+
Capdase Soft Jacket Value Set	B+
Core Cases Aluminum Case	B+
Exopod Aluminum Magnetic Case	B+
Griffin SiliSkins	B+
Griffin iVault	B+
iSkin Vibes for iPod shuffle	B+
Macally IceSuit shuffle	B+
Pacific Rim Technologies Gel Shield	B+
Pods Plus Crystal Case for iPod shuffle	B+
Speck Connect & Protect for iPod shuffle	B+
Speck Metal iPod Protection	B+
Vaja AP11 for iPod shuffle	B+
A.B. Sutton Kidskin Case for iPod shuffle	B
HotRomz Cases for iPod shuffle	B
Incase Pouch - Multipurpose Version	B
MCA Hautes Coutures Snow Case	B
Miyavix/Power Support Kimono Case	B
MP3Band-It Armband (1.5" Version)	B
PodGear JumpSuit Shuffle	B
XtremeMac Shieldz 3-Pack	B
XtremeMac Shieldz Characters	B
XtremeMac Shieldz Sport	B
Belkin NE Classic Leather Case	B-
DLO Jam Jackets and Caps	B-
Incase Neoprene Wristband for iPod shuffle	B-
XtremeMac SportWrap for iPod shuffle	B-
Incase Pouch - Five-Pack Version	C+
Pods Plus Leather Cases	C+
Belkin Sports Jacket 3-Pack for iPod shuffle	C
PRM iDiddy Case/Lanyard/Earbuds shuffle	C
MP3 Band-It (1.0" Version)	C-
Pods Plus Silicone Skins for iPod shuffle	C-
Kroo Soho Leather Case for iPod shuffle	D+
Speck SkinTight Armband for iPod shuffle	D-

Cases - iPod touch 2G

Belkin Sport Armband	A-
DLO Action Jacket	A-
Griffin iClear	A-
H2O Audio Amphibx Waterproof Armband	A-
Griffin Elan Convertible	B+
Griffin Elan Form Hard-Shell Leather Case	B+
Griffin FlexGrip for iPod touch 2G	B+
Griffin Reflect for iPod touch 2G	B+
Incipio dermaSHOT for iPod touch 2G	B+
Tunewear Icewear for iPod touch 2G	B+
Griffin AeroSport Armband	B
Incase Hard Cases for iPod touch 2G	B
Incase Sports Armband	B
Marware C.E.O. Flip Vue for iPod touch 2G	B
Marware C.E.O. Sleeve for iPod touch 2G	B
Speck PixelSkin for iPod touch 2G	B
Sumajin Loop Cases for iPod touch 2G	B
Belkin Eco-Conscious Leather Sleeve	B-
Belkin Leather Sleeve for iPod touch 2G	B-
Belkin Sonic Wave Silicone Sleeve touch 2G	B-
Marware C.E.O. Glide for iPod touch 2G	B-

Marware C.E.O. Premiere for iPod touch 2G	B-
Incase Slider Case for iPod touch 2G	C+
Noreve Tradition Leather Case	C+
Incase Protective Cover for iPod touch 2G	C-
SwitchEasy RebelTouch	D+

Cases - iPod touch 1G

DLO VideoShell for iPod touch	A
DLO Action Jacket for iPod touch	A-
DLO HybridShell for iPod touch	A-
DLO Jam Jacket Multiclip for iPod touch	A-
Griffin FlexGrip for iPod touch	A-
Griffin iClear for iPod touch	A-
H2O Audio Amphibx Waterproof Armband	A-
Marware SportGrip for iPod touch	A-
PDO TopSkin for iPod touch	A-
Power Support Crystal Jacket for touch	A-
XtremeMac TuffWrap	A-
Belkin Remix Acrylic for iPod touch	B+
Belkin Sport Armband for iPod touch	B+
Capdase Sport Armband for iPod touch	B+
Case Mate Signature Leather Case	B+
Contour Design Showcase touch	B+
Core Cases Aluminum Slider Case	B+
DLO Jam Jacket for iPod touch	B+
DLO StrapWrap	B+
Griffin Courier Utility Case for iPod touch	B+
Griffin Reflect for iPod touch	B+
iSkin touch for iPod touch	B+
Marware Sportsuit Convertible for iPod touch	B+
Power Support Silicone Jacket for iPod touch	B+
ShadesCases Shades	B+
Uniea U-Suit Premium for iPod touch	B+
Vaja iVolution for iPod touch	B+
Agent 18 EcoShield	B
Agent 18 Touch Shield	B
Belkin Leather Sleeve for iPod touch	B
Belkin Sport Armband Plus for iPod touch	B
Contour Design iSee touch	B
Gecko Gear Safe Case for iPod touch	B
ifrogz Silicone Wrapz for iPod touch	B
ifrogz Treadz for iPod touch	B
Incase Leather Sleeve for iPod touch	B
Incase Neoprene Sleeve for iPod touch	B
Metallo Design Gilty Couture Stainless Steel	B
Miniot iWood touch	B
Power Support Air Jacket for iPod touch	B
Speck SeeThru for iPod touch	B
Speck TransPort for iPod touch	B
SwitchEasy CapsuleTouch	B
Tunewear Ambassador SideHook for touch	B
Uniea U-Suit for iPod touch	B
Vaja iVolution Top SP Holster for iPod touch	B
XtremeMac Verona Flip Leather Cases	B
XtremeMac Verona Sleeve Leather Cases	B
Belkin Leather Folio for iPod touch	B-
Case Logic Trend Cases	B-
DLO HipCase Leather Sleeve for iPod touch	B-
Griffin Elan Convertible for iPod touch	B-
Griffin Streamline Armband/iPhone & touch	B-
Incase Slider Case for iPod touch	B-
JAVOedge JAVOLeather Case Pull Out	B-
Pacific Rim Technologies iShield Reflection	B-
PDair Sleeve Type Leather Case for touch	B-
PDair Aluminum Metal Cases for iPod touch	B-
PDO Sporteer Armband for iPod touch	B-
GreenEdge Reef Soft Touch Cases for touch	C+

DLO HipCase Nylon Case for iPod touch	C+
I-nique Eco-nique Climate Positive	C+
PDO Flipp Premium Leather Case	C+
Case Logic True Sport Armband for touch	C
CoverCase Cobra Leather Cases	C
Fabrix Cases for iPod touch	C
Uniea U-Feel for iPod touch	C
XtremeMac Verona Holster Leather Cases	C-
JAVOedge JavoSkin Cases for 2007 iPods	D+
Vaja i-Volution Holster for iPod touch	D+

Cases - 3G iPod (with Dock Connector)

Contour Design Showcase	A
Lajo eXo1p	A
Marware C.E.O. Classic 3G	A
STM Cocoon case	A
Vaja i-Vod 3G	A
iSkin eXo2 Case	A-
Self Design BodyMask	A-
Eroch Studios Lilipod Waterproof Case	B+
Gravis G-Pod	B+
iSkin eVo	B+
Lajo eXo 2 Case	B+
Marware CEO Glove 3G	B+
Matias iPod Armor	B+
Otterbox iPod	B+
Speck Products iSport	B+
Teski Roadie Case	B+
Aneta Genova SoundGear Sleeve	B+
Incase Sleeve 3G Case	B
Lajo eXo and eXo Inferno Cases	B
Lajo eXo 3	B
Monster iCase Travel Pack	B
Power Support Silicone Jacket Set	B
RadTech PodSleeve	B
Piel Frama Leather Case	B
Speck Products FlipStand 3G	B
Terforma iSleeve G2	B
Teski Executive Leather Case	B
iLeath Leather Print Case	B-
Speck Products iPod Skin	B-
CaseClosed iPod Cases	C+
MacAlly PodCase Armband	C+
JAVOedge Design 1	C
Tune Belt iPod Armband Carrier	C-
Monster iSportCase	D+
Proporta Aluminum iPod Case	D-

Cases - 1G & 2G iPods (no Dock Connector)

Incase Pouch	A
Marware C.E.O. Classic Case	A
Marware SportSuit Convertible	A
Vaja i-Vod	A
XtremeMac Deluxe (New & Improved)	A
iGlove Leather Case	A-
J.R. Hill & Co. iPod Sleeve Deluxe	A-
Krusell Classic Case	A-
Waterfield Designs Sooper Dooper	A-
XtremeMac Deluxe (Original)	A-
Contour Design iSee	B+
Groove Jacket	B+
Marware SportSuit Sleeve	B+
Matias iPod Armor	B+
Incase Designs Sleeve	B
OP/TECH USA MP3i Pouch	B
The Pouch MP3 Player Carrying Case	B
Vaja Classic Case	B

