

## V TOP 10 CHARTS

Your 30-second guide to Dubai's top ten games based on sales across Virgin Megastores in the UAE.

### PS2 GAMES TOP TEN:

1. Enter The Matrix



2. Midnight Club 2

3. Ocom US Navy Seals  
With Headset

4. Futurama

5. Smack Down!  
Shut Your Mouth



6. Grand Theft Auto 3  
Platinum

7. Return To Castle  
Wolfenstein:  
Tides Of War

8. Indiana Jones and the  
Emperor's Tomb

9. Max Payne Platinum



10. Lord Of The Rings:  
Two Towers



# GADGETS

## Digital daze

Musical mobiles and cool camcorders to go

### Audio cubed

#### SV-SD85 Audio Player, Dhs990

Although this MP3 player is designed as a fashion accessory, wearing it will probably make people wonder why you have a small travel clock hanging around your neck. More public embarrassment, than Public Enemy. But at just under two square inches you don't have to worry about wearing the 128 MB device on the outside. Slip it into your pocket and you'll forget it's there. It comes with SD-Jukebox software that quickly and easily converts your CDs into digital music.

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### Mobile Disco

#### Siemens M55, Dhs790

Kitsch, cool or a mix of both? Like every high-end phone these days it's got a colour screen, works virtually anywhere in the world due to its tri-band status and has a facility to attach a fun camera to it. What marks the M55 out is its loud orange appearance and programmable light effects on the side of the phone that herald incoming calls. Its other novelty is a 'Cubaisis' synthesier application that enables you to compose and mix polyphonic melodies, meaning you can be directly responsible for how irritating your ringtone is.

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### Swivel with this Samsung SCD5000, Dhs4,550

The Duocam is one of the first devices in the world to combine a quality camcorder with a decent digital camera. A lot of camcorders that purport to have a camera facility take poor quality shots, while the video recording



facilities on digital cameras tend to be strictly for fun. The Duocam separates the two functions with a swivel mechanism so that you can record video footage on the camcorder and then flip part of the body through 180 degrees and take pictures with the 4.1 megapixel camera.

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# GAMES



**Colin McRae Rally 3 PC/CD-ROM** CMR3 involves rallying in a wide array of terrain and there are 56 stages in over eight countries. There's never a dull moment during the rallying season and the maps you will be driving on are extremely versatile and authentic in their representation of the landscapes where the stages take place. Hats off to Codemasters for sticking so closely to the actual layout of the rallying tracks. As you follow the rallying circuit around the world you encounter a lot of different terrain. Unlike a number of racing games,

which pay lip service to this element by simply swapping trees for rocks and snow for sand, CMR3 boasts unique surroundings for each level and Codemasters deserves credit for this. *Andy Picken*

### 'Die Hard: Vendetta' PS2

After being given a bit of a pasting when it first arrived on Game Cube, UK-based developer Bits Studios is trying its luck again with Die Hard: Vendetta on the PS2. And it is a better game, with definite improvements made in the graphics. There isn't much to say about the

objectives, other than that you move from room to room blasting the bad guys. To make things a bit more interesting, however, you have the ability to take hostages and you can use this as your main tactic throughout the game. You also have multiple control schemes to choose from and a rich choice of weapons to use, including pistols, crossbows and flamethrowers. There's a nice Matrix-style feature where the action slows down to highlight the more hectic parts of the game and character dialogue. The part where John aims insults at his enemies is also amusing. All in all, it's standard fare for a shooter. Have a couple of weekends of mindless fun with it.

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