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Trade in your desktop for a laptop, your headset for a wireless speakerphone, and your office for the open road. These nine gadgets help you get more done behind the wheel.

by Anthony LaSano

Road Warrior

The Panasonic Toughbook 51 takes the abuse of life on the road, but won't weigh you down when you get out of the car. This 6.7-pound semi-rugged notebook is pretty light considering its sturdy magnesium alloy shell and protective shock mounting for the hard drive and display. Inside you'll find Intel's 2-GHz Pentium M 760 processor, 512MB of SDRAM, and an 80GB hard drive, plus 802.11b/g wireless for hotspot pit stops. The Toughbook 51 includes a bright 15-inch LCD screen, ATI's Mobility Radeon 9600 accelerator, and a DVD-ROM/CD-RW combo drive. Peace of mind is part of the package with a very reassuring three-year warranty.

\$1,499; www.panasonic.com

Get a Grip

Whether you're checking your e-mail or updating a PowerPoint presentation for your next client meeting, the Ram Mount Ram Pod II makes having your laptop in the car a whole lot easier. The device mounts in any vehicle and offers a firm grip on your notebook; it's securely suspended above the passenger seat. Any notebook will fit in the Ram Pod II and removing your laptop is a snap when it's time to head into a meeting.

\$199; www.ram-mount.com

Stay Connected

The Kyocera Passport KPC650 taps into Verizon's EV-DO network for blazing fast wireless internet access on the go. Verizon's BroadbandAccess uses EV-DO technology for average speeds between 400 and 700 Kbps in 60 major metro markets, allowing you to download PowerPoint presentations, photos, and other documents at incredible speeds. We like this card the best because it delivered the best indoor and outdoor speeds in our tests, and now the deal is even sweeter because Verizon has dropped its monthly fee from \$79.99 to \$59.99 if you have a voice account.

\$149 (with a two-year contract and \$59.99 monthly for unlimited data); www.verizonwireless.com

Pocket Inbox

The BlackBerry 7105i is like having your whole office in your pocket. This stylish, metallic smart phone provides access to e-mail, instant messaging, text messaging, Web browsing, and an organizer. Typing messages is painless thanks to RIM's SureType technology, which combines a traditional phone keypad with a QWERTY keyboard and recognizes word patterns and guesses what you're packing. The BlackBerry 7105i includes a 65,000-color high-resolution screen and weighs only 4.2 ounces. Bluetooth is onboard to pair a wireless headset or speakerphone like the Jobo SP500.

\$299; www.t-mobile.com

