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## ROAD TRIPPIN'

Here's how to take your next road trip in style

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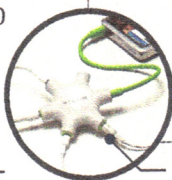
This may not be the perfect summer for a road trip. But if you're one of the many Americans still willing to brave the traffic, unending choruses of "Are we there yet," and record-breaking gas prices we have some tools to help you on your road cruise. With these gadgets and resources, 2008 might be the year you decide to really take the road less traveled.



### » NO STRESS, NO FUSS

These handy accessories help make the long highway stretches a breeze and keep you relaxed in close driving quarters.

**XpressRC**, the XM Satellite Radio Receiver features more than 170 channels, including sports, music, kids, and city channels with traffic information; it also has a color split-screen radio that lets users browse content while viewing channel and artist information. (\$169.99, [www.xmradio.com](http://www.xmradio.com))



**DLO Transdock Deluxe** uses your FM radio and power outlet to stream music from your iPod through your car stereo. (\$129.99, [www.dlo.com](http://www.dlo.com))

**Belkin Rockstar** provides fun for the kids—and peace of mind for you. It's a multi-headphone splitter that lets up to five people listen to the same audio. (\$19.99, [www.belkin.com](http://www.belkin.com))

**Rear View Car Camera Recorder** from BrickHouse Security is a mobile DVR that provides instant playback of audio and video. It activates with the start of the car's engine and is equipped with a removable 2GB SD card that displays and records date and time. (\$399, [www.brickhousesecurity.com](http://www.brickhousesecurity.com))

**iSound Road Talk** plugs into your car's cigarette lighter and transmits your conversation through your car stereo. It is compatible with any Bluetooth-enabled phone, including the iPhone. (\$99.95, [www.isound.net](http://www.isound.net))

### » CONVENIENCE AND COMFORT

**Hollandia's Kangaroo Blanket**, made from exclusive material that contains aloe vera, features deep pockets that keep hands and feet warm on those cooler summer nights. (\$150, [www.hollandiainternational.com](http://www.hollandiainternational.com))

Before you go, pick up The Bachelor Guy **Ultimate Road Trip Kit**, which features nearly every imaginable necessity—in travel size. The company has even outfitted a Space Shuttle mission. (\$83.15, [www.minimus.biz](http://www.minimus.biz))

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