

# JETSET GADGETS

We bring you the latest gear for your flight bag or suitcase.



## 1 Canon EOS 450D [www.canon.co.uk](http://www.canon.co.uk)

Canon's 450D was one of a group of cameras that made digital SLRs more accessible to the masses. At first glance the 450D appears to be a very similar camera to its predecessor, but there are a range of technical improvements, such as a 12.2 megapixel CMOS Sensor ( plenty of detail for large prints), 3.0-inch LCD monitor with live view mode, 14-bit processing, spot metering, 3.5 frames per second continuous shooting, a larger viewfinder and a new higher capacity battery. This is all well and good if you understand digital SLR photography, but if 'point and shoot' is more your style, don't worry – the 450D has an automatic mode, which makes it almost impossible to take a bad photo. Almost... **£490**

## 2 iPhone 3G [www.apple.com/uk/iphone](http://www.apple.com/uk/iphone)

Let's face it, the first iPhone looked great and had some clever features, but it was let down by its slow connectivity. This latest version however, uses the high-speed 3G network which means it can deliver data speeds that are up to five times faster than the original. Not only is the phone an iPod, with touch screen and automatic widescreen, but it offers the same web browser and e-mail experience as your desktop computer. This new version also has GPS navigation, which could come in handy when exploring unfamiliar cities, and an App Store that provides a simple online catalogue of new, instantly downloadable programmes for the phone. The price has improved dramatically too, the first iPhone initially cost £269 but the new model starts at only **£99**, although it is only available on contract.

## 3 Handpresso Wild Portable Espresso Maker [www.silvernutmeg.com](http://www.silvernutmeg.com)

If you're in need of a caffeine hit and the vending machine in the crew room just won't cut it, then this is the perfect gadget for you. The Handpresso is a portable manual coffee machine that works like a bicycle pump – you just add hot water and a coffee pod and out comes an espresso, complete with crema top. A compact 22cm long, it will fit perfectly in your handbag, sorry flight bag. **£79**

## 4 iLiad Reader – Book Edition [www.irextechnologies.com](http://www.irextechnologies.com)

E-books are useful little gadgets if you find that reading matter takes up a lot of space in your luggage. The iLiad comes pre-loaded with 50 titles and is expandable to 8GB with additional memory cards – that's 10,000 books! These can be downloaded, along with newspapers and RSS feeds, via its USB cable, which you connect to your computer. While reading from a screen does take getting used to, its high resolution and high contrast 8.1-inch display offers good readability, even in the brightness of the cockpit. You can also make notes using a small pen-like stylus attached to the back, which can then be converted into digital text on your computer. **£389**

## 5 Vone Magneto Eyewear [www.voneeyewear.co.uk](http://www.voneeyewear.co.uk)

These sunglasses have been designed especially for pilots to protect your eyes and improve visibility in the cockpit environment. The Vone lenses are engineered to block out 96% of blue light, as well as offer 100% UV protection. By limiting the levels of blue light the lenses can improve visual clarity, reduce glare and increase colour contrast. Importantly, the lenses used are not photochromatic or polarised lenses, which are not recommended for pilots. With their large lenses they cover the full field of vision, while the lightweight metal frames, with thin sidearms, fit comfortably under a headset. **£110**