

>play



Oooh, sooo pretty, me want to touchy...

PERFECTLY PORTABLE

Sony PSP

us.playstation.com/psp

The gaming world probably never expected this one. When Sony announced that they'd be entering the portable gaming industry, skeptics didn't think they'd really follow through with a tight product. Unless you were Nintendo, chances of success in the portable world were slim-to-none. In stepped the PSP and blew that notion clear out of the water. This sleek, ergonomic masterpiece maintains the functionality of Sony's wildly popular Dual Shock Controllers (considered by many to be the finest controllers gamers have ever experienced), features WLAN/USB connections, plays MP3s, movies (using Sony's new UMD format) and of course, plays games - in all their 3D polygonal glory. Since this is a Sony product, the number of big name titles already lined up has been incredibly impressive with all the sports, puzzle and action games you could ever crave on the road. If you're a complete gaming freak, pick up one of these pricey little bad boys... that is, if you can find one in stock!



Alex Rodriguez doing what he does best as a polygon.



Portable basketball never looked so good.



Retro Atari Classics (Nintendo DS)

www.atari.com

Older hip-hop heads remember the days of Pong, Atari 2600 and Intellivision. Most probably remember the Konami code or the first time they successfully landed Guile's flash kick in Street Fighter II. So consider this collection of 10 classic games ranging from Asteroids to Centipede a gift to long-time gamers. Specifically tailored for the urban crowd, you can choose to play either the originals or tagged/remixed versions, redesigned by popular graf artists REAS, Delta and Obey Giant. Breakout's brick wall will look like it just underwent a night of (paint) bombing and Warlords is now a DJ battle instead of a war between kingdoms. Now that's fresh!

Warlords gets remixed as a hip-hop DJ battle...



...Centipede is now player and pimp friendly.



"Luke, [heavy breathing] I am your tater."

FORCE FRIED POTATO

Darth Tater

www.mrpotatohead.com

We never thought we'd see the day everybody's favorite humanoid spud would turn to the dark side of the Force. Alas, much in the same way Anakin Skywalker found defeat at the bottom of a lava pit, Mr. Potato Head found his inevitable fate at the bottom of a deep-fryer. Following this incident he abandoned his former identity. When metal coupled with flesh in the form of cyborg implants and enhancements required to sustain him, Potato Head's transformation was complete. He was no longer a regular ol' tater. He was Darth Tater.



Dub City Die Cast Vehicles

www.jadatoys.com/dubcityhome.html

Remember when you asked your mom for a 2005 Cadillac Escalade pimped out by West Coast Customs and she laughed for three straight weeks? Well, your momma can't afford a new car for herself, let alone a ride for your livin'-at-home, workin'-at-Mickey D's self. It's all good, that should give you something to aspire to as you make your way through college. Until then, keep one of these slick die cast models on your desk or dresser as a reminder of things to come. Available in a variety of vehicles (anything from Escalades to Hummers) and colors, these hot rides also come in varying scales (from the largest at 1:10 to the smallest at 1:64) with a number of different features ranging from music, spinning rims or radio controlled functionality. You may not have the full-scale version now, but there ain't nothing wrong with dreaming.

PIMPED RIDES ON A SMALL SCALE

Time for a little Al Green and a whole lotta lovin'...



LoungeLight LED Candles

www.thinkgeek.com

Sure, while these high-tech candles may be available at a place called Think Geek, there's actually barely anything geeky about them - except for the LED, of course. These inexpensive candles (about \$20) can add a cool loungey ambiance to your room, or turn your pad into a romantic den.

Easy-to-use, these wax candles come hollowed out with a battery and LED cap that allows you to switch the internal light on/off and choose whether you want to keep the candle glowing or constantly changing colors. Order a couple, order refills and light up your lounge.

FIRE & ICE

Super Soaker Elite Line

www.supersoaker.com

There are few things better than being blasted in the face with a cold stream of water on a hot summer day. Sure, some people may enjoy material things or emotional/mental comfort, but for others it's all about that facial blast. The Super Soaker brand has reigned supreme in the water gun industry for years now and this summer their "Elite" line is sure to keep people drenched.

Play a few rounds of SoakerTag with the Aquapack Devastator: a gun with backpack that holds up to 100 ounces of water; the Arctic Shock contains a frozen core that keeps the water frigid; or the Flash Flood, which gives you the option to either blast your friends with a long continuous stream of water, or one huge tank-emptying blast. No matter which weapon you choose, just make sure you keep wet.



Even more fun than using the word "moist."



Is this stuff even considered "bling" anymore?

BenQ Joybee 102R

www.benq.us

If you don't already have an mp3 player - and it seems like that's a rare thing these days - you may want to opt for something a little more stylish. For you girls who like to floss their technology without being clowned by your friends, check out BenQ's latest line of Joybees. These things are so small (4.1cm x 4.1cm x 0.8cm, to be exact) that you can even wear them as jewelry. So the next time someone asks you about your new pendant, just tell them that it's actually just ten hours of music hanging around your neck.



MP3 MAKEOVER

Pod Skinz

www.macskinz.com

You've had your iPod for a while now and though you use it on a daily basis, you're getting tired of its bland, white exterior. Time to give your iPod an extreme makeover with one of these colorful skins available in sizes that'll fit Minis, original, 3rd and 4th generation Pods. Deck your iPod out with one of many featured artists including Tes One, Freddi Cerasoli, Ragnar, Jon Foster and more. With designs that range from avant-garde, cutting edge, kitsch and urban, chances are there's a skin for you. Oh, did we mention that they also protect your Pod from scratches? BB



If you always want to change the look of your iPod, buy 'em all!

