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REVIEWS

Home Entertainment Hardware, Software, and Accessories



HARDWARE

Altec Lansing inMotion Classic

The inMotion Classic speaker dock features an integrated carrying handle that rotates behind the unit, serving double duty as a kickstand. Also clever is the Classic's built-in remote cubby, which should make it slightly more difficult to lose the system's tiny, wireless remote control. If you want a built-in battery, along with the luxuries of a remote control, an FM radio, and lots of onboard controls, the Classic will suit you perfectly (macworld.com/6309).

★★★★; \$150; Altec Lansing, www.alteclansing.com

AverMedia AverTVHD Volar Max

The AverTVHD Volar Max isn't as advanced as other Mac TV receivers, but it's also not as pricey. The basic TV viewing functions work well, as long as you have good TV reception. The personal video recording capabilities are limited, but it works just fine. If you don't mind possibly manually entering program info for scheduled recordings, and you can put up with the workarounds for saving recorded videos to your Apple devices, the Volar Max is a decent value (macworld.com/6310).

★★★; \$95; AverMedia, www.avermedia-usa.com

Elgato EyeTV HD

The EyeTV HD differs from most of Elgato's other offerings



in that it isn't a TV tuner—it's a video-capture device. The encrypted signals from your cable or satellite provider require a decoder to play on your TV, whereas the EyeTV HD leaves that work up to your set-top hardware, but takes over from there. The EyeTV HD comes with everything you need in the box, and it does a pretty good job of letting you watch and record premium cable and satellite content—despite a few software bugs (macworld.com/6311).

★★★★; \$200; Elgato, www.elgato.com

HRT Music Streamer II

The Music Streamer II is a great-sounding digital converter for your Mac, capable of fine subtlety in playing music. On one end is a USB port; on the other, a pair of gold-plated phono connections. It has a 24-bit, 96kHz resolution when connected to a music system's line-level inputs. It's an excellent investment, providing big, natural sound and superbly bringing to life the music in your



digital library (macworld.com/6312).

★★★★; \$149; High Resolution Technologies, www.highresolutiontechnologies.com

Western Digital WD TV Live Plus

For people looking to add Netflix's streaming service to an HD home entertainment system, the WD TV Live Plus is as an affordable, attractive option, especially for those who also want to stream media from networked Macs and PCs and storage devices. It supports YouTube, Flickr, Pandora Radio, Live365, and a range of content via the MediaFly content distribution network. The WD TV Live Plus has TV connections for HDMI, optical digital audio, component video, and composite video with analog audio, plus two USB ports for media. It does lack Wi-Fi support, but that's not a deal-breaker since Wi-Fi isn't always an optimal technology for media streaming anyway (macworld.com/6813).

★★★★; \$150; Western Digital; www.wdc.com



iPods: Current Lineup

PRODUCT	SPECS	RATING	PRICE*	DISPLAY	PERFORMANCE	FIND CODE*
iPod Classic	160GB	★★★★	\$249	2.5-inch color	36 hours of music playback 6 hours of video playback	5262
iPod Touch	8GB	★★★★	\$199	3.5-inch color	30 hours of music playback 6 hours of video playback	3664
	32GB	★★★★	\$299	3.5-inch color	30 hours of music playback 6 hours of video playback	5257
	64GB	★★★★	\$399	3.5-inch color	30 hours of music playback 6 hours of video playback	5258
iPod Nano	8GB	★★★★	\$149	2.2-inch color	24 hours of music playback 5 hours of video playback	5363
	16GB	★★★★	\$179	2.2-inch color	24 hours of music playback 5 hours of video playback	5364
iPod Shuffle	2GB	★★★★	\$59	none	10 hours of music playback	5267
	4GB	★★★★	\$79	none	10 hours of music playback	5268

* All prices are Apple's prices. * In a browser's address field, typing a find code after macworld.com/ takes you to a product's review or overview.