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02
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03
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Price £65 (£55.32 ex VAT)
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It's one of the unwritten rules of modern gadgetry — you always run out of power at the most inconvenient moments, usually when you're far from the nearest power socket. Powermonkey Explorer is a portable charger for iPods, mobile phones, and digital cameras. Charge it up and take it with you, or attach its solar cover and have it charging wherever you are. There's an LCD which shows how much charge is left, it has adaptors for UK, Europe, US, and Australia, and its tough rubberised case is water resistant so you can take it wherever you go.

04
LaCie Big Disk Extreme+ 2TB
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05
Belkin CushTop
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