

New products: pencil stylus, retro jukebox and more

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This weekly roundup takes a look at the practical and sometimes quirky aspects of tech products.



The zBoost zForce YX240 starts at \$100. (Photo: Wi-Ex)

Maybe your smartphone could use a boost

Yes, smartphones are pretty darn, well, smart. But for all the advances in cellular technology, weak signals and dropped calls can still be a source of aggravation, especially when you're traveling in a car. That's where the [zBoost zForce YX240](#) comes in handy. Designed to capture the outside signal and amplify it inside your vehicle, the dual-band cell signal booster can keep your passengers connected while you zoom down the highway. Priced at about \$100, the unit includes a built-in port for charging, an adjustable arm that fits a variety of phones and a cradle for hands-free operation. The company says the booster works with phones using 800MHz and 1900 MHz except for those operating on the iDEN/Nextel and 4G networks.

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