

Wi-Fi NICs let users cut their wires

Vendor	Product	Drivers	Security	Other features	Price
Actiontec Electronics Inc. Sunnyvale, Calif. 408-752-7700 www.actiontec.com	PCMCIA 802.11b Wireless PC Card	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP	40-bit and 128-bit WEP	QuickStart installation software	\$105
Addtron Technology Co. Ltd. Research Triangle Park, N.C. 919-767-3840 www.addtron.com	AWP-100	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP, WinCE; Red Hat Linux	128-bit RC4	Dynamic rate shifting, built-in PCB patch diversity antenna	\$199
Agere Systems Inc. Allentown, Pa. 866-674-6626 www.orinocowireless.com (Proxim Inc. agreed on June 17 to buy Agere's Orinoco product line.)	Orinoco PC Card (Silver/Gold)	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP, WinCE; Mac OS 7.5.2, 8.6, 9.0, 9.4; Novell Client 3x/4x; Linux	64-bit WEP for Silver card, 128-bit RC4 for Gold card	Compatible with most 802.11b access points	\$119
Ark Technologies Orange, Calif. 714-997-4597 www.arkpc.com	SOHO Wireless II MB PCMCIA Card	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP	64-bit and 128-bit WEP	16-bit bus dynamic data rate scaling, integrated microstrip dual diversity antenna	\$80
Buffalo Technology USA Inc. Austin, Texas 800-456-9799 www.buffalotech.com	Flat Wireless PCMCIA Card (WLI-PCM-LIIGP)	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP; Mac OS 9.x	64-bit and 128-bit WEP	Combines LAN and radio functions, has extended range antenna and security lock, selects 11 channels	\$119
Cisco Systems Inc. San Jose, Calif. 800-326-1941 www.cisco.com	AIR-PCM352	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP; Mac OS 9.x, Mac OS X; Linux	128-bit WEP, EAP, RADIUS	100 milliwatts of transmit power, user-based authentication	\$199
D-Link Systems Inc. Irvine, Calif. 949-788-0805 www.dlink.com	DWL-650H	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP	64-bit and 128-bit WEP	Dynamic rate shifting, designed to work in environments with high RF interference	\$99
Epox International Inc. La Habra, Calif. 714-680-0898 www.epox.com	EWL-C11	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP	Not listed	Not listed	\$54
GigaFast Ethernet City of Industry, Calif. 626-964-2960 www.gigafast.com	WE721-AEX	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP; Linux 6x	64-bit and 128-bit WEP	Supports ad-hoc and infrastructure WLAN configurations	\$89
Hawking Technology Inc. Irvine, Calif. 949-580-0888 www.hawkingtech.com	Wef00P	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP	64-bit WEP, user authentication	Supports ad-hoc and infrastructure WLAN configurations	\$84
Intel Corp. Santa Clara, Calif. 408-765-8080 www.intel.com	PRO/Wireless 2011B B18	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP	64-bit and 128-bit WEP	Intel adapter switching software, international mode	\$85

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Linksys Group Inc. Irvine, Calif. 949-261-1288 www.linksys.com	WPC11 3.0	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP	64-bit and 128-bit WEP	High-powered antenna, noise filter	\$100
Netgear Inc. Santa Clara, Calif. 408-907-8000 www.netgear.com	MA401NA 802.11b B20	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP	40-bit and 128-bit WEP	Five-year limited warranty	\$109
Phoebe Micro Inc. Fremont, Calif. 510-360-0800 www.phoebemicro.com	11 Mbps Wireless LAN-PC Card	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP	64-bit and 128-bit WEP	LED status indicators	\$54
Proxim Inc. Sunnyvale, Calif. 408-731-2700 www.proxim.com	Skyline 802.11b PC Card for Notebooks	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP; Mac OS 7.55 up	64-bit WEP	Supports ad-hoc and infrastructure WLAN configurations	\$119
SMC Networks Inc. Irvine, Calif. 949-679-8000 www.smc.com	EZ Wireless PC Card	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP	64-bit and 128-bit WEP	Dynamic rate shifting	\$140
Symbol Technologies Inc. McLean, Va. 800-877-3897 www.symbol.com	Spectrum24 LA 3021	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP	64-bit and 128-bit WEP	Designed for Symbol's high-end Spectrum24 Wireless LANs	\$200
3Com Corp. Santa Clara, Calif. 408-326-5000 www.3com.com	11 Mbps Wireless LAN PC Card with XJACK Antenna	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP	40-bit WEP	XJACK antenna, dynamic rate shifting, auto network connect	\$103
Trendware International Inc. Torrance, Calif. 310-891-1100 www.trendware.com"	TEW 201PC	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP; Linux	64-bit and 128-bit WEP	LED status indicators	\$61
Zonet USA Corp. City of Industry, Calif. 626-810-7887 www.zonetusa.com	ZEW1000	Win9x, Me, NT, 2000, XP; Linux	64-bit and 128-bit WEP	Supports ad-hoc and infrastructure WLAN configurations	\$58