



## OUR HARDWARE RECOMMENDATIONS

**The whys.** Although we've talked about using printers, scanners and speakers over the last few pages, there may be a few of you reading this that haven't got any. Even though most PCs come with these items of hardware as a bundle, some don't, or you might have chosen to get a PC without to save a bit of money.

**The whats.** Hopefully we have shown you how useful these items of hardware can be, so below is our Hardware Top Five. We've compiled the list of our favourite printer, scanner, speaker set, mouse and MP3 player. Each one balances performance with cost; you can literally end up spending hundreds of pounds on something that you'll never use to its full potential.

### HP DeskJet 959c

£179 © 01344 369 369

@ [www.hp.com](http://www.hp.com)

This is the HP DeskJet 959c inkjet printer (see our group test on page 94 for more info), and is capable of printing in full colour as well as black and white. You can print normal text onto ordinary paper, but if you've got a photograph or picture you want to print, you can buy special glossy photographic paper.



### Visioneer One Touch 5600 USB

£79.99 © 01483 445 480

@ [www.visioneer.com](http://www.visioneer.com)

A good scanner that offers a decent image quality and selection of features. The shortcut buttons on the front make it easy to operate, and it comes at a reasonable price.



### Creative Soundworks Digital

£69

@ [www.europe.creative.com](http://www.europe.creative.com)

They might not look like much, but these nifty speakers offer a great bang for your buck. The two smaller satellite speakers sit either side of your monitor, while the larger subwoofer sits under the desk.



### Logitech Cordless Mouseman Optical

£54.99 © 01753 870900

@ [www.logitech.co.uk](http://www.logitech.co.uk)

This is the first mouse that has dispensed not only of the little ball (it uses an optical sensor instead, meaning no more cleaning) but also of the wire that connects it to your PC. The best mouse in the house.



### Creative DAP Jukebox

£350

@ [www.europe.creative.com](http://www.europe.creative.com)

OK, so you could buy a whole hi-fi for the price of this MP3 player, but simply put, it has no equal. Fantastic sound quality and a staggering 6GB of memory (enough for 100 hours of CD-quality music).

