

THE TEN BEST Retro gadgets

Nokia 8110

£30

Remember when mobile phones were exciting, new – and still sounded like phones? Retrofone specialises in providing refurbished (and fully guaranteed) handsets from the dawn of mobile communications. This handset, made famous in *The Matrix*, has a cool sliding keypad cover and an oversized orange screen. To use, simply slip in the SIM card from your current phone, although it will only work on Vodafone or O2 networks.

Retrofone (020-7404 6440;
www.retrofone.com)



200 Series Bakelite telephone

£265

Since being discovered in a warehouse, these rare original Bakelite phones from the Thirties have been fully restored and fitted with modern BT plugs. Despite their age, they sound perfect, and are available in whatever colour you want, as long as it's black. The company also sells (cheaper) original phones from more recent decades. All vintage models come with a 12-month guarantee.

Robert Opie (0800 018 8844;
www.robertopicollection.com)

Rega Planar 78 turntable

£225

If you think compact discs are dangerously new-fangled and regard even 33rpm LPs as Johnny-come-lately innovations, this could be the gadget for you. It uses modern rigid phenolic laminates and an ultra-low-vibration motor to get the very best from your old 78rpm records. The metalised platter is solid and accurate and the turntable comes with Rega's legendary RB250 tonearm.

Rega (01702 333071; www.rega.co.uk)



Atari Classics 10-in-1

£19.95

It might look like just an old Atari joystick,

but this miniature marvel contains everything you need to play 10 classic Atari 2600 games on your TV. Just slip in some batteries, connect it to your telly, and in seconds you can be dodging asteroids, killing centipedes or playing the Pong tennis game that started it all. Easy to pick up, and still incredibly addictive.

Firebox (0870 241 4289; www.firebox.com)



Dualit four-slice toaster

£175

Sure, it's a lot of money to spend on a toaster, but when the specifications quote a capacity of

130 slices per hour, you know you're getting a machine that's tough enough to keep up with the keenest bread-head. All Dualit toasters have patented ProHeat elements for increased toasting efficiency, removable crumb-trays, and will keep the toast warm (without burning it) until you're ready.

Dualit (01293 652 500; www.dualit.com)

