

Gadgets

Our monthly roundup of new gadgets

Blendtec

The Blendtec Designer 725 is pricey, yes, but for that you get one of the best blenders money can buy.

The base is powered by a 3.8 hp motor, which is enough to power a small car, (a very small car). Seriously, this thing can chop through even the most demanding of products, easily crushing ice to snow cone quality, reducing rice to flour and obliterating even the toughest of foods, including Kale.



Moreover, all of its buttons are capacitive and backlit, making them not only easy to read at a glance, but even easier to clean free

of spilled smoothies, shakes or protein powder. And about those buttons: they're each programmed to perform a specific task, such as create a smoothie, ice cream, frozen drinks soup, or even clean the blender – just add warm water and a drop or two of dish washing liquid. Lastly, that slider you see is effectively a power knob, allowing you to manually control blends. It can also be set to “pulse” which allows you to tap your finger on and off for quick bursts of power.

And if that doesn't convince you, Blendtec has packed this blender with Smart Blend technology, which detects any issues with the blend and then tells the user, via the LCD screen, to fix them. And it's so powerful and fast, this blender can both make and heat up the soup simply by spinning its super safe blades. Rs 45,870 ■

Linksys

For those who live in a smaller home or apartment, almost everything from the EA9500 has been copy/pasted over to the EA8300 in a much more petite package than before.

The EA8300 is both considerably smaller and lighter than its bigger brother, at just 8.41 x 6.37 x 2.16 in around and 1lb heavy (compared to 3.25lbs from the EA9500). This means it's made to fit in tighter spots in your home office, or maybe even hang on the wall without requiring an anchor screw to hold it in place. Around the border of the black-on-black plastic meshed shell are four all-black antennas, compared to the six we found on the EA9500.

The new LED status screen in the

middle of the router also bears mentioning, as it adds just another little layer of “cool” on top of a router which already looks 95 per cent the part. The subtle orange and white highlights shine brightly (but not too brightly) off the surface, hinting if the router is having any problems with connectivity or just to let you know that everything's running in tip-top shape. Price Rs 13,200 ■



MyKee

Multitools are incredibly useful things, and we should all have one on our keychains, hanging from our belts, or otherwise in our pockets. But they can also be space-consuming, heavy, or just not equipped with the stuff you need for the job. So if you want to strip it down, the MyKee is the right tool for the job. Multitools are all about clever design, especially the one-piece tool where it's

a simple sheet of stamped metal. And the MyKee team have gotten some impressive mileage out of punching holes in a sheet of titanium



shaped like a key. At the top, there's the hex wrench setup; 10, 8 and 6.3 mm, to cover the larger hex bolts. If you go down the side, there's the obligatory bottle opener with a 6mm hex that can hook around screw bits, making it a handy fill in for when you need a screwdriver. Right below that is a semi-sharp blade; don't worry, it's safe to handle. But it's got enough of an edge to cut tape, open letters, and even serve as a flathead screwdriver in a pinch. Finally, you've got the claw at the end, which can, well, serve as leverage to rip things open or small things like staples and brads out. Rs 1320 ■