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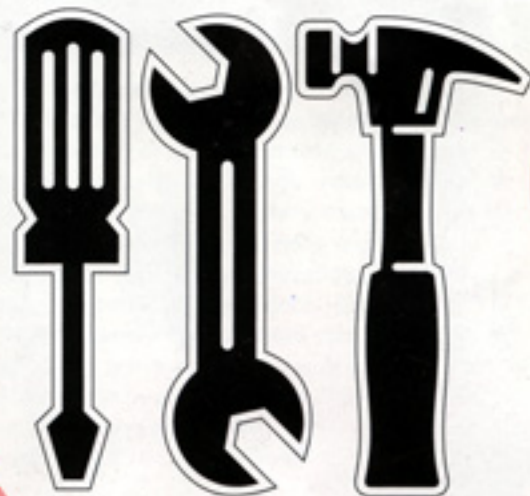
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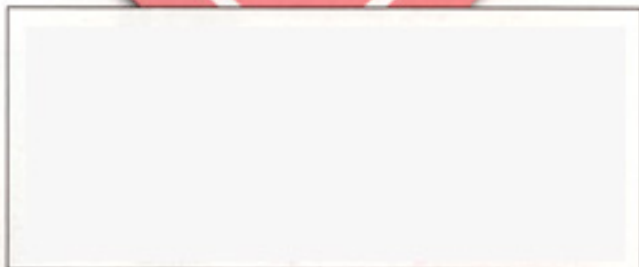
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2.5GHz POWER MAC





Details, Details

One of a Kind

Sheldon (\$25)

CONTACT: Case Cover Bag, 800/366-0973, www.casecoverbag.com (Other cases available)
WHY WE LIKE IT: The Sheldon is made for iPod users who want to stand out from the crowd. You won't find these patterns on any other case—whether it's the wavy lines of marbled paper, the sleek lines of black leather, or the results that come from the stain of your pants. The basic protection case includes a built-in screen-protecting film. The built-in dock connects against the standard dock connector, ready for your iPod. The built-in



Crumple Free



Functional Flip Cover

WaterField iPod Case (\$40)

CONTACT: WaterField Designs, 877/546-1040, www.sfbags.com (Other cases available.)

WHY WE LIKE IT: Like most WaterField products, the company's iPod Case adds a bit of flair—with a splash of unique, patterned fabric—without being obnoxious. Its flip cover protects your iPod's face and controls but allows easy access to the buttons. It also doubles as a pocket for storing earbuds, a driver's license, or some cash. Unlike many cases, the iPod Case lets you use your iPod's dock base while it's in the case. The WaterField case also comes with a belt clip.

IPODS THAT FIT: iPod with dock connector, original iPod

COLORS: blue, lead, red, white

Simple Elegance

Coverlet iPod Case (\$40)

CONTACT: Coverlet, 800/366-0973, www.coverlet.com (Other cases available)
WHY WE LIKE IT: Coverlet's iPod Case is a leather flip case in the same class as the Sheldon (shown above). The built-in leather comes in several colors, and the case also provides a perfect fit. When we showed the case to friends, their first comment was, "It looks expensive!" Like the Sheldon (see right), the Coverlet iPod Case has a removable belt clip that doesn't leave a protruding track when the clip is detached. The built-in dock connects against the standard dock connector, ready for your iPod. The built-in



On Display

Showcase (\$40)

CONTACT: Showcase Design, 800/366-0973, www.showcasedesign.com (Other cases available)
WHY WE LIKE IT: The Showcase frames your iPod with silver edges to give you a subtle glow and protect your iPod from impact. Its clear front and back panels let you view off your iPod's shiny surfaces and use all the buttons and ports. So we also like the Showcase's more practical features: you can get your iPod in and out of the case quickly, and the detachable belt clip doesn't leave an annoying protruding track behind. The only complaint is that the silver case pulls up dirt really, really fast. The built-in dock connects against the standard dock connector, ready for your iPod. The built-in