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The stealthy next-gen Predator is designed to carry up to 3,000 pounds of weapons.

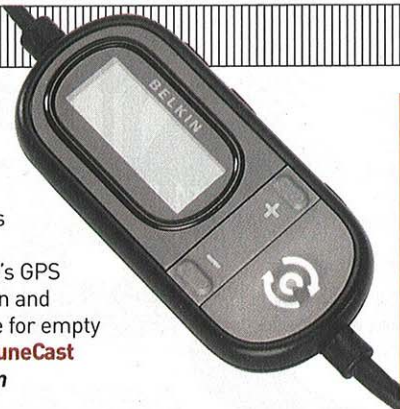
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US \$4.99



WHAT'S NEW

AUTO TUNER

No need to futz with the radio dial to find the clearest frequency for beaming iPhone tunes to your car stereo. The TuneCast uses the phone's GPS to determine your location and then searches a database for empty stations nearby. **Belkin TuneCast Auto Live \$80; belkin.com**



SAFETY LIGHT

Clean up a broken ArmorLite bulb without risking a cut—or mercury poisoning. A translucent silicone cover traps glass shards as well as the mercury gas that can be released when the compact fluorescent inside breaks. **Clear-Lite ArmorLite \$8; clear-lite.net**



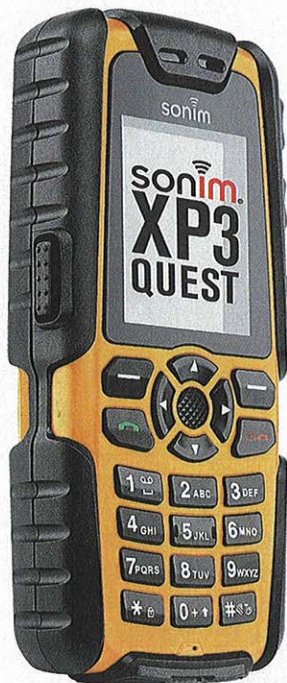
THE GOODS

12 MUST-HAVE PRODUCTS

BY AMANDA SCHUPAK

TOUGH CALL

The world's most rugged cameraphone is molded from a rubbery polyurethane, which can absorb the shock of a six-foot drop, and a rigid polycarbonate plastic so strong you could drive your car over it. **Sonim XP3 Quest \$500; sonimtech.com**



NEWS FLASH

Clip this LED flashlight anywhere, stand it upright like a lamp, or just wield it as an ordinary handheld. The handle hides a clamp; lock it open and rotate its feet outward to turn it into a stable base. **Blackfire Clamplight \$30; blackfire-usa.com**

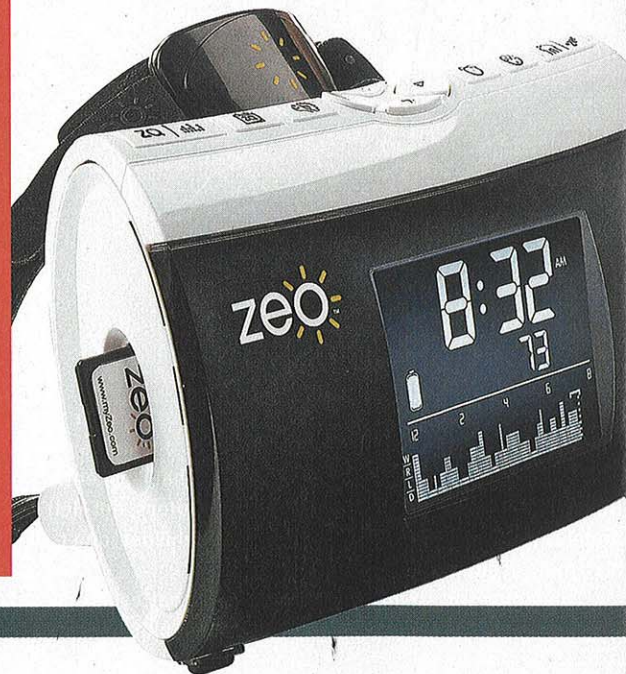


TOP FLIGHT

Serious flight simulations get even more realistic. Two motors inside this joystick allow minute force-feedback movements, and the stick rides on steel bearings instead of molded plastic for more-precise steering. It even comes with a throttle and rudder pedals. **Logitech Flight System G940 \$300; logitech.com**

A SMART NIGHTCAP

Wear Zeo's headband while you sleep, and its conductive fabric senses your brain waves. It beams info to a bedside display, which charts your REM, deep and light sleep, so in the morning you can figure out why you're still groggy. **Zeo Personal Sleep Coach \$400; myzeo.com**



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