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Sony MDR-E888LP Fontopia Earphones	A-	H2O Audio Waterproof Headphones	B-	Plantronics Voyager 520 Bluetooth Headset	B+
Ultimate Ears super.fi 3 Studio Earphones	A-	iSkin Cerulean F1+TX Wireless Headset	B-	Aliph Jawbone Bluetooth Headset	B
Ultimate Ears super.fi 5 EB Earphones	A-	Logitech Curve Headphones	B-	Apple iPhone Bluetooth Headset	B
Ultimate Ears super.fi 5 Pro Earphones	A-	Shure SE310 Sound Isolating Earphones	B-	iSkin Cerulean F1 Wireless Bluetooth	B
Ultimate Ears triple.fi 10 Pro Earphones	A-	Sony MDR-EX55LP Stereo Headphones	B-	Plantronics Discovery 665 Bluetooth	B
Ultimate Ears UE-10 Pro Earphones	A-	Griffin EarJams	C+	Argard M10 Bluetooth Headset	B-
Westone UM1	A-	Harman Kardon EP720 Noise-Isolating	C+	Etymotic Research EtYBLU	B-
Westone UM2	B+	JBL Reference 210 Earphones	C+	iSkin Cerulean F1+TX Wireless Set	B-
Altec Lansing iM616	B+	Macally Retractable Headphones	C+	Bluetake BT400GL Bluetooth Headset	C+
Altec Lansing iM716	B+	HeadRoom iPod Earphone System	C	Gennum nX6000 Bluetooth 2.0 Headset	C+
Apple iPod Earphones (9/06)	B+	Plane Quiet Noise Reducing Headset	C		
Audio-Technica ATH-CM3 Earphones	B+	Altec Lansing iM302 Headphones	C-	<u>iPhone Headsets - Wired (Also iPod-Compatible)</u>	
Creative Aurvana Live!	B+	Altec Lansing UHP301 SnugFit Earbuds	C-	Etymotic Research hf2	A-
Creative Aurvana X-Fi Noise-Cancelling	B+	Fire Fox Technologies Liquid Frequency	C-	Apple iPhone Stereo Headset	B+
Design Annex iBeat Illuminating Phones	B+	Pacific Rim Tech shuffle Accessory Kit	C-	Maximo iP-HS2 iMetal Isolation Headset	B+
ezGear ezEars SX50 Earphones	B+	Ultrasone iCans Headphones	C-	Skullcandy iPhone FMJ	B+
Future Sonics Ears Model EM3 Earphones	B+	JAVOedge retractable earbuds	D	Ultimate Ears Super.fi 4vi Sound Isolating	B+
Harman Kardon EP710 Noise-Isolating	B+	Yahba Opus Earphones	D-	Ultimate Buds Apple-Etymotic ER-6i	B+
Headbanger Audio Ear Subs Earphones	B+			v-moda Vibe Duo Earphones w/ Control	B+
Hearing Components Comply NR-10	B+	<u>Headphone Expanders</u>		v-moda Vibe Duo Earphones w/ Mic	B+
iSkin Cerulean X1 Sound Isolating	B+	Griffin SmartShare Headphone Splitter	A-	Altec Lansing UHS307 AirFit Earclips-S	B
iSkin Cerulean XLR Earphones	B+	Macally PodDuo Headphone Adapter	A-	Shure SE102MPA Sound-Isolating Headset	B
JBL Reference 220 Earphones	B+	Monster iSplitter/MusicShare	A-	Maximo iP-HS1 iMetal Stereo Headset	B-
Logitech Noise Canceling Headphones	B+	Belkin RockStar	B+	Altec Lansing UHS301 SnugFit Earbuds	C
Klipsch Image Earphones	B+	DLO Headphone Splitter for iPhone and iPod	B+	Altec Lansing UHS306 SnugFit Earphones	D-
Philips SHE9501	B+	ifrogz Fitz Headphone Adapter for iPhone	B+		
Shure E2c Earphones	B+	Monster iSplitter 200	B+	<u>iPhone Stickers, Guards, and Film</u>	
Shure E4c Sound Isolating Earphones	B+	XtremeMac Audio Splitter	B+	FullBodyFilms Protection Pack for iPhone	A-
Shure SE210 Sound Isolating Earphones	B+	XtremeMac Audio Splitter for shuffle (V2)	B+	Artwizz MirrorFilm for Apple iPhone	B+
Sony MDR-EX85LP Stereo Headphones	B+	DLO Headphone Adapter for iPhone	B	NLU Products BodyGuardz for iPhone	B+
v-moda Bass Freq Earphones	B+	Shure Music Phone Adapter MPA-3c	B	Power Support Anti-Glare Film Set	B+
XtremeMac FS1 High Definition	B+	iASUS Concepts Mobile Amp	B-	Power Support Crystal Film Set for iPhone	B+
Altec Lansing inMotion iM202 Earphones	B	Simpl Acoustics A1 Audio Amplifier	C	Best Skins Ever iPhone Total Body Skin	B
Apple iPod In-Ear Headphones	B	Upbeat Audio Boosteroo Revolution	C-	GelaSkins GelaSkins for iPhone	B
Apple iPod nano In-Ear Lanyard Headph.	B	XtremeMac Audio Splitter for shuffle (V1)	D-	ShieldZone Front Shield for Apple iPhone	B
Aquapac 100% Waterproof Headphones	B			ShieldZone InvisibleShield Full Body	B
Etymotic Research ety8 In-the-Ear BT	B	<u>iPhone Cables - Audio</u>		JAVOedge JavoScreens for iPhone	C+
Griffin TuneBuds Comfort Earphones	B	Griffin Technology SmartShare	A-	BoxWave ClearTouch Anti-Glare Screen	C
H2O Audio H3 Waterproof Headphones	B	Monster iSoniTalk Hands-Free Microphone	A-	Pacific Rim Technologies Mirrored Film	C
JBL Reference 510 Headphones	B	Belkin Stereo Link Cable	B+	RadTech ClearCal for iPhone	C-
JBL Reference 610 Bluetooth Wireless	B	DLO Headphone Splitter for iPhone and iPod	B+		
Lenntek Hookup Lanyard Bluetooth nano	B	ifrogz Fitz Headphone Adapter for iPhone	B+	<u>iPods, iPhones + iTunes Phones</u>	
Macally mTune Cordless Stereo Headset	B	Monster iSplitter 200 Headphone Splitter	B+	Apple 2G iPod 20GB Mac	A
Macally Noise Reduction Headphones	B	Belkin Mini-Stereo Link Cable	B	Apple 3G iPod 15GB	A
Mophie Song Sling Retractable Lanyard	B	DLO Headphone Adapter for iPhone	B	Apple iPod U2 Special Edition (Color)	A
Sennheiser LX70	B	Griffin Headphone Adapter for iPhone	B	Apple 4G iPod 20/60GB (Color)	A
Sennheiser PMX70	B	Griffin SmartTalk Headphone Adapter	B	Apple iPod nano (with video, 4GB/8GB)	A
Sennheiser PXC450 with NoiseGard 2.0	B	Monster iCable for Car (iPod/iPhone)	B	Apple 2G iPod 10GB PC	A-
Sennheiser PX200	B	Monster iCable for iPod and iPhone	B	Apple iPod photo (30GB/60GB)	A-
Shure E3c Earphones	B	Belkin Headphone Adapter for iPhone	B-	Apple iPod E5G with video (30GB/80GB)	A-
Shure SE420 Earphones	B	RadTech ProCable Stereo Audio Extender	B-	Apple iPod nano 2G (2GB/4GB/8GB)	A-
Sleek Audio SA6	B			Apple iPod nano 4G (4GB/8GB/16GB)	A-
Sony MDR-EX90LP Stereo Headphones	B	<u>iPhone Power Chargers/Kits/Adapters</u>		Apple 4G iPod (20GB/40GB)	A-/B+
Taylor Technologies iPlus+ USB Lanyard	B	Griffin PowerJolt for iPhone (2008)	B+	Apple iPod from HP (20GB/40GB)	A-/B+
Ultimate Ears UE-11 Pro Custom Monitors	B	Griffin PowerBlock for iPod and iPhone (2008)B+		Apple iPod nano (1GB/2GB/4GB)	A-/B+
v-moda Vibe Earphones	B	BoxWave VersaCharger PRO	B	Apple iPod 5G with Video (30GB/60GB)	A-/B+
Altec Lansing UHP307 AirFit Earclips-S	B-	Griffin PowerBlock Dual Universal AC Charger	B	Apple iPod shuffle 1G (512MB/1GB)	A-/B
Apple iPod nano Lanyard Headphones	B-	XtremeMac InCharge Auto/iPhone	B	Apple iPod classic (80GB/160GB)	B+
Apple iPod nano Lanyard Headphones 2G	B-	Apple iPhone Bluetooth Travel Cable	B-	Apple iPod classic (120GB)	B+
Aural New York Earbuds	B-	Griffin Technology PowerJolt for iPhone ('07)	B-	Apple iPod mini 1G (4GB)	B+
Bose QuietComfort 3 Acoustic Noise-Can	B-	Macally USB Car Charger for iPhone	B-	Apple iPod mini 2G (4GB/6GB)	B+
Bose TriPort IE In-Ear Headphones	B-	Monster iCarPlay Cassette Adapter/iPhone	B-	Apple iPod shuffle 2G (1GB)	B+
Cellpoint Connect Flamingo Music Headset	B-	Mophie Juice Pack for iPhone	B-	Apple iPod U2 Special Edition (with video)	B+
FriendTech iDea Wireless HiFi Headset	B-			Apple iPod touch 2G (8GB/16GB/32GB)	B+
Griffin EarThumps	B-	<u>iPhone Headsets - Bluetooth</u>		Apple iPhone (4GB/8GB)	B+
Griffin TuneBuds Earbuds/Lanyard nano	B-	Aliph Jawbone (2008) Bluetooth Headset	A-	Apple iPhone 3G (8GB/16GB)	B
Harman Kardon EP730 Noise-Isolating	B-	BlueAnt V1 Voice Control Bluetooth Headset	B+	Apple iPod touch (8GB/16GB)	B-
H2O Audio iHR Sport Headphones	B-	BlueAnt Z9i Bluetooth Headset	B+	Motorola RAZR V3i iTunes Mobile Phone	B-

Motorola SLVR L7 iTunes Mobile Phone B-
Motorola ROKR E1 iTunes Mobile Phone C+

iPod Hardware Expanders - General

Apple Nike+iPod Sport Kit A-
Griffin RadioSHARK A-
Griffin radio SHARK 2 A-
KidDESIGNS Barbie Jam with Me Guitar A-
Nike Amp+ Remote for Nike + iPod Sport Kit A-
Apple AirPort Express B+
B2 miJam Mini Keys B+
B2 miJam Guitar B
B2 miJam WassUp B
ETCHamac iPod Etching Service B
Griffin iBeam B
LUMi Ventures Flasher for iPod B
B2 miJam Mini Mix B-
Numark TTI USB Turntable w/ Universal Dock B-
ViewSonic ViewDock 22" Monitor w/ Dock B-
Intuitive Devices Blinkit iPod Safety Light C+
B2 miJam Mixer C+
Sima Products Hitch USB Transfer Device C+
DVforge JamPod Audio Mixer C
B2 miJam Drummer C

iPod-Specific Clothes

iSoundCap Hat for iPod nano/shuffle B
Kenpo MKT-08 Jacket for iPod B
Nike Amp+ iPod nano Remote A-
TuneBuckle The Original for iPod nano B
TuneBuckle Full Moon for iPod nano C+
Koyono BlackCoat Work Jacket C-

