

## GADGETS

# Ultimate portable printer: no ink, but special paper

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Pandigital, the company known for making the best digital photo frames, has added a photo printer with Zink technology that may be the most portable.

The printer uses no ink, which means you can avoid those trips to an office supply store for ink cartridges. It also needs no computer.

Simply use the built-in memory card slot to load images, which can be viewed on the printer's 1.4-inch LCD screen. While the 4-by-6-inch prints it produced were decent in quality, they won't be what you can produce with an ink jet printer. The device weighs less than 2 pounds and measures 1.5 by 6.2 by 6.75 inches.

For those who are scratching their heads about how it prints, it's all in the paper. Dye crystals are embedded in the paper to produce the image.

The setup and use of the printer couldn't be easier. Just plug it in, turn it on, load the paper, insert your memory card and select the image to be printed.

There are no editing tools in the printer, so if your image needs



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editing, do that on a computer and then load it onto the memory card for printing.

Each print took a minute or so and required no drying time.

As mentioned, a computer is not necessary, but it is an option. Just load the software, which is included with the printer, on Mac (OS X 10.5 and up) or PC (Windows XP or 7).

www.pandigital.net, printer \$129.99, 40 pack of 4 x 6 paper \$17.99.



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## Kodak digital camera

The Kodak Easyshare M580 Digital Camera lets you share your digital memory instantly with the world.

Kodak's Share button, on the back of the device, lets users tag photos, which will then be ready for instant delivery via Facebook, YouTube or gallery sites.

After the images are tagged, connect the camera to a computer with an Internet connection, and the images upload instantly.

While this upload feature makes the camera stand out, it is packed with other great features.

The 14-megapixel camera has an 8X optical zoom, Schneider-Kreuznach lens for optimum clarity with a 35mm equivalent of 28 to 224mm.

The camera has no viewfinder, so the 3-inch LCD screen comes in handy.

Kodak's Smart Capture feature helps users adjust the camera when it detects a specific shooting situation.

This can be low light, fast-moving objects or just portraits. It analyzes the situation and sets what it deems the proper exposure, focus and light settings.

Face Recognition enables the camera to stay focused on faces within the frame, regardless of the location.

The camera also has 64 megabytes of internal memory, but this can be expanded with SD or SDHC cards.

The suggested price is \$199, but it can be found online for \$149.99.

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## Zagg's Invisible Shield

If it's good enough to protect military helicopter blades, it's good enough for portable media players and cellphones.

This is the type of protection you get with Zagg's Invisible Shield, which is made with military-grade nano-memory technology. It can be used on iPhone, BlackBerry or iPad LCD displays to keep them clean and scratch-free.

Once the shields are applied, users still get 100 percent functionality along with the full clarity users have come to expect from the high-priced devices.

I have messed up many self-sticking screen protectors by applying them crookedly and having to remove them for re-alignment.

The Invisible Shield is applied differently.

First, make sure your device is clean. Otherwise, whatever dirt or dust is on it will be sealed in.

Apply the included liquid application solution (basically soapy water) to both sides of the shield and then use the included squeegee to get out the air bubbles.



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Each shield is custom-fitted for a specific device, providing a great fit with respect to any curve, button or port. This includes the entire gadget: front, back, top and bottom.

Prices vary by device, but if you're getting the new iPhone 4, full protection costs \$24.99.

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