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You've got your MP3 player going and your wireless headphones on when a ring tone interrupts the song. It's your cellphone, calling from inside your briefcase. You pull down a microphone from the headset, tap a button and say, "Hello."

BlueTake's i-Phono BT420EX stereo headphones make this juggling feat possible by using Bluetooth digital wireless technology.

In addition to Bluetooth-enabled cellphones, the BlueTake headphones work with any device that has a standard 3.5-millimeter headphone jack. A transmitter dongle sends audio signals wirelessly to the headphones from your MP3 player, CD player, radio or TV.

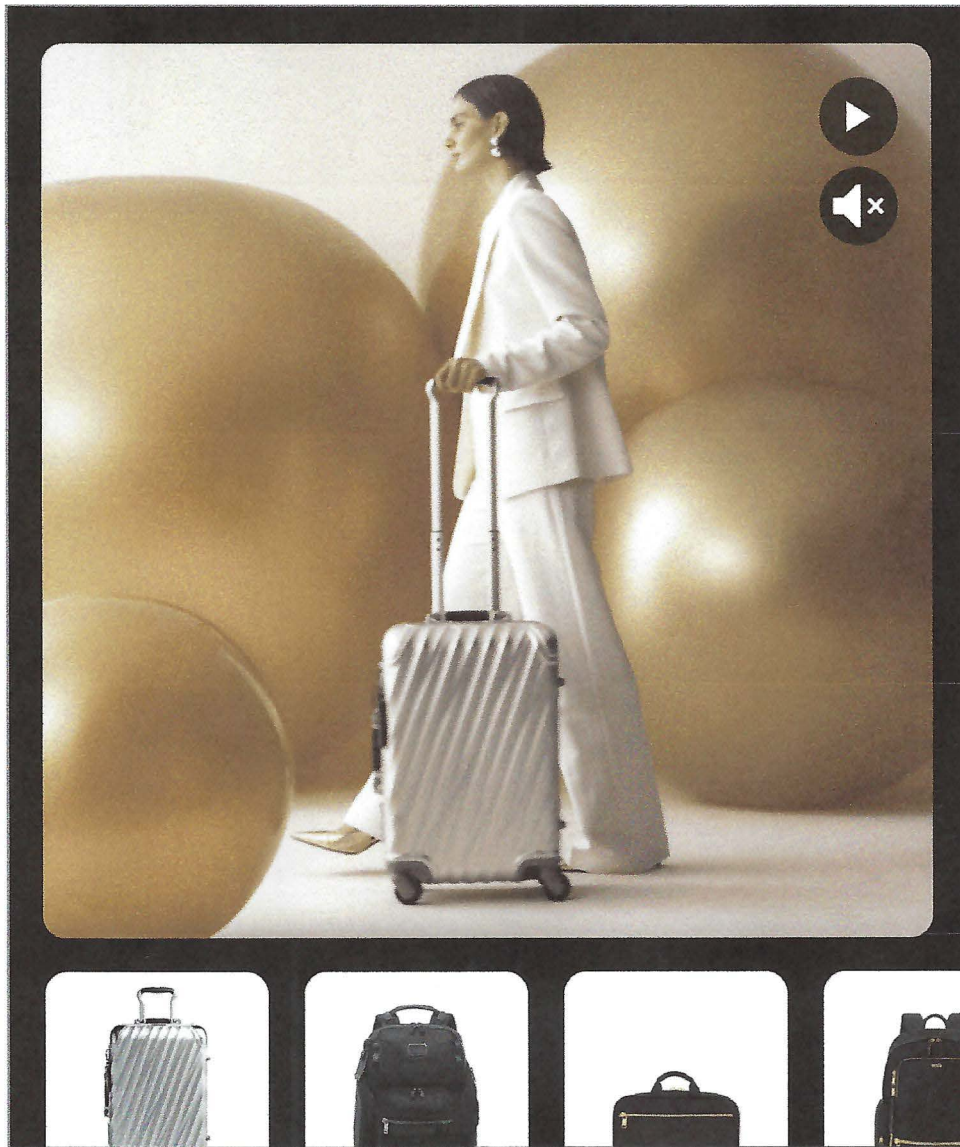
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Both the headphones and the dongle have built-in batteries that last about six hours between charges. You can recharge them at the same time using a Y-cable that connects to either a wall plug or a U.S.B. charger that draws power from your PC.

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All of these charging accessories come with the i-Phono package, along with snap-on color plates in blue, green, red and orange that allow you to coordinate the headphones with your wardrobe.

As the first Bluetooth stereo headphones to hit the market, the i-Phono package costs \$250. If the price seems heavy, at least the headphones are lightweight at a mere 3.5 ounces. They're also foldable and stylish. Best of all, they let you wander up to 20 feet from your audio devices while basking in rich stereo sound that couldn't be closer to your ears. Neil McManus

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