Karaoke Accessories

Griffin iKaraoke B
doPi Karaoke B
CAVS IPS-11G Karaoke System B-

Portable Video Displays

Memorex iFlip 8.4" Portable Video Player B+
Sonic Impact Video-55 Video/Speaker B+
iLuv i1055/Zeon Z1055 7-Inch Tablet C
ATO iSee 360i Video Recorder/Player C-

Recorders - Audio

Griffin iTalk A-
Griffin iTalk (2) Voice Recorder A-
XtremeMac MicroMemo High-Fidelity A-
Belkin TuneTalk Stereo for iPod with video B+
Belkin TuneTalk Microphone B
Belkin Voice Recorder B
Griffin iTalkPro CD-Quality Stereo Mic B
XtremeMac MicroMemo for iPod nano B
DLO VoiceNote Voice Recorder B-
Griffin Lapel Mic Stereo Microphone B-
Belkin Universal Microphone Adapter C+

Recorders - Video

Elgato Systems Turbo.264 A-
ADS Tech Instant Video To-Go B-
Streaming Networks iRecord for iPod B-
Equinux TubeStick Hybrid C
Neuros MPEG-2 Recorder 2 C

Remote Controls

ABT iJet Wireless RF Remote 3G/4G/mini A-
Griffin AirClick Wireless RF 3G/4G/mini A-
Targus RemoteTunes Wireless 3G/4G/mini A-

ABT iJet Wireless Remote w/ Bottom Dock B+
Apple Remote 3G/4G/mini B+
Belkin SportCommand Fabric Remote B+
Engineered Audio RemoteRemote 2 RF B+
Keyspan TuneView for iPod B+
TEN Technology naviPro EX 3G/4G/mini B+
Apple Computer Apple Remote B
Brando Workshop iPod 5G Remote Cable B
Nyko iTop Button Relocator 3G/4G B
Scosche 150" Wireless RF Sport Remote B
TEN Technology naviPod 3G/4G/mini B
Griffin AirClick Remote for Dock Connect. B
Alive Style PopAlive Remote and Dock B-
DLO HomeDock Music Remote and Dock B-
iPDA Remote Control for iPod nano B-
Logic3 In-Line Remote with LCD Display B-
Monster iEZClick Wireless On-the-Go B-
ABT iJet Two-Way LCD Remote C+
DLO iDirect Wireless Remote 3G/4G/mini C
Logiix The Remote+ for iPods C-
Zicplay EWO0 Remote + AV Dock D-

Security Devices

Secure-It The PodSafe B+
Targus Mobile Security Lock C+
i2 Electronics iLOCKr neo Anti-Theft C

Software

Ratajik StationRipper (PC) A
Griffin iFill (PC/Mac) A-
Talking Panda iBar (PC/Mac) A-
Benesch TiVoDecode Manager 2.1 B+
Migo Personal for iPod (PC) B+
Talking Panda iLingo Translation Software B+
Elgato Systems EyeTV 2 Recorder (Mac) B
TV Harmony AutoPilot B
TiVo Desktop Plus 2.3 (PC) C

Speakers - iPhone + iPod

Jensen JiMS-525i Docking Digital HD Radio A-
Logitech Pure-Fi Anywhere 2 A-
Sony ICF-C1iPMK2 Speaker/Clock Radio A-
DLO Portable Speakers for iPhone B+
iHome iP99 Dual Alarm Clock Radio B+
JBL On Stage 200ID B+
JBL On Stage IIIP B+
JVC NX-PX7 Compact Component System B+
Bose SoundDock Series II B
Logic3 i-Station Traveller for iPhone & touch B
Altec Lansing T612 Digital Speaker System B
iHome iP47 Speakerphone + Alarm Clock C+

Speakers - iPod/iTunes Only

Altec Lansing FX6021 2.1 Speakers A
JBL Creature II 2.1 System A
Logic3 i-Station7 with Remote A
Logitech AudioStation High-Performance A
Logitech Pure-Fi Anywhere Portable A
Logitech Pure-Fi Elite A
Pacific Rim Cube Travel Speakers A
Altec Lansing inMotion iM600 Portable A-
Altec Lansing inMotion iM7 A-
Altec Lansing iMmini A-
Athena Technologies iVoice A-
Atlantic EGO iceBar2 Waterproof Speakers A-
Boston Acoustics Horizon Duo-i A-
Ego Music Showcase Water-Resistant A-
Gear4 PocketParty for iPod nano A-

Griffin Amplifi 2.1 Sound System A-
Griffin Evolve Add-On Set A-
Harman Soundsticks II 2.1 Speaker System A-
ifrogz Audiowrapz for iPod nano 3G A-
iHome IH5 Docking Stereo Clock Radio A-
iHome iH7 Dual Alarm Clock A-
iHome iH9 Dual Alarm Clock Radio A-
iLuv i552 Portable AM/FM Radio/Dock V2 A-
JBL Encounter 2.1 Speakers A-
JBL On Tour A-
Logic3 i-Station Shuffle A-
Logic3 i-Station Traveller A-
Logitech mm50 Portable Speakers A-
Macally PodWave A-
Macally TunePro Flat Panel A-
Memorex iTrek Mi3000 Portable Speaker A-
Monitor Audio i-deck A-
Nyko Speaker Dock 2 A-
Philips AJ300D Docking Entertainment A-
PodGear PocketParty A-
Sonic Impact i-P22 Portable Speaker A-
Timex Ti700 iPod Clock Radio A-
Vestlife Ladybug & Element Skateboards A-
XtremeMac Luna Alarm Clock A-
Altec Lansing iM3 B+
Altec Lansing iM3c B+
Altec Lansing iM9 B+
Altec Lansing iM11 B+
Altec Lansing M602 Digital iPod Speaker B+
Altec Lansing Orbit-MP3 iM207 Portable B+
Atlantis Music Showcase - Water Resistant B+
Bose SoundDock B+
Bowers & Wilkins Zeppelin iPod Speakers B+
Chestnut Hill Sound George B+
Digifocus Mini Sound System B+
DLO Portable Speakers for iPhone B+
Elecom ASP-700i Speakers B+
Geneva Lab Model L Sound System B+
Geneva Lab Model XL Sound System B+
Griffin Evolve Wireless Speakers (Re-Rated) B+
Griffin Journi Personal Mobile System B+
Harman Kardon Go + Play Loudspeaker B+
iHome iH8 Dual-Alarm Clock Radio B+
iHome iH26 iHome2Go Portable System B+
iHome iH27 iHome2Go Portable System B+
iHome iH31 iHome2Go Portable System B+
iHome iH41 Flip & Watch for iPod/iPod touch B+
iHome iH51 Mini System Alarm Clock Radio B+
iHome iH52 Home System B+
iHome iP99 Dual Alarm Clock Radio B+
iLuv i177 Clock Radio B+
JBL On Stage B+
JBL On Stage II B+
JBL On Stage 200ID B+
JBL On Time - Time Machine for iPod B+
JBL Radial High Performance Loudspeaker B+
JBL Radial Micro B+
JBL Spot 2.1 System B+
JBL Spyro 2.1 System B+
Jensen Banshee JiSS-330 B+
JLab Audio MiniBlaster Portable nano B+
JVC NX-PX7 Compact Component System B+
JVC RA-P10 Portable Audio System/Clock B+
Kensington SX 3000R Speakers/FM Radio B+
Kicker iKICK iK500 Stereo System for iPod B+
Klipsch iFi Speaker System B+
Klipsch iGroove HG All-in-One B+
Klipsch iGroove SXT iPod Speaker B+

Logic3 i-Station Portable Speakers	B+
Logic3 i-Station3 Speaker System	B+
Logitech AudioStation Express	B+
Macally FlexTune	B+
Macally IceTune	B+
Memorex Mi4019 Digital Clock Radio	B+
Sierra Sound iN Studio 5.0 Smart Speakers	B+
Sonic Impact i-Fusion Portable System	B+
Sonic Impact i-F2 Portable with Remote	B+
Sonic Impact T24 Digital Audio System	B+
Speakal iPig Amethyst	B+
Tivoli iPAL	B+
Tivoli iSongBook Portable iPod Music Sys.	B+
Tivoli iYiYi	B+
XtremeMac Tango Studio	B+
Altec Lansing inMotion	B
Altec Lansing iM500 for iPod nano	B
Altec Lansing T612 Digital Speaker System	B
Apple Computer iPod Hi-Fi	B
BlueBox miJam WassUp Dancing Speaker	B
Blue Raven Maestro 1070	B
Bose SoundDock Portable	B
Boston Acoustics iDS2	B
Boynq iCube II	B
Brookstone SongPlay	B
Creative TravelSound i50 Travel Speaker	B
Cyber Acoustics iRhythms A302/A303	B
Digifocus Pocket Hi-Fi in Bass	B
Dynex Personal Speaker System/shuffle	B
Focal JMLab Focal XS 2.1-Channel	B
Gear4 DUO Versatile Speaker System	B
Ignitek iCarrier	B
iLive IHMD816DT Home Docking System	B
iHome iH4 Single-Alarm Clock System	B
iHome iH12 / iH12BR Clock Radio for iPod	B
iHome iH19 Water-Resistant Sport Case	B
iHome iH30 iHome2Go Portable System	B
iHome iH36 Under the Cabinet	B
iHome iH70 Computer Speakers	B
iHome iH80 OutLoud Portable	B
iLive IHMD8816DT Home Docking System	B
iLuv i399 2.1-Channel Hi-Fi Audio System	B
Kentech Labs Odio PS-Mi	B
Klipsch iGroove All-in-One	B
Logic3 i-Station 8 LCD Docking Station	B
Logic3 i-Station Traveller for iPhone	B
Logitech mm22 Portable	B
Logitech mm32 Portable	B
Logitech Pure-Fi Dream	B
Macally IP-N111/B Portable Speaker/nano	B
Memorex iWake Dual Alarm Clock	B
Memorex Mi1111 Home Micro System	B
Monitor Audio i-deck plus	B
mStation Orb 2.1 Stereo	B
mStation Tower 2.1 Stereo	B
MTX Audio iThunder Portable Boom Box	B
PodGear Shuffle Station	B
Rain Design iWoofer	B
Scandyna The Dock Pack	B
Sonic Impact i-F3 Portable with Radio	B
Sonic Impact Roxy and QuikSilver i-P23	B
Soundcast OutCast All-Weather Wireless	B
Sprout Creation Vers 2X Wood System	B
Tiger Toys/Hasbro i-Cat Interactive	B
Tiger Toys/Hasbro i-Dog Interactive	B

