

## Notebooks: the big and the small

### Lenovo ThinkPad Z60m and the Toshiba Libretto

The Lenovo Group of China bought IBM's PC division back in May, and this notebook is one of the first from the new company. (Strangely, the notebook still sports the familiar IBM logo.) This is a very capable unit, albeit at 3kg its more desktop replacement than portable travel companion.

The Z60M starts at \$1,049.

On the other end of the size spectrum is the tiny Libretto. Its greatest asset is its small size: it's ideal for travelling. However, its greatest drawback can also be its size: you may find it tough to type on.

Try before you buy. It lists for \$2,399 and includes a DVD Super Multi Dock.



## Make any phone cordless

### BlueParrott B100 Headset System

People who work in fancy offices are often given fancy headset phones. Those who toil in smaller workplaces or have a home office often make do with an old boring phone.

The B100 headset employs Bluetooth wireless networking and plugs into that old boring phone. You can now walk around while you conference call. The headset also lets you answer or end a call, although to dial you have to return to the phone. It sells for US\$199.

## Build a better mouse

### 3M Ergonomic Mouse

It's not a joystick, although it looks a little like one. The 3M Ergonomic Mouse is designed to reduce pressure on some nerves in the hand, and while its vertical grip may take some getting used to, the unit slides across a desk just like any optical mouse and it doesn't take long to get the hang of it. The mouse sells for approximately \$80.



## Safety, with MP3s

### Pro Tech Communications NoiseBuster Electronic Noise Cancelling Earmuff

Ever wish you could listen to music while mowing the lawn or operating a jackhammer? Sure you have, and now you can with these earmuffs. They protect your ears from noise and also work as headphones when plugged into an MP3 player or Walkman. They sell for US\$149.