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Shape Shifter

Here's a must-have for music lovers: a high-performance audio system that looks as beautiful as it sounds. True to its name, **DBEST'S TRANSFORMATIVE HI-FI SPEAKER SYSTEM** features convertible speakers with flexible outer sections that rotate up to 180 degrees,

allowing you to shape the entire system into the configuration that suits you best. Versatile in both form and function, the Transformative plays tunes wirelessly via Bluetooth from nearly any audio device. It also has a built-in microphone that transforms the unit into a conferencing system — perfect

for taking hands-free calls. No matter how you use it, high fidelity is the Transformative's hallmark. Conversations come through crisply, and music flows from the shape-shifting speakers in crystal-clear, room-filling sound. \$199, www.amazon.com — JOSH SENS



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Baby Love

Child safety has no limit. Which is why Dorel Juvenile Group, an Indiana-based products manufacturer, has spent years developing a car seat fit for the pros. Created to endure energy dynamics similar to what race-car drivers (think Jeff Gordon and Jimmie Johnson) might face in a collision, the new **MAXI-COSI PREZI INFANT CAR SEAT** features advanced side-impact protection using both G-Cell HX and Air Protect technologies. The former is a patented rebound foam that lines the interior of the car seat, mitigating the effects caused by an initial impact. The latter dispels remaining forces through the precise release of air around a child's head, continuing to slow movement. And while it's all about safety first, the Prezi is also stylish, boasting a handful of colors like pink, red and blue, as well as a stowable European-style sun canopy. Talk about effective. \$289, www.maxi-cosi.com/us — LAURA KINIRY



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Swedish Gold

Three years ago, a Swedish farmer meticulously harvested 17 pounds of Solist Virgin New Potatoes; today, that crop has become Karlsson's latest vintage batch of handcrafted vodka. The rich and fertile soils of Cape Bjäre in Sweden helped produce 1,980 bottles of **KARLSSON'S VODKA BATCH 2009**, released just two months ago. The small-batch, handcrafted Swedish potato vodka is Karlsson's third commercially available vodka — and each bottle was numbered and then personally signed off on by master blender Börje Karlsson. The company's vodkas are renowned for their unique taste, which is derived from the quality and quantity of raw ingredients used to make them. The 2009 batch features only young Solist New Virgin Potatoes, which have a lovely thin, yellow skin and a distinctively delicate taste; they're also considered a Swedish delicacy. It's the finely preserved smooth and subtle essence of this potato that makes this batch of unfiltered premium vodka so intrinsically flavorful. www.karlssonsvodka.com

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