XtremeMac MicroBlast for iPod nano	B
XtremeMac Tango X2 2.1 Speaker System	B
AFT iCarta Stereo Dock/Bath Tissue Holder	B-
Altec Lansing iM5	B-
Boynq iCube	B-
Cambridge Soundworks i765	B-
Coby CS-MP165 Digital Boombox for iPod	B-
Creative TravelSound for iPod nano (i80)	B-
dreamGear i.Sound Concert to Go	B-
Griffin Technology TuneBox for shuffle	B-
i.Dream America i-Classic	B-
Ignitek iCruiser Speaker System	B-
iHome iH82 OutLoud Portable Speakers	B-
IntelliTouch EOS Wireless Speaker System	B-
Jada Toys I-Playaz Chub City Chub C.	B-
Jada Toys I-Playaz Chub City Volkswagen	B-
Jensen Banshee JISS-550	B-
Jensen JiMS-190 / JiMS-200	B-
JVC NX-PS1 Compact Component System	B-
Kensington FX 300 Speaker to Go	B-
Kensington FX 500 Speaker to Go	B-
Kensington SX2000 Speakers	B-
KNG America FUNKit	B-
Logic3 i-Station Concert	B-
Memorex iMove Mi3005 Boombox w/ RC	B-
Mirage OmniVibe 360 Degree Omnipolar	B-
Monitor Audio i-deck compact	B-
Mythix iChant Portable Active Speaker	B-
Oregon Scientific iBall Wireless Speaker	B-
Philips DCD778 Under-Cabinet AV	B-
Polk Audio I-Sonic ES2	B-
Saffire JukeBox Station	B-
Sharp i-Elegance DK-A1	B-
Sharper Image iSphere	B-
Speck Products SpeckTone Retro	B-
Tannoy i30	B-
Techwiz Innovations Musak Bag	B-
Tiger i-Fish	B-
XtremeMac Tango 2.1 Digital Audio	B-
Zagg RockStic Portable Speaker System	B-
Altec Lansing inMotion iM712	C+
Bosch Power Box Dock for iPod	C+
dreamGear i.Sound TimeTravel Clock	C+
Gear4 PocketParty V2 Micro Speaker	C+
GINI Systems iTube Vacuum Tube 2.1	C+
Ignitek iCheer Speakers	C+
Macally IP-S111 Portable Speakers/shuffle	C+
Miglia MicroSound Micro Speaker	C+
PodGear PocketParty Shuffle	C+
Portable Sound Laboratories iMainGo	C+
Sharper Image iPulse	C+
Sony CPF-iP001 Cradle Audio for iPod	C+
Vuum Audio VTi-B1 Vacuum Tube System	C+
Boynq Sabre	C
Emerson iTone iE600BK Home Audio	C
Excalibur iBlaster Clock Radio	C
iLive iBCD3816DT Portable Docking 2.1	C
iLuv i188 BLK/WHT	C
Saffire iWoogie Blaster Hi-Fi Stereo System	C
dreamGear i.Sound Wall Mountable	C-
Monster iSpeaker Portable	C-
iLuv i7500 2.1-Channel Mini Audio System	D
DLO iBoom (Version 2)	D-
DLO iBoom (Version 1)	F

Speakerphones - iPhone Only	
Bluetrek SurfaceSound Compact	A-
BlueAnt Supertooth 3 Bluetooth Handsfree	B+
Stands (Docks & Cradles)	
Atech Flash Technology (AFT) iDuo Hub	A-
Griffin Technology AirDock & Remote	A-
Just Mobile Xstand for iPhone + iPhone 3G	A-
Kensington Stereo Dock for iPod	A-
Keyspan AV Dock for iPod	A-
Pacific Rim Technologies Shuffle Cradle	A-
Power Support Metal Gear Stand	A-
Thought Out iPed 2 Adjustable Stand	A-
Apple iPhone Dock	B+
Apple iPhone Dual Dock	B+
Apple iPhone 3G Dock	B+
Apple iPod AV Connection Kit	B+
Apple Universal Dock (2005)	B+
Belkin Hi-Speed USB 2.0 4-Port Hub	B+
Griffin PowerDock 2 Charging Station	B+
Just Mobile Xstand for iPhone (Original)	B+
Kensington Entertainment Dock 500	B+
Keyspan TuneView for iPod	B+
Medicom iKub Stand for iPod	B+
ModPod	B+
Power Support Swivel Fix Stand	B+
Sonance iPort In-Wall Docking System	B+
SwitchEasy KuroDock & Power Adapter	B+
Thought Out iPed Shuffle Dock	B+
Apple Dock (for Dock Connector iPods)	B
Apple iPod AV Connection Kit	B
Apple iPod nano Dock	B
Apple iPod nano Dock 2G	B
Apple iPod shuffle Dock	B
Atech Flash iDuo	B
Bubble Design Habitat	B
Belkin Power Dock	B
Belkin Power Dock AV	B
Belkin TuneCommand AV for iPod	B
DLO Flexible Dock for iPod shuffle	B
DLO HomeDock for iPod	B
DLO HomeDock Deluxe for iPod	B
DLO HomeDock Deluxe for iPod (2007)	B
Griffin Technology TuneCenter (no Wi-Fi)	B
Marware USB Travel Dock for shuffle (2G)	B
Pacific Rim Technologies iCradle	B
Papadakis Technologies Soaripod	B
PlasticSmith tux upright Stand for iPod	B
PodHolder	B
PodStand	B
Pressure Drop DecoDock for iPod shuffle	B
Speck Products Shuffle Dock	B
Thought Out Naja Flexible for iPod nano 3G	B
Westshore Craftworks iDockCover	B
Xitel HiFi-Link for iPod nano	B
Alive Style PopAlive Remote and Dock	B-
Belkin TuneSync Dock and USB Hub	B-
DVBaseLtd DVBase	B-
Incipio IncipioHitch USB Adapter nano 2G	B-
JP's/Pods Plus Charger/Hotsync shuffle	B-
Pacific Rim Tech. nano iCradle	B-
PlasticSmith tux tlt Stand for iPod	B-
SwitchEasy PivotDock for iPod shuffle	B/B-
Thought Out iPed	B-

Thought Out Ped3 Rotating Stand for iPhone	B-
Xitel HiFi-Link for iPod	B-
XtremeMac MicroPack Portable Dock	B-
blueLounge The Sanctuary	C+
GINI Systems iConec iPod Dock	C+
Power Support Metal Gear Simple Stand	C+
Razer ProType Keyboard with iPod Dock	C+
Apple Universal Dock (2007)	C
BookEndz iPodDock	C
DLO USB Dock Cable for iPod shuffle	C
iPodCradle	C
JP's/Pods Plus Dock with Video Out	C
Silex Technology wiDock Wireless Dock	C
Tekkeon NavDock with On-TV Navigation	C

Stickers, Guards, and Film

Frontfield iPoDonut Wheel Protector	A-
FullBodyFilms Protection Pack for iPhone 3G	A-
FullBodyFilms Protection Pack for iPod touch	A-
InvisibleShield Full for iPod 5G	A-
InvisibleShield Full for iPod nano	A-
InvisibleShield Full for iPod nano 2G	A-
iSkin Wheel Cap	A-

NLU Products BodyGuardz for iPhone 3G	A-
NLU Products BodyGuardz for iPod nano 4G	A-
NLU Products BodyGuardz for iPod touch 2G	B+
Power Support Crystal Film Screen Prot. 4G	A-
Power Support 3D Wheel Film 4G	A-
Tunewear Poptune for iPod shuffle	A-
JAVOScreen	B+
NLU BodyGuardz for iPod 5G	B+
Power Support Anti-Glare for iPhone 3G	B+
Power Support Anti-Glare Film for touch	B+
Power Support Crystal Film for iPhone 3G	B+
Power Support Crystal Film for iPod nano	B+
Power Support Crystal Film for iPod 5G	B+
Power Support Crystal Film for iPod touch	B+
United SGP Corp. SGP Shield for iPhone 3G	B+
ZAGG InvisibleShield for iPhone 3G	B+
Case-Mate Clear Armor for iPhone	B
Hewlett-Packard Printable Tattoos	B
MacSkinz Podskinz	B
Moshi iGlaze nano	B
NLU Products BodyGuardz for iPod classic	B
NLU Products BodyGuardz for nano 3G	B
Power Support Wheel Film	B

Shufflesome Stickers for iPod shuffle	B
Tatuz International Tatuz for iPod shuffle	B
Tunewear Poptune for iPod nano	B
Mobile Juice Shuffle Art	B-
Moshi/Aevoe iGlaze video	B-
RadTech Portectorz for Dock Connector	B-
Tunewear Poptune Stickers for iPod mini	B-
SkinEFX iPod Stickers	C+
Capdase SkinGuard Stickers for shuffle	C

Wearable Video Displays

MicroOptical myVu for iPod	B+
Myvu Crystal 701 iPod Edition	B+
Icuiti iWear for iPod	B
Myvu Corp. myvu Universal Edition	B
Myvu Personal Media Viewer Solo Plus	B
Carl Zeiss Cinemizer	B-
Myvu Shades 301 iPod Edition	C+
ezGear ezVision Video i-Wear	C

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Ratings for over 400 iPhone downloads start on **page 74**.
Ratings for every iPod Click Wheel game are on **page 103**.



