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Finally, an ultra-mobile PC designed for the outdoors. Add extra hardware by popping modules onto the back of this military-grade mini computer, and don't worry about dropping it—even into a pond. It's waterproof up to three feet. **Black Diamond SwitchBack UMPC \$3,700; switchbackpc.com**

WHAT'S NEW



SKINNY KEYS AND ALL

To make the superior (and ergonomically wrist-friendly) diNovo keyboard, engineers at Logitech used the same switches used in laptop keyboards, but increased the depth they can be pressed down to give you that desktop feel. **Logitech diNovo Edge \$200; logitech.com**



UNTANGLE ANGLE

Keep your cords from becoming a bird's nest. Unbraid them without unplugging everything by spinning each port on the USB hub up to 180 degrees. **USB Twister Hub \$26; usb.brands.com.hk**



WRIST RINGER?

This watch syncs with Symbian phones over Bluetooth. It vibrates when you get calls and shows caller's names or numbers on its LCD screen. **Fixed Multitower Abacus \$250; abacuswatches.com**



UNCHAINED AUDIOPHILE

We'll reach for the sound quality and the convenience of these DiVite Bluetooth headphones. They double as a cellphone headset and let you control your music player remotely. **Motorola SB05 \$150; helio.com**



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SOLID SLEEP

A camper's dream can define right along with a punctured mattress. This self-inflating pad has a thin bottom layer of protective polyethylene foam to resist thorns but still roll up small. **Thermarest Trek Toughskin \$120; thermarest.com**

