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Digitally Cool - Hearing Glasses



While in-ear hearing aids usually work well for conversation in quiet surroundings, many people who wear them face problems in more lively environments. Since all incoming sounds are amplified, background noises easily take over, cause discomfort and make conversations difficult. Recently released on the market, these glasses not only improve bad eyesight, but also work as a hearing aid.

Varibel's hearing glasses have four interconnected microphones embedded along both arms of the frame, each taking in sound. Signals are sent along the frame to a built-in processor, which localizes sounds by calculating the time it takes the signals to reach the different microphones. All sounds coming from the front of the carrier are intensified, while noise from other directions is dampened. This means that a person speaking to the carrier's face would be clearly heard even in noisy environments.

Varibel says its glasses can detect which direction sounds come from, amplifying words spoken directly to the wearer while dampening background noise.

Developed by the Delft University of Technology and Dutch company Varibel, the glasses promise to keep hearing-impaired people confidently active and social. Creation of the Varibel glasses was made possible by a developmental loan from the Dutch Ministry of Finance.

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Looking for a gift? For \$19.99 you can get this XBOX 360®, kit by GameFace 360. The kit is an easy way to create up to 16 custom faceplate skins at home - no online ordering and no waiting.

This two piece faceplate houses personalized templates placed between a high-grade clear polycarbonate front plate and a stylized base plate. Download the easy to use design software at www.nyko.com and instantly create faceplates using your favorite game characters, images, photos, patterns and more. Print the final creations on the 15 blank templates using any home printer or try one of the 6 pre-printed designs also included in the kit.

The product comes with 16 blank templates and six pre-printed designs plus easy-to-use GameFace software.

Minimum Requirements:

- . PC with **Windows XP/2000** or **Macintosh** with OS 10.2 or higher
- . Dial up/broadband internet connection and compatible browser
- . Home Printer (with 8 1/2' x 14' tray)

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Just as tough, reliable, and go-anywhere as a HUMMER vehicle, this ruggedized laptop made by Itronix is the perfect addition to your active lifestyle! Featuring the latest in mobile technology, it's ergonomically styled, and

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> Telehealth Technology - What IS it?



Telehealth technology links health care provider with patient who prefers home care. Mary Price was diagnosed with lung cancer and has been adamant about one thing: She wants to die at home. **"I don't like leaving my house,"** she said. With help from new telehealth technology, Mary will probably get her wish.

Big Sky Hospice in Billings, MT recently installed a video phone computer system in Mary's house. It is thought to be the first of its kind in the state.

The device allows Price's family members to transmit her vital measurements -- such as her heart rate, blood pressure and weight -- to a hospice nurse 120 miles away in Billings. A touch-screen and computer voice guide the process. It is the same data that would be collected during an in-person hospice visit. The information is used to make Price more comfortable.

"Many hospice visits look at quality of life -- what is impeding quality of life and what we can do to improve that," said Jean Forseth, program director for Big Sky Hospice. "It's just like a regular visit. We do the assessment using this equipment."

Nurses can remotely examine Price using the video phone.

"I was able to examine her throat, see her chest rise and fall, look at her skin color," Forseth said. "Those kinds of observations you can make on video."

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