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# GEAR

STUFF WE LIKE AND THINGS WE NEED

## BEHOLD THE TANKBOARD!

Skateboards plus grass equals a big tangly mess. They get stuck in mud, beached in deserts and slidey on snow. The solution? Tear off the wheels, fit an engine, then bolt on two knobbly tank tracks. That's the idea behind the DTV Shredder, an off-road board designed to rip up terrain, no matter what kind it is.

**From £2,200**  
**[www.bpg-werks.com](http://www.bpg-werks.com)**





**DTV SHREDDER**

IF THERE'S ONE THING EVERY skateboard needs, it's a 250cc engine and a 30mph top speed. Then it needs thorough testing by dreadlocked adrenalin junkies and, of course, shaven-headed US soldiers. They might one day use it to dodge bullets on battlefields and rescue injured comrades, in remote-control mode with an optional trailer.

Designed and built in America, and funded by *Dragon's Den* money, the Shredder is as much for fun as it is for function – the handlebar can be removed,

increasing thrills and also the risk of a reproporioned face. And the best news? A new version is being made, with a 48bhp rotary engine, good for over 60mph. Shove that up your half-pipe.



Twist the handle to accelerate. Steer by pivoting the deck, just like a snowboard

Honda four-stroke engine produces 18bhp. More powerful unit being developed

Steel, aluminium and composite construction

Tracks allow it to go off-road and up/down 40-degree slopes



**CHRISTOPHER WARD**  
C70 DBR1. Inspired by Aston  
£325 christopherward.co.uk



**EDOX CHRONORALLY**  
Official time-keepers of the WRC  
£1,566 edox.ch



**TW STEEL TW661**  
Inspired by Spyker cars  
£475 twsteeluk.com



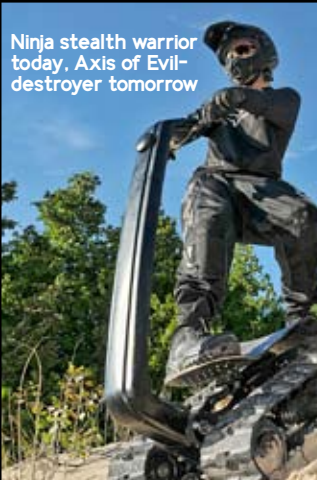
**FORTIS SPACELEADER**  
By Volkswagen Design  
£2,000 fortis-watches.com

**WATCH IT WORK**

WANT TO SEE WHAT THE SHREDDER LOOKS like on the move (and in the air)? Then have a click around [bpg-werks.com](http://bpg-werks.com) and watch the video on the homepage. Stay with it until 1:48, where it tows a massive pick-up, which, come to think of it, could be rolling along in first gear...