PHOTO & ART GALLERIES

Photo Contest **iProvocateur** Top Submissions

Our latest photo contest asked readers to submit photos of an iPod or iPhone in a provocative setting, with a person or eye-catching background. We awarded \$2,685 in iPod prizes.

iPopsicle (top)

Ben Hastie, Farmersville, Ohio
Grand Prize: Nine 8GB iPod nanos,
One 16GB iPod touch

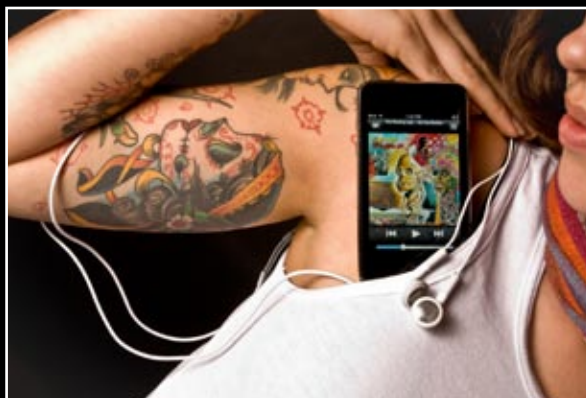
Quenching Your Musical Thirst (left)

Christina Panaram, Ontario, Canada
Second Prize: Two 16GB iPod touches

Projected (bottom right)

John de Pinho, Ontario, Canada
Third Prize: Three 8GB iPod nanos





Honorable Mentions

Here are just some of the other great entries. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to all who entered the contest!

Art Contest iPod As Art Top Submissions

This issue's art contest asked readers to submit images that they felt best showed off an iPod as art. A grand prize winner won a JVC 42" LCD HDTV with TeleDock iPod Docking Station; others won iPods and Apple TVs from iLounge.



iPop Art (top)

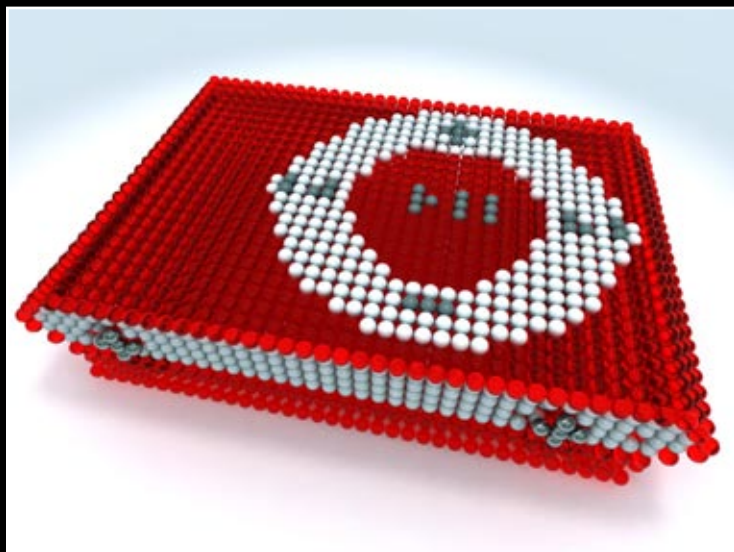
Jesús Rodríguez Martín, Cádiz, Spain
Grand Prize: JVC 42" LCD HDTV with TeleDock

Shuffle Glass Balls (bottom left)

Walter Alves de Andrade Segundo, Salvador, Brazil
Second Prize: 160GB Apple TV and 32GB iPod touch

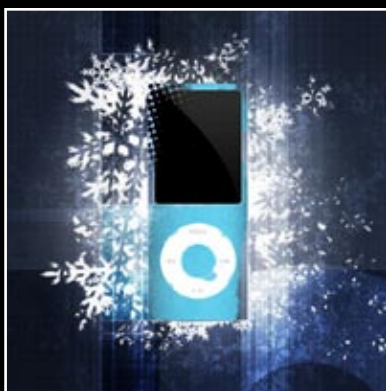
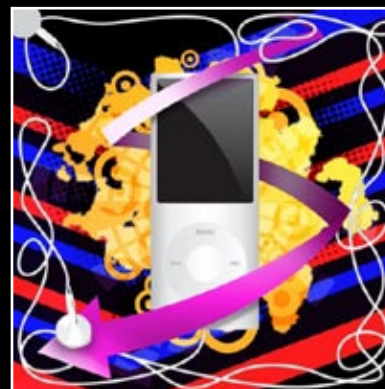
Deconstructed (bottom right)

John de Pinho, Ontario, Canada
Third Prize: 40GB Apple TV and 8GB iPod touch



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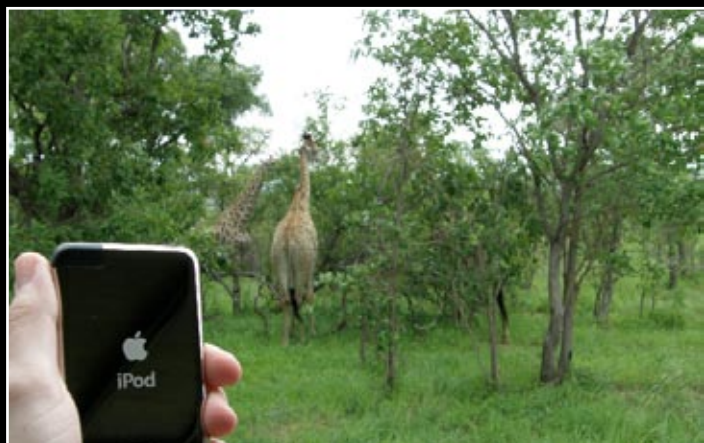


Honorable Mentions



iPhones Around the World + iPods Around the World Photo Galleries

With iPhone 3Gs (and unlocked iPhones) now available across the globe, our iPhone galleries finally started to fill up... but we still have some great iPod pictures to share, as well.



Top: iPod Visits Ancient Roman Ruins
Amman, Jordan

Left: iPod touch on Safari
Kruger National Park, South Africa

Right: iPhone, South of Mombasa
Funzi Keys, Kenya



iPod 4G at Akadake-Jizouno-Kashira
Mt. Yatsugatake, Nagano, Japan



Mt. Huangshan with iPhone 3G
Anhui, China



iPhone 3G at Kinkakuji Temple
Kyoto, Japan



iPhone 3G at Octagon/Cathedral
Dunedin City, New Zealand



iPhone 3G at Uluru/Ayers Rock
Yulara Northern Territory, Australia

An iPhone, Just Chilling
Cat Island, Bahamas



Plaza de Armas
Cusco, Peru



iPhone at Beach in Tallac
South Lake Tahoe, California U.S.A.



iPod touch at Angels Landing
Zion National Park, Utah U.S.A.

Top: iPhone at London Eye
London, England, U.K.

Center: iPhone 3G at Brandenburg Gate
Berlin, Germany

Bottom Left: Mr. iPhone at Prime Meridian
Greenwich, England, U.K.

Bottom Right: iPhone 3G at the Acropolis
Athens, Greece



iPod, iTunes + iPhone History 2001-2008

Every year, another couple of pages join the amazing story of how Apple - struggling to remain relevant - created the world-changing iPod, iTunes, and iPhone product families. This annually updated article looks at the major turning points in history, good and bad alike.

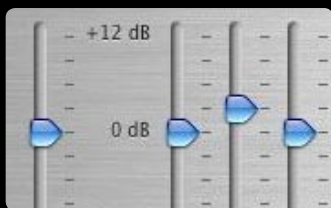
2001

January 9



iTunes 1.0 for Mac

After buying rights to an existing program called SoundJam MP from Casady & Greene, Apple introduces iTunes 1.0 for the Mac, a program that converts audio CDs into compressed digital audio files, organizes digital music libraries, and plays Internet radio. No PC version is planned.



November 2

iTunes 2.0 for Mac

iTunes 2.0 is released for the Mac, adding iPod support, ID3 and metadata support, MP3 CD burning, and sound control features such as an equalizer and crossfading.

iPod (5GB) Announced

Apple unexpectedly announces the first iPod at a price of \$399. Unlike most (but not all) competing digital audio players available at the time, Apple relies on a 1.8" hard disk for storage instead of flash memory or interchangeable CDs, and uniquely focuses on promoting the small size, power, and ease of use of its device. The first iPod has a 5 Gigabyte storage capacity - enough for over 1,000 songs - and works only on Macs, using iTunes to convert and organize music. According to Apple, iPod development began only six months before its release.



October 23

November 10

The First iPod Ships

December 31, 2001

125,000 iPods Sold

2002

March 20

The 10GB iPod

Now there's a 10GB iPod for \$499. New iPods ship with the ability to display business card-like contacts - will this be an Apple PDA? At this time, the iPod is still a Mac-only product, but programs that let iPods work with PCs begin to trickle out.



July 17

iPod Goes PC, 20GB

Apple releases PC-friendly iPods, replacing the old moving scroll wheel with a touch surface, adding a new \$499 20GB version, and lowering old prices.

**iPod Limited Edition**

Apple unveils "limited edition iPods," featuring the engraved signatures or logos of Madonna, Tony Hawk, Beck, or No Doubt for an additional \$49. Thus, the company's most expensive signed iPods now sell for a total price of \$548.

