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## Product Bulletin: IBM ThinkPads Buckle Up

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### Product: IBM ThinkPad R50, T41

Today, IBM is announcing a beefed up ThinkPad line and a brand-new technology. The new IBM ThinkPad R50 and T41 models offer an airbag for your data. If you drop your notebook, the IBM Active Protection system senses that the system is in danger and temporarily parks the hard drive's read/write head to prevent a hard drive crash and possible data loss. In addition to this safety feature, the R50 has the option of a second battery for up to 10 hours of power. Both models are available with Intel Centrino Mobile Technology and integrated 802.11 a/b/g wireless capability.

- Company: IBM Corp., [www.ibm.com](http://www.ibm.com)
- Availability: Now, at [www.ibm.com](http://www.ibm.com)
- Price: R50, starting at \$1,529; T41, starting at \$1,649

### Product: AmbiCom Wireless Printer Kit

If you find yourself constantly tripping over printer cables, the AmbiCom Wireless Printer Kit might just be a Band-Aid, of sorts. The kit uses two adaptors to connect USB-compatible printers to PCs via Bluetooth and offers a wireless printing range of up to 100 feet in home and office environments, and up to 200 feet in open environments.

- Company: AmbiCom Inc., [www.ambicom.com](http://www.ambicom.com)
- Availability: Now, at retailers and [www.ambicom.com](http://www.ambicom.com)
- Price: \$69.99 - [[Check Prices](#)]

### Product: Olympus C-5060 Wide Zoom

The Olympus C-5060 Wide Zoom promises increased photographic control by combining a 5.1 megapixels with a 27-mm to 110-mm, f2.8–f8.0 wide-angle lens. The 14X total wide-angle zoom and compact size (4.6 by 3.4 by 2.6 inches) allow for an ideal range of photographic flexibility.

- Company: Olympus America Inc., <http://www.olympusamerica.com>
- Availability: November, at major retailers
- Price: \$699

### Product: PocketMac 3.0

PocketMac 3.0, the latest version of the Pocket PC-to-Mac syncing software, lets you sync contacts, calendars, tasks, and e-mail via Bluetooth, USB, or AirPort. This version also lets you change the look and feel of your Pocket PC to that of a Mac.

- Company: Information Appliance Associates, [www.pocketmac.net](http://www.pocketmac.net)
- Availability: Now, at [www.pocketmac.net](http://www.pocketmac.net)
- Price: \$69.95

### Product: Stealth Surfer

The Stealth Surfer is a security solution for users who value privacy while browsing, whether for security reasons or just plain paranoia. The Windows-only device packages a Web browser into a USB minidrive, letting you take your browsing and downloading history with you when you leave your computer. The Stealth Surfer comes in 64MB, 128MB, and 256MB capacities.

- Company: Stealth Surfer, [www.stealthsurfer.biz](http://www.stealthsurfer.biz)
- Availability: Now, at [www.stealthsurfer.biz](http://www.stealthsurfer.biz)
- Price: 64MB, \$49.95; 128MB, \$79.95; 256MB, \$129.95

### Product: Symbol MC9000-G

Announced today, the Symbol MC9000-G is a ruggedized PDA designed for supply-chain applications with architecture optimized for automatic data capture. The 3.8-inch display is available in color or monochrome.