

Make room for surround sound

LG's compact home cinema system works with your iPod

LG has just launched the HT33S, a compact home cinema system specifically designed for use in smaller rooms that do not have space for a full 5.1 speaker system. The HT33S consists of a DVD player with a built-in iPod dock, so it can also play your iPod music and video through a TV set and its accompanying speaker system.

The DVD player has a touch-sensitive control panel, and can 'up-scale' standard-definition DVDs to improve the video quality to something approaching HD standard. The system also includes a 2.1 speaker system that produces a thumping 300W audio output. According to LG, it can create "virtual 5.1 surround sound" so you can enjoy surround sound movies without having to set up a 5.1 speaker system in your front room. The HT33S is available now for about £300.

In May, LG will be launching the PC14, an all-in-one system that combines CD player, iPod dock and speakers in a single compact unit. The rugby ball design houses a vertically mounted CD player and impressively loud 100W speakers. It also includes both DAB and FM radio tuners, two alarm options and an 'emotional red dimmer' that glows in time to the music. The UK price for the PC14 has not been confirmed.

LG, uk.lge.com



Popcorn hour The HT33S is a complete home cinema system with built-in iPod dock



Champions
Sennheiser claims that the HD 800 are the best headphones in the world

Simply the best

Better than all the rest – and more expensive too

As much as we like Sennheiser headphones, we have to admit that we were taken aback by the £999 price tag of their new HD 800 headphones. Sennheiser claims that the HD 800 is "the world's best set of headphones", and the spec sheet is certainly impressive. The headphones boast a frequency range of 6Hz to 51kHz (which is actually a wider frequency range than the human ear can perceive), and a specially designed 'ring driver' that produces less than 0.02 per cent audio distortion. Even the cables are special – they're silver-plated, low-oxygen cables that are shielded from electromagnetic interference, and topped off with gold-plated plugs.

Sennheiser, www.sennheiser.co.uk

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Jays earphones boast powerful bass output

We've liked the Jays headphones we've seen in the past, so we're looking forward to trying out the new s-Jays earphones. The s-Jays are noise-isolating earphones, equipped with Jay's new SIREN technology, which the company claims produces "the most thumping bass ever". The earphones, available in black or white, cost £60 and include several sets of earpieces in different sizes, as well as a carrying case, extension cable and airline adaptor.

Jays, www.jayshearphones.co.uk

On the move The s-Jays noise-isolating earphones are designed for travellers



Seeing i2i

Although Aerielle's i2i Stream isn't the first device to transmit audio wirelessly from an iPod to a set of headphones or speakers – as the press release claims – it does look to be one of the handier wireless audio devices we've seen. The i2i kit costs £68.51 and includes two i2i adaptors. You simply connect one to your iPod and the other to your headphones or speakers in order to connect them by wireless.

Aerielle, www.aerielle.com

Air play The i2i Stream transmits music wirelessly from your iPod to your headphones