December

**iTunes 3.0 for Mac, MusicMatch PC**

iTunes 3.0 is released for the Mac, adding support for Audible audio books, ratings, smart playlists and playlist import/export. To provide software for its new PC-ready iPods, released this day, Apple includes MusicMatch, another company's program, which is adequate but not fantastic.

July 17

Big Box Retailers Go iPod

Best Buy, Target, and Dell are all selling iPods, with Dell eventually offering amazing discounts; competitors such as Creative try to squeeze 2.5" hard disks into enclosures more like the iPod's.



October

December 31, 2002

595,000 iPods Sold

2003

March

Microsoft Media2Go

Microsoft announces the Media2Go audio/video concept, which by its late 2004 release is called "Portable Media Center" and deemed an "iPod killer."

April 28



Third-Gen iPods

Apple releases new iPods that are even thinner and smaller than before, feature a bottom Dock Connector port rather than a top-mounted FireWire port, and have entirely touch sensitive controls. The new "third-generation" iPods have

higher capacities than 2G iPods offered for the same prices: now 10GB (2,000 songs) is \$299, 15GB (3,700 songs) is \$399 and 30GB (7,500 songs) is \$499. All the new iPods now work on either Macs or PCs.

June 19

iPod Gets USB 2.0

Apple releases USB 2.0 compatible cables and drivers for the new iPods, dramatically expanding the number of PC users who can use them with their FireWire-less machines.



October 16

Now the iPod Records

Belkin and Apple co-announce the first voice recorder and digital photo transfer add-ons for the third-generation iPod.



April 28

Mac iTunes 4.0, iTunes Music Store

iTunes 4.0 is released for the Mac, adding the AAC audio codec, support for DVD burners, networked music library sharing, and album artwork. Apple also launches the iTunes Music Store with 99 cent per track (\$9.99 per album) pricing and a library of 200,000 songs. Unfortunately, neither iTunes nor the music store is available for PC users, who are becoming a larger part of Apple's iPod business. By the end of its first week, the Store has sold 1 million songs.

3G iPod Update

Four months after the new iPod's release, a 20GB (5,000 song) model replaces the 15GB version at \$399, and a 40GB (10,000 song) model replaces the 30GB version for \$499. Sales are brisk.

September 8

iTunes 4.1 for Mac/PC

Apple releases both iTunes 4.1 and the iTunes Music Store (iTMS) for U.S.-based PC users, phasing out support for the less popular MusicMatch PC software in the process.

October 16

December 31, 2003

2,046,000 iPods Sold

2004

January

iPod mini, iPod+hp

Critics question Apple's sanity when it debuts a smaller, 4GB iPod mini for \$249, offering 5 colored aluminum shells, and introduces a 15GB \$299 iPod.



Separately, Hewlett-Packard promises a special blue version of the bigger iPod for a mid-year release.



February-March

iPod mini Ships, Sells Out, Delays

Proving the critics wrong, long lines form for the small, colored iPod minis, which is quickly considered the ideal purse and bag-ready iPod. Sales are so strong and parts are so scarce that Apple delays the international launch until July.

**iPod 4G**

Borrowing the mini's new Click Wheel, Apple debuts the fourth-generation ("4G") Pod at \$299 (20GB) and \$399 (40GB), thinning their bodies and stripping pack-ins from the prior 3G packages.

July 26

July 17-20

Motorola + Apple?

Motorola promises that its next-gen phones will be iTunes-compatible, without specifics.

iTunes 4.5 + 3M iPods

Apple adds the Apple Lossless format to iTunes 4.5, as well as a WMA conversion tool for PCs. Within a week, Apple will sell the 3 millionth iPod, only 4 months after selling the 2 millionth, and critics will slowly begin to turn against cheaper, harder-to-use competitors.

April 28

June 15

iTunes 4.6 + EU iTunes Music Stores

Version 4.6 adds AirTunes, for AirPort Express wireless access to iTunes music. Apple launches three European iTunes Music Stores, too: France, Germany, and the United Kingdom collectively sell 800,000 songs in their first week.

July 11

iTMS: 100m Sold

iTunes becomes the first digital music store to sell 100 million songs.

July 26

Real's Harmony

RealNetworks releases Harmony, enabling songs sold by Real to be played on iPods without Apple's permission. Apple blasts Real and implicitly threatens a suit.

2004 continued

Apple Thinks Video

Apple quietly begins to search for wireless and video experts to join its iPod division.

August 25

August 27

iPod+hp Ships

Hewlett-Packard starts to ship the "Apple iPod from HP," a repackaged 4G iPod with new manuals and HP-supplied technical



support. It does not, as initially promised, come in blue; it's Apple-identical white. Separately, HP also announces an iPod-compatible printer and "printable tattoos" to cover the bodies of iPods.

iPod Photo, U2 iPod

Apple debuts a color-screened 4G iPod called iPod Photo (\$499-\$599) in 40GB and 60GB models for the holidays. It also launches the iPod U2 Special Edition (\$349), a black-bodied version of the black-and-white screened 4G iPod, signed by the four members of the rock band U2. The P in photo is later decapitalized, matching the mini and other models.

October 26



December 31, 2004

10,309,000 iPods Sold

August 10

iTMS Catalog hits 1m

One million songs are now available from the iTunes Music Store.



September-October

Microsoft Talks

In launching Portable Media Centers, Microsoft execs go on an anti-iPod PR offensive, calling it unsafe and its buyers music thieves.

October 12-14

iPod, iTunes Rule

Four million songs are being downloaded from iTunes per week, and roughly 6 million iPods have been sold. Apple sells over 80% of all U.S. digital music players.

October 27

iTunes 4.7

iTunes adds photo syncing support for the iPod Photo, and a search for duplicate songs feature to help clean growing libraries.

November 11

Sony Goes MP3

Having failed to popularize ATRAC-based iPod rivals, Sony announces an MP3-ready Walkman, and plots with Warner to take away the iPod's lead in digital music.

2005

January 11

iPod shuffle

Sold for only \$99 (512MB) or \$149 (1GB), Apple's flash-based iPod shuffle ditches a screen in favor of super-simple button controls. Within four months, Apple controls 58% of the flash player market.



January 25

**#1 Brand: Apple**

Apple's U2 Silhouette ad is named smartest ad campaign by Business 2.0. By month's end, the company is named the top global brand in a survey of 2,000 ad professionals.

February 23

iPod Price Drops

Apple kills 40GB black-and-white and color iPods in favor of a \$349 30GB iPod photo and a lower-priced 60GB model (\$449). It also introduces a \$29 Camera Connector so that photo transfers to the color iPods can be done without iTunes.

shuffle Knocked Off, Battery Suit Settled

Clones of the iPod shuffle appear in Taiwan, and Apple settles a massive class action lawsuit over iPod battery defects.



June 2

"iPods" Go Color

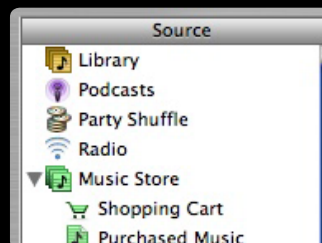
Color "iPods" replace "iPod photos" at \$299 (20GB) and \$399 (60GB) prices. Apple also drops the price of the 1GB iPod shuffle to \$129.



June 28

iTunes 4.9, Podcasts

iTunes 4.9 adds free downloads of radio-like audio "podcasts" to the iTunes Music Store, plus iPod-ready playback.



June 28

Bush Gets iPod

Following Queen Elizabeth II's purchase of an iPod, U.S. President George Bush receives one as a gift.

July 6

July 29

HP Ends iPod Sales After replacing its CEO, HP abruptly stops iPod sales, claiming that repackaging iPods wasn't a good fit with its future business plans. Retailers sell off stocks of 4G, mini, and shuffle models that were badged with HP logos, some released only weeks earlier.

September 7

mini Killed, nano and ROKR Debut

Apple replaces its "most popular iPod", the mini, with the smaller iPod nano (2GB/\$199, 4GB/\$249), in both black and white color options. The company also announces a special edition engraved Harry Potter iPod, and Motorola's first iTunes phone, ROKR E1.



October 12



iPod (with video)

The 5G iPod debuts, billed as a music player "with video as a bonus." It features a 2.5", 320 x 240 screen and enough battery life to play videos for between 2 or 3 hours, depending on which model (30GB/\$299, 60GB/\$399) you purchase.

December 8-13

Creative, Microsoft, MTV

Creative launches a clone of the new iPod called Zen Vision: M, as Microsoft and MTV work to duplicate iTunes with an URGE music service.

2005 continued

August 10

Apple Can't Patent UI

Failing in its attempt to patent the iPod's UI, Apple finds itself threatened by Creative, which successfully patented a key aspect of library navigation.

September 7

iTunes 5.0

iTunes 5 adds staff reviews of music, a streamlined look, easier search features, and preference menu changes.



October 12

iTunes 6

In iTunes 6, Apple adds videos to the iTunes Music Store, with 5 TV shows and 2,000 music videos sold at \$1.99 each. Videos are 320x240 pixels, and formatted for the iPod's display, rather than a computer or TV. By month's end, 1 million videos have been sold. Gifting and reader reviews are added, as well.

December

42M iPods, shuffles Sold Out

Before the year ends, Apple announces sales of 30 million iPods, and notes that shuffles are sold out through year's end. NBC joins the iTunes Music Store, too. Strong holiday sales propel the iPod sales number up to 42,269,000 units.

2006

January 10

iPod + FM Radio

Responding to user demands, Apple intros the iPod Radio Remote to add FM to iPods and nanos.

February 7

1GB iPod nano, Cheaper shuffles

Via press release, Apple expands the iPod nano's appeal with a \$149 1GB model, and drops the prices of 512MB (\$69) and 1GB (\$99) iPod shuffles.

February 28

iPod Accessory Day

At a "fun new products" press event, Apple unveils the iPod Hi-Fi, a \$349 "audiophile" speaker system, and \$99 leather cases for the iPod and iPod nano. Many users are shocked by the prices and skeptical of the accessories' value, ridiculing them before release.

