

FALL INTO HIGH GEAR

Trading lazy weekends by the pool for sweaters and slacks can be a bummer. But here's some good news: Fall brings some of the coolest gear to stores. From the hippest shades to the best in tech, this stuff is guaranteed to counter those back-to-school blues. — Tobey Grumet

Philips/Swarovski Active Crystals SWS4000 Space Headphones, \$100 Designed for superior sound performance — with perfectly sealing earbuds for noise isolation — these Philips headphones are adorned with Swarovski crystals. Now you don't have to decide between a geeky toy and a fashion accessory. www.active-crystals.com

Oliver Peoples Farrell Sunglasses, \$400 With an updated and modified aviator look, these supersharp shades include VFX lenses for maximum coverage and UV protection. That's okay and all, but the slightly oversize frame and unisex design promise to give your face a whole new look. www.oliverpeoples.com

Blaupunkt Velocity2Go, \$400 The strangely appealing Velocity2Go is your very own Transformer. The portable audio system with high-fidelity loudspeakers and amplifiers is powered by built-in rechargeable batteries and can double as a subwoofer for your car. Shia LaBeouf not included. www.blaupunkt.com/us

Tag Heuer Link Calibre 5 Day-Date Automatic Watch, \$2,495 This addition to Tag Heuer's Link series of watches is a Calibre 5 Automatic with an oversize day opening at 12 o'clock and a date window at six o'clock. Hand-crafted in Switzerland, it's elegant and has the finishes of a timepiece twice its price (which is always a plus). And with a black dial, a brushed-steel folding-clasp bracelet, and a case that's water-resistant for up to 200 meters, it promises to go just about anywhere you do. www.tagheuer.com

Audiovox 8000IP, \$200 This isn't your average portable DVD player. It has stereo speakers, a built-in three-way memory-card reader, and a three-hour rechargeable battery. But the real beauty of this clever product is its iPod video playback. Let's say that you've downloaded the last season of *Lost* from iTunes but don't want to throw money at the DVD box set. Just stick your iPod video into the included dock and watch the story unfold on the Audiovox's eight-inch screen. It's an air traveler's (and Steve Jobs's) dream. www.audiovox.com

Limited Edition Swiss Army SwissChamp, \$100/\$145/\$380 With 23 different features, the SwissChamp is your go-anywhere, do-anything, pocket-size toolbox. And to make it even more desirable, this limited edition comes with your choice of a mother-of-pearl, hardwood, or rosewood handle. And don't forget about the nifty scaler with a hook disgorging — perfect for your next big fish emergency. www.swissarmy.com

Treo 755p, \$280 Slimmer, smarter, better equipped. Get your head out of the gutter — we're talking about the new Treo 755p. This smartphone delivers wireless e-mail, built-in web browsing, and media functions like Google Maps for mobile — and you'll get it all at quick, broadbandlike speed. And, as a bonus, you can use the 755p as a high-speed modem for your laptop, should your wireless fail to work. www.palm.com

