

Travel accessories you will love to pack

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Everyone has their travel gadgets. Whether it's your blow-up pillow or a bottle of pills to prevent you from winning at virus roulette, most travellers have a few special things they keep with them.

But what about items to help you get some work done on business trips? Here is a list of some gadgets you might want to consider.

Noisebuster head-phones

www.protechcommunications.com, \$69

Odds are, you won't be getting much work done with the gentleman next to you gabbing away.

Enter Pro-Tech Communications, which offers the Noisebuster headphones, designed to filter out background noise. The headphones are made to fold down for travel size and offer 40 hours of use from one set of batteries.

Bose also offer a set for \$350, but these aren't aimed at travellers. Pro-tech doesn't promise their headphones will eliminate all noise, but they'll keep that screaming child from causing your teeth to vibrate.

Inflight Power

www.inflightpower.com, \$34.99

Keeping your electronics charged on an aircraft can be challenging.

Most airlines provide an electrical outlet for their first and business class customers, but the odds of finding such an outlet in economy are slim and none.

Taking an idea from the makers of USB cables, Inflight Power has devised a product that plugs into the headphones outlet and lets you use it as a power source.

Don't expect to power up your computer, but it will give you enough juice to charge your cell phone, iPod or PDA.

Kensington Power Adapter

www.kensington.com, \$139.99

Even if you're lucky enough to have a power outlet, you need to be sure that it will work with your computer. Airlines do not offer universal power adapters, and walking on the plane with your home adapter may result in your computer going dark halfway through your trip. Kensington offers a 120-volt adapter, which will work with any of the three outlets offered on today's flights.

The Knee Defender

www.kneedefender.com, \$14.95

This last item is sure to be a favourite of all those who stand over two metres tall, although it won't make you any friends.

In fact, may I suggest it only as a last-ditch effort since this device may come as close as possible to a "nuclear option" against your fellow passengers. The company claims the Knee Defender prevents the person in front of you from reclining into your personal space.

The device, basically two wedges that clamp onto the legs of your fold down table, physically prevent the chair in front of you from leaning back. For those of you who feel they should be fair, the Knee Defender is adjustable.

What do the airlines think of this device? Who knows? Do you really care? Where your knees are concerned, sometimes it's better to ask forgiveness than permission.