April 19

PortalPlayer Out, Samsung In iPods

Longtime iPod chip maker PortalPlayer is dumped by Apple for future iPods, and replaced by Samsung, which already supplies iPod flash memory.

May 15

Creative vs. Apple

Creative and Apple sue each other over iPod UI patent violations.

June 6

New U2 iPod

A video-ready version of the U2 iPod debuts, bundled with a U2 video download.



February

Sandisk as #2

The memory chip maker unexpectedly overtakes Sony, Creative, and others as the #2 U.S. MP3 player vendor, distant only to Apple.

February 22

1B iTunes Songs

Apple's iTunes Music Store sells the 1 billionth song to Alex Ostrovsky, who wins an iMac, 10 60GB iPods, a \$10,000 iTunes credit, and his name on a Julliard Music School scholarship.



March 8-14

iTunes Season Pass

TV shows and sports events can now be purchased on discount in advance, with future parts downloading automatically as they're released on iTunes.

May 23

Nike + iPod

The Nike + iPod Sport Kit is announced as a \$29 iPod nano add-on, letting runners track their progress and hear voice prompts. 450,000 are sold in 90 days.

June 12-20

Chinese Trouble

iPod manufacturer Foxconn is exposed in a British tabloid for poor working conditions; the CEO oddly tells shareholders that Apple is working on a "none-touch" iPod, without elaborating.

July 11



Microsoft's Zune

Having failed to beat Apple with earlier ideas, Microsoft plans iPod and iTunes clones for late 2006.

August 8

U.S. Carmakers Back In-Car iPod

Ford, GM, and Mazda announce that their 2007 models will offer iPod-ready stereos, radically increasing iPod-in-car options. By year's end, over 70% of cars to be sold in the U.S. are claimed to be iPod-ready in some form or another.

September 5

"Made For Sansa"

SanDisk announces the Made for Sansa accessory program, in conjunction with a handful of iPod accessory developers.

September 12



iPod 5.5G, nano 2G, shuffle 2G Premiere, iTV/Apple TV Shown

Apple debuts enhanced video iPods with brighter screens, better prices and capacities (30GB/\$249, 80GB/\$349); new iPod nanos with five colored

aluminum casings, better battery life, and higher capacities (2GB/\$149, 4GB/\$199, 8GB/\$249); and one brand-new, radically smaller, metal-bodied iPod shuffle (1GB/\$79).

The company also offers an advance look at iTV, a device that wirelessly spools iTunes content to a TV.



*Project code name only

2006 continued

August 4-22

Bye, Dell + Napster

iPod and iTunes competitors Dell and Napster falter, with Dell quietly withdrawing from the digital music player market, and Napster publicly mulling a sale.

August 23

Apple + Creative

Apple and Creative settle their suits; Creative becomes an iPod add-on maker and receives \$100 million from Apple, which tersely accepts the Zen patent, but will recoup some money if Creative licenses the patent to others.



September 12

iTunes 7.0; Movies & Games

\$4.99 iPod games and \$9.99-14.99, 640x480 movie downloads are added to the renamed "iTunes Store" as iTunes 7 is released. iTunes additions include Cover Flow, a graphical browser for album and video cover art, and gapless audio playback.

October 13



PRODUCT (RED) iPod nano

The PRODUCT (RED) iPod nano is released, with \$10 of every red, \$199 4GB nano purchase going to fight AIDS in Africa.

December 31, 2006

88,701,000 iPods Sold

January

iPhone, Apple TV Feted

Apple announces the "revolutionary" iPhone, mixing a cell phone, Internet communicator, and best-of-class widescreen video iPod. Priced at \$499 (4GB) or \$599 (8GB), and requiring an AT&T two-year contract, iPhone features an amazing 480x320 3.5" touchscreen display, and is set for a June launch.

The renamed Apple TV (iTV) is set for a February release with a 40GB drive for storing media.



February 21

Cisco + Apple

A fight over the iPhone trademark is resolved, with Cisco and Apple sharing the name.

March 20

Apple TV Ships

Delayed a month, Apple TV launches as the "DVD player for the 21st Century," requiring an extended- or high-definition TV set and the purchase of video

cables. Limited to playing back videos that were converted for or purchased through iTunes, the \$299 device receives mild praise, mostly for its simplicity, but format support, pricing and its ultimate utility are widely questioned.



May 29

iTunes 7.2, DRM-Free

Apple adds \$1.29 iTunes Plus downloads to the iTunes Store, removing DRM and doubling the bitrate of tracks to 256Kbps. It lets users upgrade old tracks for 30 cents each; only certain labels support Plus.

2007

January 30

iPod shuffle colors

Apple adds four new colors (green, blue, pink, and orange) to the existing silver iPod shuffle, without changing prices.

February 6

Jobs Fights DRM

In an open letter on Apple's website, Apple CEO Steve Jobs says that the company is willing to sell DRM-free music through the iTunes Store if labels will supply it, but refuses to license Apple's DRM to competitors, as French lawmakers have been attempting to force the company to do.

March 5

iTunes 7.1

Released before Apple TV, iTunes 7.1 adds support for streaming and synchronizing iTunes-playable media to the TV-ready device, as well as a new full-screen Cover Flow mode and a collection of confusing sorting options.

April 9

100m iPods Sold

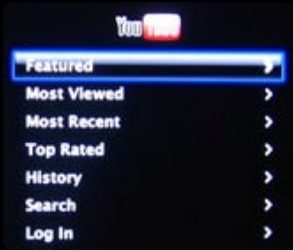
Apple breaks the 100 million sales mark for the iPod family.

April 25

Updates Promised

Apple promises frequent feature updates for Apple TV and the iPhone, to surprise and delight users.

May 30



Apple TV Updates

Now deemed only a "hobby" by Apple CEO Steve Jobs, Apple TV gets a 160GB version (\$399) and a YouTube browser.

June 29

iPhone Dominates Media, Launches

After utterly dominating news reports for the entire month of June, iPhone is launched to lines all across the United States on the 29th, selling 270,000 units in its first weekend, but not selling out at many locations. AT&T activation problems dog the otherwise happy event, but are mostly resolved two weeks later.



September 5-6

iPhone Mea Culpa, iTunes 7.4

Along with the new iPods, Apple releases iTunes 7.4, with a 99-cent ringtone creator for the iPhone, plus support for a new iTunes Wi-Fi Music Store for iPod touch and iPhone. CEO Steve Jobs apologizes for the shockingly fast iPhone price cut, offering a soothing \$100 Apple Store credit to early adopters.



October 22

119,265,000 iPods sold

The number, tallying total iPod family sales for six years, doesn't include 1,389,000 total iPhones sold through September 2007.

2007 continued

June-July

iTunes 7.3, #3 in U.S., 3B songs

iTunes 7.3 is released with iPhone activation support, and the iTunes Store becomes the #3 vendor of music in the United States, surpassing Amazon.com despite the fact that it only sells digital music - a supposed niche. The store also reaches the 3 billion songs sold mark, unceremoniously.

August 31

NBC Ends iTunes Deal

Shocking TV fans, NBC opts not to renew its iTunes agreement. Apple blames greed, and refuses to carry the network's Fall lineup.

September 5

iPod nano, classic, touch Debut, shuffle Recolored, iPhone price cut

A video nano (\$149/4GB, \$199/8GB), renamed "classic" iPod (\$249/80GB, \$349/160GB), and widescreen flash iPod touch (\$299/8GB, \$399/16GB) debut, while iPhone's price is radically cut by \$200 to spark demand, and the 4GB model is killed. Four new muted iPod shuffle colors replace January's four, matching three from the similarly dimmed nano, plus purple.



October 17-25

iPhone Dev Center opens, SDK?

Mid-month, Apple says it will release a software development kit for the iPhone in February 2008, then opens a site with tips on creating custom iPhone "web apps."



November 9-29

iPhone Hits UK, Germany, France

Following September and October announcements, O2 (UK) and T-Mobile (Germany) become exclusive iPhone service providers on November 9, with France's Orange joining on the 29th. Sales are respectable but not fantastic, and by December, O2's CEO is already talking about a "3G iPhone" for 2008.

December 7

Apple Fights iPhone Unlockers

Despite software updates from Apple, hackers continue to succeed in their "cat and mouse game" of unlocking iPhones for sale overseas, and "jailbreaking" them to run unauthorized applications. Apple threatens overseas importers with legal penalties of up to \$1,000 per phone sold.

January 15

iPhone, iPod touch, Apple TV Software Updated with Major New Features

While both the iPhone and iPod touch receive version 1.1.3 software, adding home screen customization and a location finding ability for Maps, Apple offers touch owners a collection of previously iPhone-only apps such as Mail for \$20. Apple TV software version 2.0 is shown, adding support for iTunes purchasing and movie rentals, while the hardware drops in price to \$229 (40GB) or \$329 (160GB). Version 2.0 is released on February 12.



January 22

Apple Adds Pink 8GB nano

A lighter pink 8GB iPod nano is released as a sixth "Spring" color or Valentine's Day gift for the standard \$199 price.



2007 continued

November 16

Carmack Critizes iGaming Strategy

Following numerous comments from developers skeptical of Apple's still-cloudy plans for iPhone software, famed game programmer John Carmack, maker of Doom and Quake, describes Apple's closed game development strategy for iPods as "horrible," noting that he personally told Steve Jobs not to repeat the mistakes with iPhone gaming, but isn't optimistic.

2008

January 15

iTunes 7.6: Movie Rentals + Copies

Following months of leaks, Apple and all six major movie studios debut a U.S. movie rental service for iTunes, offering \$2.99-\$4.99 pricing depending on the movie's age and DVD or HD quality. It also announces iTunes Digital Copy, which lets buyers of certain Fox movies transfer iTunes-ready, DRM-protected versions.



