



TW Steele seemed to have cornered the market in over-sized watches.

Strap a carriage clock to your forearm and you'll have an idea of the scale of these things. The round-faced versions can be up to 5cm in diameter, whereas this Goliath in rose gold is a mere 4.2cm across. Apart

from trivial considerations such as not being able to get your shirt cuff over it and the derision of your elders and

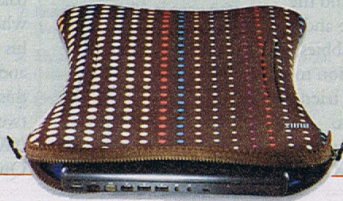
bettors, you may also have to alternate wrists each day to avoid developing a bicep like a pumpkin.

£395; www.twsteel.com, 01428 656 822

In these days of airport security restrictions, having a separate laptop bag makes no sense if you are allowed only one carry-on bag.

Enter the Built New York laptop sleeve, in an array of garish colourways and fashioned from extra thick, washable 5mm neoprene. Its unique bone shape creates an instant built-in bumper system for extra protection, and grips on the side make handling slip-free. To fit 12, 15 or 17in laptops.

From £24.99; www.laptopstuff.co.uk, 020 8408 1259



OK, so it's cute and girly, but so might you be and if style matters to you

waaay more than such fripperies as substance and practicality, you may well swoon over Samsung's

Purple F210 phone. It has a two megapixel camera and a limited edition Girls Aloud 1GB memory card, containing Girls Aloud tracks, videos, music, photos and other goodies from the band. So, mums and dads of Britain, get yourself in 'daughter credit' for at least five minutes by shelling out £129 at Phones 4 U.



It's common knowledge among the audio cognoscenti that valve amplifiers sound 'better' than their solid-state counterparts. Transistor amps, though, are affordable and relatively robust, whereas a valve amp could be destroyed by an obstreperous two-year-old in seconds. The Mystere ia11 still costs a hefty £1,250 and is still eminently smashable, but if you want the warmth and sonic sparkle to be had from those glowing 'tubes', build a very high shelf and browse www.pistolmusic.co.uk

