



**BELKIN GOSTUDIO**

PRICE \$130 / CONTACT BELKIN / PHONE 1800 235 546 / WEB www.belkin.com/au

Belkin's GoStudio is a full-featured mobile audio recorder that sells for an astoundingly low price. The trick is that it records using a docked iPod. It can capture audio at 16-bit/44kHz from a variety of inputs — there are two inbuilt microphones, or you can connect your own using the two combo inputs (XLR and 6.5mm stereo) or a single 3.5mm jack. It can be switched into mono mode to balance things out if you're only using one mic or just recording dialog. It offers full gain control using either the large dial in the centre or the

switches on either side of it. They have Off, Auto, Low and High settings; we found the Auto setting worked well enough for most applications. Each channel has a four-LED level meter to give an indication of what it's picking up. There are two quality options offered: Low and High, with the latter being our recommendation. Recorded audio was decent quality when using the built-in mics. Speech was clear and it was capable of picking up voices across the room fairly easily. Other controls on the front panel include source

selection, low-cut filter, limiter and, of course, the power switch. There's a small speaker and volume control, so you can play back your recording on the device to check that everything's working OK. There's also a headphone socket for higher-fidelity listening.  
 — Nick Mallath  
**PC User says:** You'll be hard pressed to find a better-quality audio recorder for this price.



**PC USER BEST BUY**

**85%**

**BROTHER P-TOUCH PT-70**

PRICE \$49 / CONTACT BROTHER / PHONE (02) 9887 4344 / WEB www.brother.com.au



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**90%**

The PT-70 is our pick for the must-have back-to-school technology item this year — unless, of course, someone is prepared to spring for a netbook instead. This funky, solid little handheld labeller will help ease kids into the new school year by keeping their gear neatly labelled. So, even if the kids are as careless as ever, at least

their stuff will be well marked with their name and contact details. This also means a much better chance of getting lost property back, whether it's a school book or a lunch box. The PT-70 produces professional-looking labels that will be a boon to those with sloppy handwriting, plus they're durable enough to take the rough and tumble of school life. You can print up to two lines of text using six different type sizes and nine type styles, including bold, italic, outline and shadow. You can also preview your label on the eight-character display. There are more characters and symbols

available to compose your label than you could ever need, so there are very few limitations on what you can produce. The PT-70 comes with a black-on-white starter tape (other label colours and finishes are available separately) and you'll need four AAA batteries (not included) to run it. There are two colour choices: silver and lilac.  
 — Gail Lipscombe  
**PC User says:** A super little gadget to help organise the kids for back to school.

**QSTARZ BT-Q1300 NANO**

PRICE \$170 / CONTACT ANYWARE COMPUTER ACCESSORIES / PHONE 1300 269 927 / WEB www.qstarz.com

The BT-Q1300 is a small keychain GPS device aimed at travellers who want to keep track of where they've been. Physically, it's roughly the size of a pack of Tic Tacs, yet half as thick (7mm), and it weighs a tiny 27g (less than a couple of 50c coins). Inside its black-and-gold shell is a GPS receiver that records your location at set intervals, tracing your movements with a 'breadcrumb' trail. It needs a relatively unobstructed view of the sky to get a lock

on your location, but will work fine if it's beside a window or sitting on a dashboard. The internal battery is charged via the USB connection and lasts around 12 hours. Once you return to base you can connect the device to a computer and use the included software to pull the recorded data from it. It's then displayed using Google Maps inside the application, along with a bunch of stats. You can replay your journey, see how far you travelled and at what speeds. If you've taken

photos along the way, you can bring them into the software and it can GeoTag them by linking the time the shot was taken to the corresponding location. With this you can easily create a travel diary for yourself, or show people where you were and any photos you took there. It can also be used as a GPS receiver for other devices over either USB or the built-in Bluetooth.  
 — Nick Mallath  
**PC User says:** Could make a great holiday accessory.



**85%**