

GREAT TECH GIFTS FOR GRADS AND DADS

Searching for that perfect Father's Day or Graduation gift but unsure of what to buy? Well, there are some great options from the tech world out there for Dads and Grads and, on *The Early Show* on Monday, June 15, 2009, CBS News Science and Technology Correspondent Daniel Sieberg spotlights several of those gizmos and gadgets:

The information in the descriptions below was provided, at least in part, by the manufacturers:

Nintendo DSi - \$169.99

- Photos - Photos of the DSi being on can be taken as long as the focus of the shot is someone playing with the unit, whereas if it's a shot of the DSi itself, the unit would have to be turned off...
- That being said, Nintendo can provide you with a screen shots that can be placed over the screen for the final shot... they actually have some really great screen shots I could help with...
- Video - Nintendo feels that video of the DSi should reflect the experience and would ask that a person playing the DSi would please be the focus when the DSi is turned on...
- Please note that zoomed in shots work best when the DSi is laid flat and the camera is shooting it from a perpendicular angle...
- Also, you all may find some distortion of the DSi screen if you were to shrink the video down for online use, and you should be able to just adjust as necessary... (of course, please let me know if you have issues)
- We're asking that media please understand that there can't be capturing video from a direct (or live) feed or any capture of the DSi screens directly...
- Video where you're playing / commenting on the DSi, is ok for a "behind the scenes" look and the only stipulation is that it should be less than five minutes

Features:

- Size wise, the DSi is only about 4 millimeters thinner than the Lite and just 5 millimeters wider.
- Larger screens
- Two 0.3 megapixel camera
- SD card slot
- New feature, DSi Sound, allows you to play AAC audio tracks on the device
- But no more Game Boy Advance slot
- Exclusive access to the DSi Shop for downloadable games and applications.

For more details: Please see spec sheet

For more information visit: 1) <http://reviews.cnet.com/nintendo-dsi/> 2) http://cnettv.cnet.com/2001-1_53-50005462.html

HP Mini 2140--\$499

Editor's Rating: 4 stars (currently CNETs favorite Netbook for less than \$500)

Features:

- The ideal companion PC for the highly mobile professional
- Intel Atom CPU, 1GB of RAM, and a 160GB hard drive.
- Boasts a full ExpressCard/54 slot (no other netbook currently offers this)
- With an aluminum case, the Mini 2140 feels as if it'll stand up to the rigors of the road better than a plastic Netbook.

Where to buy: HP Store (www.shopping.hp.com), Amazon

For more information, visit: http://reviews.cnet.com/laptops/hp-mini-2140/4505-3121_7-33485023.html?tag=mncol;lst

Roku Digital Video Player--\$100

Editor's Rating:3.5 stars

Features:

- Streams Netflix Watch Now and Amazon Video On Demand movies and TV shows to your TV and the combination of Netflix's unlimited subscription viewing (as low as \$9 per month) and Amazon's pay-per-view offerings delivers a good range of viewing flexibility and choice
- Simple setup that works with all TVs.
- A simple, convenient, and affordable alternative to cable or satellite TV.
- Includes built-in wired and 802.11g Wi-Fi networking
- Measuring 1.75 inches tall by 5.25 inches wide by 5.25 inches deep, the box is equipped with all manner of audio and video outputs: HDMI, component video, S-Video, and composite video ports, as well as digital optical or the standard red/white analog stereo outputs.
- You navigate the videos through a series of hundreds of snapshots of frames in the film (the thumbnails correspond to 10 second-intervals in the video).

Where to buy: Amazon

For more information, visit: http://reviews.cnet.com/digital-media-receivers/roku-digital-video-player/4505-6739_7-33018087.html?tag=mncol;lst

Flip Video MinoHD--\$209.99

Editor's Rating: 4 stars

Features:

- Ultralim, yet functional design that only weighs 3.3 ounces.
- One-touch video uploading to YouTube, AOL, and MySpace
- FlipShare software is compatible with both Macs and Windows machines
- The HD version is only available in black unless you order it via Flip's Web site, where you can get snazzier custom versions at no extra cost.
- 4GB memory, capable of storing 60 minutes of 1,280x720 resolution (720p) video.
- It's very easy it is to get videos off the camera and distribute them: simply flip out the USB connector and plug it into your Windows (Windows 2000/XP or later) or OS X (10.4 or later) machine and up pops FlipShare, the company's newly redesigned software.

Where to buy: The Flip, Amazon

For more information, visit: http://reviews.cnet.com/digital-camcorders/flip-video-minohd-black/4505-6500_7-33392113.html?tag=mncol;lst