

HOME GADGETS

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A gadget is a small technological object (such as a device or an appliance) that has a particular function, but is often thought of as a novelty. Gadgets are invariably considered to be more unusually or cleverly designed than normal technological objects at the time of their invention.

Athena Sofa

Normally, when you spend the night sleeping on your friend's couch, you're usually in for a second-rate experience. I mean, the best you can hope for is that it folds out into a bed. In the case of the Athena sofa, I could easily make it into an office. I mean, it has an LCD in each armrest that are integrated by a multimedia PC. As you can see, these screens pop out of the armrests itself and flatten themselves out when not in use. (I wouldn't rest my coffee cup there, though. At least not without a coaster.) I see that one of them has a keyboard, but if they were touchscreens, then I'd have a fun time running all my operations with Windows 7. The Athena sofa also comes with an iPhone and iPod dock, and a set of hidden speakers that include an 8-inch subwoofer. The price of it is about \$15,436.

TeleMax III combines remote and phone

The TeleMax III device combines the idea of a universal TV remote control and a hands free phone that targets living rooms in homes all over the world. The final product would come in a sleek, compact, and easy to use package, featuring a virtually unbreakable body (which works great especially in homes that have little kids who seem to have a penchant of destroying just about every single fragile item in your house) that is tough against accidental spills as well. The TeleMax III is shaped like a small tray, complete with handles on both sides that give you an easy grip as you go about pressing all the individual buttons contained on it.

Hand gestures's remote control

Australian scientists have taken idea and came up a device which enables TV viewers to change channels, turn on the DVD player, or even turn off the TV with a simple hand gesture. There is an integrated camera in the controller which recognizes up to seven simple hand gestures, and is smart enough to be compatible with eight different controllers around the home. The software used with the device is capable of recognizing simple, deliberate hand gestures which then sends the corresponding signal to a universal remote control that can work with the majority of TVs, video recorders, DVD players, HiFi sets, and digital set top boxes. It is smart enough to tell the difference between real commands and unintentional gestures, making this a great addition to have in any living room with young children.

Electric Dustpan

It's called the Eye Vac. It costs about \$80. Incorporating infrared beam technology, the Eye Vac will suck up anything within it's range once detritus breaks the infrared beam. In addition, the Eye Vac does double duty by cleaning the air thanks to it's built in HEPA filtration system. Now that's a handy feature. With it's 1200-watt stationary vacuum motor, the Eye Vac uses works like a mini cyclone that picks up dirt, dust and even hair. It'll clean on tile, wood, vinyl, concrete, and most any non-carpeted surface.