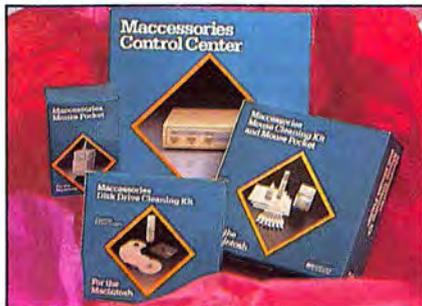


“...NOT A CREATURE WAS STIRRING,”



T-Shirts designed with Underware Ribbon



Kensington's Macaccessories Products



Doss' Tosh



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MacNifty Joystick Adapter

Shirting the Issue

Artistic types will love having the chance to put their pictures on to T-shirts. A number of manufacturers offer ImageWriter ribbons that print on fabric. Some are packaged with a virtual rainbow of transfer ribbons, while others offer a basic black ImageWriter cartridge and an assortment of colored transfer pens.

Among those on store shelves in time for the holidays are Sharp's heat transfer ribbons (Sharp Color, PO Box 1442, Lancaster, OH 43130; \$12 each), the *T-Shirt Factory*; (\$54.95 for a complete set of color ribbons, from I/O Design, 19 Lafayette St., Rumson, NJ 07760), *Draw 'N' Wear Rainbow Ribbons* (\$14.95, from Frontrunner, 36 California Ave., Suite 712, Reno, NV 89509) and the *Underware Ribbon* with five Colorpens (\$24.95, from Diversions, Inc., 1550 Winding Way, Belmont, CA 94002). "Regular" colored ribbons that don't print on fabric are available at most Macintosh computer stores as well, averaging \$5-\$10 apiece.

An Ounce of Prevention

Power surges can fry microprocessors faster than you can double-click, and surge suppressors are the best insurance. Kensington's *Macaccessories Control Center* combines surge suppression, static protection, line noise filtering and a three-outlet power strip with switches for each outlet.

The Macaccessories line also includes *Macaccessories Mouse Cleaning Kit and Mouse Pocket*, packaged with a Mouse Pocket, 25 foam swabs, 25 cleaning cloths, a bottle of cleaning fluid and a can of compressed air. To keep disk drives in peak condition, the *Macaccessories Disk Drive Cleaning Kit* offers a reusable cleaning cartridge, a bottle of cleanser fluid and 12 cleaning disks. The Control Center is \$99.95; Mouse Cleaning Kit, \$24.95, and Disk Drive Cleaning Kit, \$29.95. From Kensington Macaccessories,

Kensington Microware Ltd., 251 Park Avenue South, New York, NY 10010.

Of course, theft is the ultimate threat to any computer. Doss Industries provides a secure solution with the *Tosh*, a steel base that can be secured to the Mac and a desk without voiding the warranty, featuring room inside to store peripherals. The unit is vented and it doesn't block the reset switch, and an added bonus lets users tilt the computer for maximum viewing comfort. The *Tosh* costs \$149.95 from Doss Industries, 1224 Mariposa, San Francisco, CA 94107. Doss also offers a 360-degree swivel plate (\$35), an adhesive system for those who don't like bolting their computers down (\$15), and security devices for peripherals and a second disk drive (\$15-\$40).

Of Mice and Men

Besides merely freeing up desk space, mouse pads help keep a controller's innards from accumulating movement-clogging dust and debris. A mouse pad like the *Moustrak* pictured here (\$7.95 to \$10.95 from Moustrak Inc., 3047 St. Helena Highway, St. Helena, CA 94574) will free up desk space, help keep a mouse in good working order AND leaving space in your budget for an extra — for yourself!

Magnum Software's *Mouse Mover* snaps on to the bottom of the mouse like a roller skate, freeing it up to glide over desk or mouse pad with ease. 99 tiny ball bearings allow for fluid motion. Available from Magnum Software, 21115 Devonshire Street, Suite 337, Chatsworth, CA 91311; \$19.95.

MacTurboTouch (\$129, Assimilation Process, 485 Alberto Way, Los Gatos, CA 95030) is a stationary track ball that functions as a mouse without the movement. It's fast, sturdy, and a great alternative to the standard Mac control system.

Those who still can't get used to the mouse will jump for joysticks when they un-

|||| be converted into a standup rack for desktop use. Solidly made, attractive and useful. \$19.95. Innovative Technologies, 5731 La Jolla Blvd., La Jolla, CA 92037.

Ergotron is a Mac (and external drive) holder that allows a full range of swiveling and tilting. Very strong, this well made unit is also very easy to use. Simply raising the Mac 4 inches off the desk results in a more efficient viewing angle for users. \$99.95. Ergotron, Inc., PO Box 17013, Minneapolis, MN 55417.

Mac Daisywheel Connection is the most straightforward way to hook a Mac to a letter-quality printer. Works well with most popular printers and is easy to install and use. \$89. Assimilation, Inc., 485 Alberto Way, Los Gatos, CA 95030.

MacNifty Joystick Converter plugs into the mouse port and allows use of any standard nine-pin Atari-style joystick or controller. Includes a tiny Amiga-style joystick, a pint-sized powerhouse that literally operates with a single finger on the stick. Cursor movement speed is adjustable. \$44.95. Kette Group, 13895 Industrial Park Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55441.

MacNifty Stereo Music System converts Mac sounds to simulated stereo by splitting highs and lows between two powerful speakers. User controls bass, treble, balance, low and high impedance output, and most importantly, volume. Hear your music compositions the way they were meant to be played. \$79.95. Kette Group, 13895 Industrial Park Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55441.

MacNifty Switch allows any port on your Mac to connect to two peripherals. Turn the knob to switch between the two devices. Plugs are friction-fit, not screw-fastened like most Mac peripherals, so in some cases may loosen by themselves. \$34.95. Kette Group, 13895 Industrial Park Blvd., Minneapolis, MN 55441.

MacStation is a compact workstation for a Mac, ImageWriter and external drive. Made of strong plastic, it is reasonably attractive. Well vented; will not cause a Mac to overheat. Only flaw is that printer paper feed doesn't really work; users will need space behind the unit to store paper. \$95. The MicroRain Corp., PO Box 96008, Bellevue, WA 98009.

MacTablet is a stylus-driven graphics tablet. Users can easily sketch or trace art using this absolute-positioning device. Has a working area the size of the Mac screen. Works well with MacPaint, MacDraw, all Mac software. Allows concurrent use of the mouse. \$495. Summagraphics Corp., 777 State St. Extension, Fairfield, CT 06430.

Moustrak is a fabric covered foam mousing pad. It will increase the efficiency of your mouse while helping to keep it clean. Pad comes in a variety of colors. Particularly useful in the typical office desk top environment. \$10. Moustrak, Inc., Suite 503, 1 Weatherly, Mill Valley, CA 94941.

Mac Turbo Touch is a mouse replacement device. Features include 2.5-inch diameter track ball with control buttons to either side. Users either love it (and refuse to use anything else) or hate it; very few so-so's on this product. Takes a few days to get used to. \$129. Assimilation, Inc., 485 Alberto Way, Los Gatos, CA 95030.

Numeric Turbo combines a track ball with an enhanced numeric keypad. The keypad includes working cursor keys and other direct function keys that bypass the Mac's Command and Shift keys. The track ball takes some getting used to and some never learn to like it. Those who do rarely ever use a mouse again. \$149. Assimilation, Inc., 485 Alberto Way, Los Gatos, CA 95030.

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