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Trackpad alternate coming to laptops

Wireless Bluetooth MoGo mouse aimed at frequent travelers



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Frequent travelers who hate the trackpad controls on their laptops may find reprieve in the wireless Bluetooth MoGo Mouse, which folds down to recharge.

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LAS VEGAS - Frequent travelers who hate the trackpad controls on their laptops may find reprieve in the MoGo Mouse.

Natick, Mass.-based Newton Peripherals LLC is selling a wireless Bluetooth optical mouse that folds down to recharge in the laptop's PC Card or Express Card/54 slot and then pops back up with a kickstand for use.

"People who use laptops don't like carrying a big mouse with them wherever they go," spokesman Steve Friedberg said. "They can't stand using the trackpad and the little travel mice are just too small."

The newest version, the MoGo Mouse X54, was unveiled at the International Consumer Electronics Show. It comes with a touch-scroll bar that a reporter found did not function that well.

Newton plans to start selling the \$80 device in the United States in the second quarter. The earlier PC Card model costs \$70.

The company also began selling what it called the world's smallest Bluetooth adapter for users whose laptops don't already have the capabilities. The button-sized USB plug-in costs \$50.

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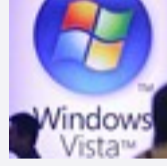
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