

# STAR TECH

This month, gadget meister NIALL DOHERTY tests out a pricey music system, a product that likes being outdoors, two very different sets of headphones and a mini speaker.



THE ONE TO BUY!

## ← NAIM MU-SO £895

The makers of this hi-fi-style music system that looks like a soundbar are missing a trick by not calling it the Naim Bar. Or maybe they thought a crappy pun would devalue their high-end product: even so, the Mu-So (I mean, that's a crappy pun anyway...) is very expensive, but if you can flash the cash and go in hard on the card, then this is the one. It has a soaring, dynamic sound, looks stylish and sleek, and is easy to set up. Fork out, go on! ★★★★★

## HOW WE TESTED

Q gained special permission to the set of the Krypton Factor and tested all the gadgets there. No, seriously, how do you think we tested them?

## HOW WE RATED

Oh, you just don't give up, do you? If it got one, it means it's rubbish. If it got two, it's still pretty rubbish but not as rubbish. Three, bang average – nothing wrong with that. Four, very good, buy it. Five, excellent, you can't afford it!



## ↑ FUGOO + TOUGH £197

"The best rugged Bluetooth speaker available!" say Fugoo about their new product, setting it up as a sort of speaker version of the bloke from the Diet Coke ads. It looks like it's been designed by the person who made the sets for the Flash Gordon film but the sound is good. I'm not sold on the "Go Anywhere!" angle though: has anyone got to the top of Everest and thought, "If only I had a Bluetooth speaker with me"? Fugoo about it! ★★★



## ↑ JBL GO £24.99

This tiny Bluetooth speaker has a surprisingly big sound. It comes with a "noise-cancelling speakerphone", a feature I don't understand and don't want to understand. But I like it. "What's that silent noisy thing, Niall?" "That's my noise-cancelling speakerphone, you idiot!" The design is simple – it looks like a mini Marshall amp and is about the size of three and a half Monster Munch crisps. Also includes a carrying strap. Don't be that person. ★★★



## ↑ SENNHEISER MOMENTUM IN-EAR £89.95

Careful with giving these to anyone as a present: the pouch they come in looks like an engagement ring box, so they'll think you're about to propose and will forever harbour a disappointment that won't be made up for by the fact these headphones are very comfortable and come armed with a beefy, punchy sound. Heed my advice, or forever face the consequences. ★★★★★



## ↑ TMA-2 MODULAR £179

The world's first flat-packed pair of headphones comes from Scandinavian company (but, of course) AIAIAI with the funky TMA-2 set. You can build your own headphones, based on what sort of sound you're after. Once I'd worked out how to put it all together, they sounded great. I'm not trusted to put shelves up at home so this whole DIY thing probably isn't for me. But, then, I can write about the shelf. So that's something. ★★★★★

MY FAVOURITE GADGET



### JUSTIN YOUNG THE VACCINES

"Fitbit tells you how many steps you've taken a day and how long you've slept for. The data is amazing; it's a real insight into what you do. I've been having trouble sleeping recently and I want to see how much I'm getting. What has it told me about my sleeping patterns? Well, I've only just got it, but I know what it's going to tell me: I don't sleep!"