January 22

141.365m iPods, 3.7m iPhones sold

Apple's strongest quarter in history adds 22.1 million iPods and over 2.3 million iPhones to the tallies. Reports suggest up to 1/3 of iPhones are purchased to be unlocked; Apple cites strong global interest.

2008 continued

February 5

16GB iPhone, 32GB touch Added

Via press release, Apple debuts a \$499 16GB iPhone and a \$499 32GB iPod touch, with the touch selling in Europe at a slightly lower price than the iPhone.

February 20-26

iTunes Store #2 Music Retailer in U.S.

Stunning those who believed physical CD sales to be considerably stronger than digital downloads, the iTunes Store becomes #2 in U.S. music sales, trailing only Wal-Mart. One week earlier, Apple took steps to shut down developers of the Hymn Project, software that stripped DRM off of iTunes-purchased music.



March 14

Ireland, Austria Get iPhone, Supplies Low

As the U.K.'s O2 and Germany's T-Mobile expand iPhone sales to Ireland and Austria, respectively, stocks of 16GB iPhones begin to dry up in other countries, with replacements expected around May.

April 3

iTunes Store #1 U.S. Music Retailer; AT&T Hints 3G iPhone "in Months"

Less than two months after becoming the #2 U.S. vendor of music, the iTunes Store surpasses Wal-Mart to become #1 after less than five years in business. As supplies of 8GB iPhones become scarce, AT&T Mobility's CEO suggests that a 3G iPhone is coming "in months," as sources indicate the iPhone will be replaced rather than kept around. By early May, US and UK stocks have been depleted.

April 23

152m iPods, 5.4m iPhones Sold

Reflecting slowing sales growth, Apple announces sales of 10.6 million iPods and 1.7 million iPhones during the prior quarter.

iPhone Patented

A 371-page filing attempts to cover the entire UI.

May 29

February 19

iPod shuffle 1GB drops, 2GB debuts

Marking a historically low entry point for the iPod family, the 1GB iPod shuffle drops in price to \$49, while a new 2GB model is added for \$69, both in the same five colors. The 2GB model hits stores in early March.

March 6

Apple Holds iPhone SDK Event

Instead of releasing an iPhone software development kit in February, Apple in March debuts a free beta kit and a \$99 developer program, initially for select U.S. applicants only. All iPhone software will be distributed through iTunes, starting in June, with iPhone/iPod touch 2.0 software required. Early games and apps are shown. Developers, including John Carmack, offer praise for the plans, with some reservations;



the kit hits 100,000 downloads in 4 days. Eight days later, Apple angers developers by sending out mass rejection letters to program applicants, later blaming high demand.

April

Apple buys chipmaker P.A. Semi

Without explaining its intentions, Apple confirms that it has agreed to purchase a maker of low-power CPUs; later, it says the chips are for future iPods + iPhones.

May 5

Apple Welcomes Int'l Developers

Two months after allowing U.S. developers into its iPhone SDK program, Apple allows select international developers to join, too.

June 9



iPhone 3G, 2.0 Software Finally Dated

After months of leaks, Apple sets a July 11 release for iPhone 3G (8GB/\$199, 16GB/\$299), a faster, plastic-bodied, and GPS-enabled iPhone intended to appeal to new and international customers. Seventy countries - including Japan and Australia - will get the new model, with software version 2.0 and the App Store pushed off to match the 3G's launch date; a "push" notification system for both e-mails and apps is under development. Rate plan announcements anger many potential buyers, leading to petitions for lower prices, some effective.

July 11



iPhone 3G Bows

Starting in Australia and New Zealand, the iPhone 3G begins a weekend of worldwide launches. Lines form at Apple and partner stores, but activation delays, dropped calls, and software problems disappoint buyers. Still, Apple sells 1 million units in three days.

September 9-11

New classic, nano, touch released

Confirming earlier leaks, Apple unveils the fourth-generation iPod nano (8GB/\$149, 16GB/\$199), repackaging the prior model in a taller, more colorful aluminum shell, and the second-gen iPod touch (8GB-32GB/\$229-\$399), with a speaker, volume buttons and Nike + iPod wireless support. A 120GB (\$249) iPod classic replaces the old 80GB and 160GB models, and four iPod shuffle colors are updated to brighter tones.



2008 continued

June 19

iTunes Store Sells 5 Billion Songs

Now with a catalog of over 8 million tracks, the Store also claims to be the world's most popular online movie store, as well.

July 10

iTunes 7.7, App Store, Apple TV 2.1

One day before the release of iPhone 3G, Apple releases iTunes 7.7, adding the App Store and an initial slate of 500 downloadable applications, 25% of them free. The company also releases Apple TV software 2.1, which like iTunes 7.7 lets iPod touches and iPhones serve as remote controls for playback of their libraries.

July 21-30

163m iPods, 6.1m iPhones Sold

September 9

iTunes 8: HD TV Shows + Genius

Apple releases iTunes 8, adding HD TV show downloads - including NBC's - plus a photo-heavy Grid library view, a Genius feature to find music similar to a selected song, and a new visualizer.



September 17

4GB iPod nanos appear

Without warning, new 4GB iPod nanos appear in Europe, suggesting that Apple decided late on the top 16GB capacity.

October 21, 2008

174m iPods, 13m iPhones Sold

iPhone sales beat predictions, due to 30,000 selling locations worldwide.

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BACKSTAGE.

What are we up to when we're not busy with iLounge or Buyers' Guide work? These days, we're changing lots of diapers and trying to preserve our hearing.



Sony WipEout HD

Though Sony's PlayStation 3 remains way too expensive, the stunningly beautiful, amazingly priced futuristic racing game **WipEout HD** (\$20) is as close to a system-seller as the console has had since it launched two years ago. Making the best use yet of high-definition TVs - it runs at a maximum of 1080p resolution, silky smooth at 60 frames per second - this sequel combines eight incredibly detailed racetracks with a fleet of hovercrafts that become progressively faster as you unlock challenges. A "Zone" mode transforms the tracks into trippy, flat-colored worlds that pulse to the techno soundtrack, becoming faster and blurrier the longer you stay alive. Best of all, WipEout offers online play and promises more tracks in future downloads. It's so impressively executed that we'll gladly follow Sony wherever this ride goes - it puts App Store downloads to shame for the price.



Apple MacBook (Aluminum)

For years, we've been waiting for a small, metal-skinned Apple laptop that ran cool enough to actually use on our laps. The new aluminum 13" **MacBook** (\$1299+) has answered our prayers, and then some. Though Apple hasn't maxed out the processor speed - it's either 2.0 or 2.4GHz - the 160GB to 250GB hard disks, considerably better nVidia graphics performance, and fantastic, solid new enclosure has already won over four iLounge editors. Much of this Buyers' Guide was, in fact, created on the 2.4GHz model. It puts the MacBook Air to shame, and costs less, besides.

Logitech Squeezebox Boom



iTunes is a capable Internet Radio player, but as all-in-one wireless tuners and speakers are concerned, **Squeezebox Boom** (\$300) is in its own league. With speakers that are only a step down from Logitech's Pure-Fi Elite, and the ability to play live Internet Radio feeds, music from services such as Pandora and Last.fm, or even streamed MP3s, you needn't be tethered to your PC or Mac to enjoy radio any more. Also cool: a collection of 60+ ambient noises, a seven-day alarm, and other little features hidden in its menus. Missing: an iPod dock. Perhaps in 2009?



Postscript: The iPhone Baby and The iPod Baby

When we released The Free iPod + iPhone Book 4 on June 1, two iLounge editors were expecting babies. After their article The iPhone Baby chronicled their use of iPhones to prepare for the birth of their daughter, Editor-in-Chief Jeremy Horwitz and wife Christina were given a due date of July 9 - the same day Apple picked to release the iPhone 3G. Using the original iPhone to time contractions and send photos directly from the hospital, Jeremy and Christina welcomed

Madeline Mirai Horwitz two days early, happy and healthy. She is now nearly four months old. Two months later, Apple held a special event in San Francisco to announce a new lineup of iPods, right as Publisher Dennis Lloyd and his wife Denyse were expecting their own daughter. On September 28 - thankfully, after the dust had cleared from all the new iPod releases - Denyse gave birth to **Hannah Mae Lloyd**, who is now one month old and doing fantastic.

CLOSING THE CURTAIN.

What's coming to the iPod, iPhone, and iTunes families in 2009? Only Apple knows for sure. But here's a list of our requests - including ones from readers.



Streamline iTunes, Please (!)

We love iTunes. Use it every day. But it's just too big, bloated, and at times, unstable - even on very recent Mac computers, say nothing of older Windows PCs. Most users don't need a 130MB app hogging over 1GB of memory for something that handles file transfers, web-based shopping, and media playback. It's well past time for a simpler iTunes that doesn't hog resources for things users don't use.



Reconsider iTunes + iPod storage

Videos consume roughly 100 times the space of songs, and HD videos require around 2.5 times the space of standard ones. Since iTunes Store HD videos don't play on iPods, Apple now gives you two videos - one standard, one HD - requiring over 2GB for a single 50-minute TV show. Where's all this video supposed to be stored? And how are limited capacity, flash-based iPods supposed to handle this?

For digital video downloads to continue growing, better storage solutions are needed. Hard disks - both for iTunes libraries, and portable video devices - are the easiest and least expensive option. Until flash memory falls in price to offer iPod touch users more than "20 movies in your pocket," a hard drive-based iPod touch should be offered as an option.



Apple TV: Take 3 or Curtain Call?

Let's face it: Apple TV has been an embarrassment. It didn't do the one thing - playing videos of any format, like QuickTime - that would have made it popular, and there's no way that the current hardware can record TV shows or play discs. Fix it or kill it already.



iPhone mini (Reprised)

We'd like to see Apple win over more than just the smartphone market, but the current iPhone size and features don't appeal to everyone. A smaller iPhone mini just makes sense. We expected it in 2008, and really hope it appears in 2009.



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