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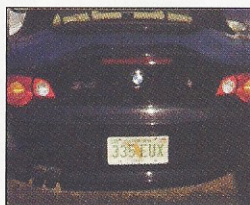
Better living through gadgets.

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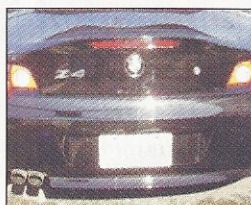
## Photo Finish

If you've ever been nailed by one of those Orwellian traffic-enforcement cameras, you know those tickets are almost impossible to beat—until now. Just spray some PhotoBlocker on your plates. The special coating will reflect the camera's flash, turning the image of your plate into a blown-out blur.

You only have to apply it once (ever), and it's currently legal in all 50 states. To order yours, go to [www.PhantomPlate.com](http://www.PhantomPlate.com) or call (866) 742-6806. Suggested retail price: \$29.99



Before



After

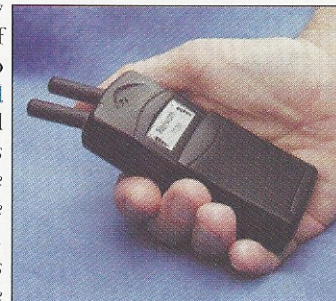
## The Fast and the Furious

Okay, so you're not Vin Diesel, but you can still race tricked-out cars with the XMODS Custom RC (radio-controlled) Starter Kit. These toy autos come in six different colors and four different makes: Toyota, Honda, Acura and Nissan. Best of all, you can buy additional parts and upgrade your badass wheels. There are XMODS racing leagues forming all over the country; you can get in on the action by calling (800) 843-7422 or going to [www.RadioShack.com](http://www.RadioShack.com) or any Radio Shack store. Suggested retail price: \$49.99



## Jam Session

There's nothing worse than being stuck near a motor mouth who endlessly chatters away on a cell phone, indirectly talking your ear off. Thanks to the Cell Phone Jammer, you can discreetly cut their call short. Don't get too excited, you can't jam everyone in the neighborhood; this covert disrupter only works within a distance of approximately 15 feet. To order yours, go to [www.GlobalGadgetUK.com](http://www.GlobalGadgetUK.com). Suggested retail price: \$315 (Note: This is a British company and this price is based on the current exchange rate, which is subject to change. Also, our legal department suggests that you consult an attorney before purchasing this product.)



## Sending the Right Signal

The MIRT is possibly the coolest gadget we've ever featured. As you approach a traffic light, this portable electronic whiz transmits a signal, causing the light to change. The only catch is the traffic light has to have a built-in receiver; so it may not work out in the boonies. Traditionally used by police and emergency vehicles, the MIRT is now available to the average Joe. (However, laws on operating the MIRT vary, so check your local ordinances.) To order yours, go to [www.TheMIRT.com](http://www.TheMIRT.com) or call (800) 486-5971. Suggested retail price: \$489



## Crank Up the Volume

If your ears have been ringing a lot lately, it might be time to give your headphones a rest and try the inMotion portable audio system. No larger than a paperback book, these miniature speakers hook up to your iPod and turn it into a full-blown stereo. Your taste in music might drive others crazy, but your eardrums will thank you. To order, go to [www.AltecLansing.com](http://www.AltecLansing.com), [www.Apple.com](http://www.Apple.com) or Apple retail stores nationwide. Suggested retail price: \$149

