

TECH TIDBITS



PELICAN 1040 MICRO CASE

> **Get it for:** \$14.18 at www.cableorganizer.com.

Keep devices dry and secure with this watertight, airtight and crush-proof case that has an automatic pressure purge valve. The 1040 is perfect for cell phones, pagers and other personal data gadgets. The inside is lined with impact-absorbing elastomeric liner, and it comes with a ring and a lanyard for easy attachment.



SIDEWINDER CELL PHONE CHARGER

> **Get it for:** \$15 at www.iprepare.com.

Never run out of cell power with this portable hand-crank, wind-up charger. Two minutes of winding provides up to six minutes of talk time and about 30 minutes of stand-by time. Keep winding and talk indefinitely. It also features an LED that shines more than five minutes with 30 seconds of charging. It comes with a carrying case and five adaptor tips that are compatible with most cell phones.



USB-POWERED MISSILE LAUNCHER

> **Get it for:** \$22.99 at www.amazon.com.

Take control of the airspace in and around your cubicle with this fun toy that fires three foam darts from any Windows computer.

The computer-controlled missile launcher moves left,

right, up, down, shoots more than 10 feet at a fast rate and features recorded sound effects. It comes with software CD, user's guide and quick-start guide.



FUEL EFFICIENCY ADVISER

> **Get it for:** \$159.95 at www.fuelefficiencycenters.com/shop.

This device, which plugs in under the steering wheel of the car, provides a wealth of information.

The digital gauges offer instant feedback on the condition of your vehicle, and the built-in scan tool allows you to read trouble codes and diagnose problems.

By accelerating smoothly, maintaining a constant speed, not exceeding the speed limit and coasting as often as possible, drivers using the Fuel Efficiency Adviser will see a 33 percent reduction in fuel costs a year.

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