

Friendly for kids

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WINTAL has turned its spotlight on to portable DVD players.

The vice-president of this innovative Aussie brand, Ian Sen, was prompted into action after travelling on a plane during the school holidays.

“A lot of children on the flight were passing the time using small battery-powered DVD players,” he says.

“As soon as the plane had settled after take-off, the kids were asking parents to get their players from the luggage compartments.”

Sen was quickly back to work planning a Wintal DVD portable with a difference.

After Wintal staff asked their own children for the wishlist of features they'd want in a DVD portable, the model Wintal came up with is the PD70 (below).

As well as playing back DVDs and CDs, the kids coveted a portable they could use as a games console and MP3 player.

Older children said they would like DivX format compatibility.

It is a neat way to compress and download movies on to a standard CD-R blank disc. Legally, of course.

So the \$299 portable reads DivX and MP3 encoded files. It also has a USB port, which is a handy way to play back MP3 music and photos from plug-in USB memory sticks.

Wintal has packed 200 arcade-style games into the PD70 and also supplies two miniature games controllers so two players can plug into the portable.

Games or movies are nicely reproduced on the PD70's 7-inch widescreen LCD panel.

Other nice touches are PAL and NTSC movie playback and an SPDIF digital audio output connection.

Working on the premise that kids can tend to give miniature portables a reasonable pounding, the PD70 is also built tough.

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A confident recommendation. The PD70 is well featured, solidly built and comes at a competitive price.

