Six wireless access points and PC Cards can set up a network just about anywhere

GCN LAB	**Wireless LAN Access Point 6000**	**Aironet 350**	**Orinoco Wireless LAN**	**Instant Wireless Network Access Point**	**Wireless Networking Kit**	**DWL-1000 Access Point and 650 and 120 adapters**
Vendor	3Com Corp. Santa Clara, Calif. tel. 408-326-5000 www.3com.com	Cisco Systems Inc. San Jose, Calif. tel. 408-526-4000 www.cisco.com	Agere Systems Inc. Allentown, Pa. tel. 610-712-5130 www.agere.com	Linksys Group Inc. Irvine, Calif. tel. 949-261-1288 www.linksys.com	SMC Networks Worldwide Irvine, Calif. tel. 949-707-2400 www.smc.com	D-Link Systems Inc. Anaheim, Calif. tel. 949-788-0805 www.dlink.com
Pros and cons	+ Retractable antenna + Dynamic Security Link + DHCP server	+ Fast transfer + Power-altering feature - Most expensive in review	+ Easy to set up - Slow transfer rates - Poor body design	+ Inexpensive - Poor security - No global compatibility	+ Inexpensive - Longer setup - Poor security	- Worst setup - Ambiguous software design - Poor form factor
Time to transfer 17M	2 minutes, 52 seconds	2 minutes, 15 seconds	3 minutes, 3 seconds	2 minutes, 35 seconds	2 minutes, 40 seconds	2 minutes, 55 seconds
Security	Very good	Good	Good	Low	Low	Good
Form factor	Excellent	Good	Poor	Good	Good	Poor
Global compatibility?	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Price	Access point $600 PC Card $219	Access point $1,500 PC Card $229	Access point $495 Desktop client $169 PC Card $119	Access point $179 Desktop client $119 PC Card $199	Access point $230 Desktop client $200 PC Card $130	Access point $150 Desktop client $89 PC Card $89
Overall grade	A BANG FOR THE BUCK REVIEWER'S CHOICE	A	B+	B BANG FOR THE BUCK	B-	C