

2009's Sixteen Best iPod + iPhone Products Announced by iLounge

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"The past year has seen a tidal wave of new releases, particularly new games and iPhone applications," explained Jeremy Horwitz, Editor-in-Chief of iLounge and the Buyers' Guide. "Our selections this year focused on truly excellent, standout products that exemplified thoughtful design, great features, and fair pricing."

Best of the Year Award winners include:

- * Speck Products' CandyShell, selected as 2009 Accessory of the Year and iPhone 3G/3GS Case of the Year.
- * iHome, selected as 2009 Accessory Maker of the Year, and for iPod/iPhone Speaker of the Year - iP1 Studio Series.
- * Gameloft, selected as 2009 iPod/iPhone Game Developer of the Year, and for iPhone/iPod touch Game of the Year - Modern Combat: Sandstorm.
- * Facebook, selected as 2009 Application Developer of the Year, and for iPhone/iPod touch Application of the Year - Facebook.
- * SwitchEasy, selected for 2009 iPod nano Case of the Year - CapsuleThins, and for 2009 iPod classic Case of the Year - CapsuleClassic.

Single editorially-selected Award recipients include Apple, Core Cases, DLO, Elgato Systems, Griffin Technology, iVoice, Memorex, Scosche, Square Enix, and Ultimate Ears. Separately, iLounge's Readers' Choice Awards saw thousands of readers pick winners in four categories: including Apple Digital Media Product of the Year (iPhone 3GS), Accessory Maker of the Year (iHome), iPod/iPhone Game Developer of the Year (Tapulous), and iPod/iPhone Application Developer of the Year (Facebook). For full details on the winners, runners-up, and ratings of thousands of other accessories and applications, download the 2010 iPod + iPhone Buyers' Guide, available immediately for free.

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