Ninja stealth warrior today. Axis of Evil-destroyer tomorrow



GT5:  
ULTIMATE  
HOME  
SET-UP



**OSTENDO 43-INCH CURVED SCREEN**  
The ultimate monitor  
£4,100 [crvd.com](http://crvd.com)

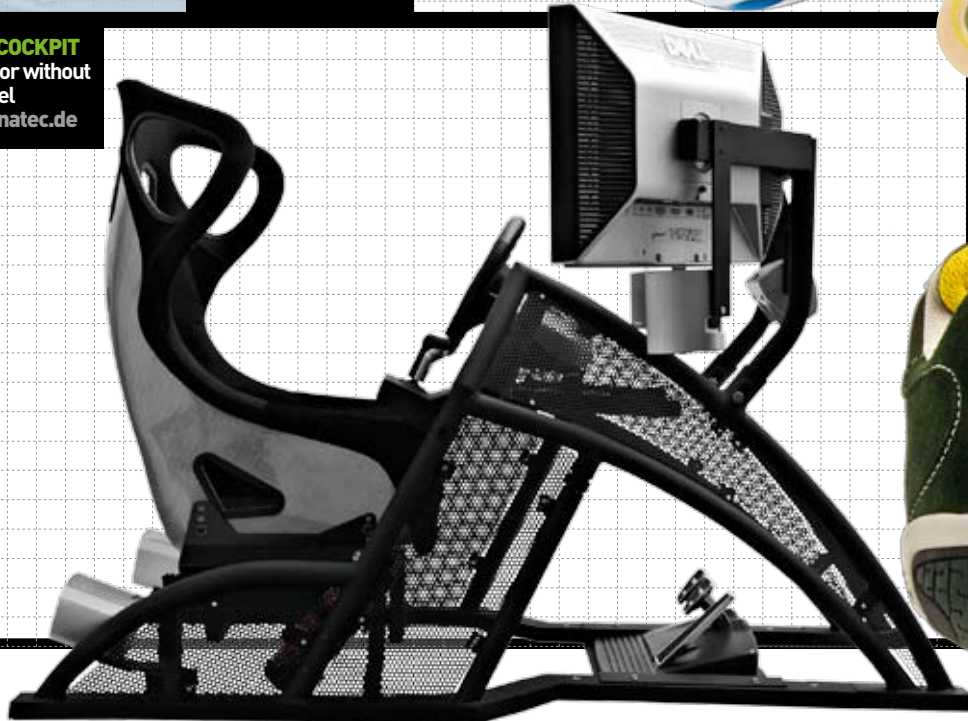


**AKG GHS-1**  
Designed specifically  
for gaming audio  
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**TRACKSTAR 6000**  
Precise and detailed  
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**RENNSPORT COCKPIT**  
Available with or without  
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From £875 [fanatec.de](http://fanatec.de)



DON'T PLAY IN  
YOUR SOCKS...



MOST DRIVING SHOES MAKE YOU look like a dork, and it's hard to match bright yellow karting boots to a nice pair of jeans. So thank goodness for these trainer-style Prototipos. They have rounded 'roll control' heels, for masterful heel'n'toe downshifts, and those insoles have a posh cushioning so you don't get bruised by violent stabs at the brakes. £74.99 [piloti.com](http://piloti.com)



Can anyone smell Wensleydale? Just us?





WAFt

BOOK OF THE MONTH

FROM THE MOMENT YOU OPEN the cover, you know this book is going to be weird. You're greeted by a picture of a dust-puff and a vague definition of the word 'waft', which, *apparently*, describes the movement of a car and also the way 'odour is carried through the air'. Wow. And then begins a trippy journey through the odder corners of car culture, from a fictional feature on 'guerrilla GP', where

old race cars are taken on public roads, to a surreal road test of the Bertone Mantide. You could dismiss *Waf*t as a load of guff. And mostly you'd be correct. But the pictures are unique and dramatic, it's artistically designed, the stories occasionally fascinating, and each cover features real engine oil, dripped onto canvas from an old race car. Don't believe us? Sniff it. £70 [www.waft.be](http://www.waft.be)



Real oil from a real car. Maybe this real car. Maybe not. Who cares?



GAME OF THE MONTH  
Red Bull X-Fighters

IN THE MONTH WHEN *GT5* IS finally released into the world (see p150), other games could be buried beneath the hype. But when things like work and school keep you away from your console, you'll need something else to occupy your thumbs. Something like *Red Bull X-Fighters* for the iPhone.

You've probably seen the real thing on telly, and shouted swears as the riders perform their gymnastics.

The game puts you in the sky with them, and gives you a crack at those routines. It's simple to use – you swirl your finger across the screen in set patterns, which trigger kicks and flips and, mostly, falls. Time it wrong and you'll smash into the dirt, and a graphic tells you how many bones you've just demolished. The format is simple but the trick-book is vast. A great way to kill time before that *GT5*-athon.



Publisher: I-play  
Format: iPhone download  
Price: £1.19 Rating: 12/20 Out: Now

ALBUMS OF THE MONTH

A DRIVE'S NOT A DRIVE WITHOUT A FEW TUNES. HERE'S THIS MONTH'S BEST RELEASES

SEASONS OF MY SOUL  
RUMER (ATLANTIC)

Born in Pakistan to expats, Rumer is the new queen of Carpenters-like, butter-soft pop-rock amazingsness.

THE LADY KILLER  
CEE LO GREEN (WARNER BROS.)

Pop's most dapper chap follows up the massive 'F\*\*\* You!' single with an album full of explosive soul, freak-funk and outright pop genius.

DANGER DAYS  
MY CHEMICAL ROMANCE (WARNER BROS.)

MCR own the quiet bit/loud bit, get-lost-world-you-heartless-bugger dynamic, perfect for making cold trudges into work more bearable.



PUT THIS ON WHEN OUT WITH A LAYDEE



PUT THIS ON WHEN GOING FOR A BLAST



PUT THIS ON WHEN DRIVING TO WORK

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