

GADGETS & GAMES

THIS WEEK:
KEEPING FITEDITED BY JENNIFER
DUDLEY-NICHOLSON

CRASH TEST

CAM SHEA
GAMES IN REVIEWTOP
PICK

METRO REDUX [R18+]

PC, PS4, XBOX ONE / \$59.95 (PC),
\$79.95 (PS4, XBOX ONE) / OUT NOW

★★★★

Remastered versions of last-generation games are in vogue, but few are executed with as much care as this re-release of *Metro 2033* and *Metro: Last Light*. The games are set in a bleak post-nuclear war Russia, where the air above ground is toxic and humans eke out a brutal existence along the underground railway lines. The changes really help sell the rich dystopian atmosphere and improve the uneven, gritty stealth/shooter gameplay. *Metro 2033* benefits most, with revamped lighting, extra incidental detail, updated character models and more.



TALES OF XILLIA 2 [PG]

PS3 / \$89.95 / OUT NOW

★★★★

Tales of Xillia 2 assumes players are intimately familiar with the first game, dropping them into the same world with much the same cast. New protagonist Ludger has little personality, but players are given many choices to shape his relationships and abilities. He also has cool switch-up abilities in combat. While the story is quite linear, it's strong, and complemented by a host of character-specific side-quests.

REVIEW ROUND-UP

Fitness
protection

Rod Chester and Jennifer
Dudley-Nicholson roadtest
gadgets to use while exercising

POWERBEATS2
WIRELESS
BEATS BY DRE

★★★★

Dr Dre's first wireless earbuds are sporty and discreet. The sweat-resistant set connects to smartphones with Bluetooth 4.0, and its only cord holds the earbuds together and sits behind your neck. Both earbuds feature hooks, to keep them in place, and the buds sit just outside the ear, allowing enough ambient noise to keep joggers safe. An in-line remote control lets users change volume, take phone calls and, with Apple devices, skip tracks.

\$259 / AU.BEATSBYDRE.COM

TRACKFIT FORTIS

★★★★

Kogan's take on an activity tracker is budget and basic. It comes with a wristband and clip. It will count steps, distance, calories and sleep, and a simple percentage shows you how close you come to 10,000 steps a day. You can't sync it to your phone, which is annoying, and you will need to sync it to a Windows computer if you want to keep the data that disappears from the tracker after 15 days. It's not waterproof, but reasonable for the price.

\$49 / KOGAN.COM

CONNECTS
TO
SMARTPHONES
WITH
BLUETOOTH
4.0WALKMAN NWZ-
W2732 SONY

★★★★

The Walkman name lives on in this waterproof device that can help you beat swimming boredom. Before diving in, you need to ensure you use the swimming earbuds and fit them snugly to seal your ears against water. The play button is a little small and the audio quality depends on how much splashing you make as you swim.

\$99 / SONY.COM.AU

PULSE O2
WITHINGS

★★★★

This second-generation activity tracker improves on the original with the addition of a watchband as well as a clip. It lets you check your heart rate and blood oxygen level. It also tracks steps, elevation and sleep but the screen is almost impossible to see in bright sunlight.

US\$119.95 / WITHINGS.COM

