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FOR THE CHOP

Chopping food into tiny pieces is one of those boring tasks that can't be avoided, but at least you can do it safely and stylishly thanks to Typhoon's new range of reversible chopping and food preparation boards. Featuring unique, patented non-slip silicone corners, which provide maximum grip, every board in the seven-strong range is made from naturally oiled European beech wood and there are options for cheese, bread and carving.

Price: from around £8

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COAT OF NOTE

It can only be a matter of time before Apple help us build iPods into the flesh of our heads, but for now we have to make do with the likes of Zegna's luxurious iJACKET, a stylish garment which allows you to control Apple's player through a sleeve-mounted panel. Created by Ermenegildo Zegna, the sophisticated coat benefits from a micro-nylon technical fabric and fully taped seams to make it invulnerable against the elements. Two versions in four colours are available and all come with their 30-pin iPod connection conveniently located in the breast pocket.

Price: £559

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Few things in life are more tricky than deciding between a Bentley and Ferrari. Except perhaps getting hold of the cash to own one and then financing its perishing thirst for fuel. But neither of these issues need worry you again - if you want to experience the joys of your choice of high-performance automobiles simply get in touch with écurie25, a new performance car club. Based in London, members can enjoy the likes of the Ferrari F430, Lamborghini Gallardo and Aston Martin V8 Vantage for around 35 days use per year. There's something for everyone and even a monthly pay option, so why delay?

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ON YOUR HEAD

The last thing you want when strolling about town is something heavy on your head and Sennheiser have clearly kept that in mind when designing their LX 90 Style headphones. Ultra-lightweight and ultra-flexible, the unique design features comfortable earbuds, a single-sided cable attachment and a self-configuring headband made up of a plastic tube with metal core. A cable clip, various ear adapters and a rather stylish case are also part of the deal.

Price: around £35
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COMING ZUNE

For a long time the iPod has been undisputed king of the MP3-players, but Microsoft are readying something of a coup d'état: the Zune. Its three-inch screen, 30GB hard disk, video playback capability and FM radio are all welcome, but, particularly excitingly, the device is also Wi-Fi enabled, which allows you to share and receive tracks with/from a Zune buddy for up to three days - after which you'll have the option to purchase them from the company's music store. Coming in black, brown and white and due in time for Christmas, this could be the player to take Apple's crown.

Price: TBA
 Visit: www.microsoft.com

