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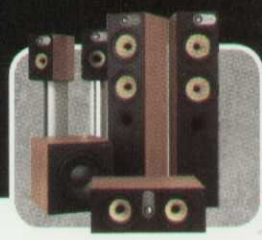
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## GADGETFREAK: PAUL ROBERTS>>

FORMER FRONTMAN  
OF ICONIC BAND THE  
STRANGLERS  
SHARES HIS  
GADGET-LOVE...



### How the devil are you?

Ah ha haa... a reference to Mephistopheles Smith [a play about the Devil's Apprentice that Paul just did in Edinburgh]...or maybe not? Well, I am bloody great mate!

### You must have a pretty hectic media lifestyle – what piece of technology couldn't you live without, and why?

Zoom H4 which is a digital recorder for all my ideas and different audio stuff like dates, names, interviews, dodgy music business deals! Fits in the hand and replaced my old work-horse and friend the Sony micro-cassette – I just couldn't let it go! And my 'Road Angel 9000' navigator – I go through miles like a kid goes through sweets and have had to face the beak for my points tally, all mile-munchers should have one...saves my licence and my career really!

### What websites do you use the most?

I still like to just surf really, but use the BBC site a lot as I read my news on the web and pretty much most of the things we had paper for I now do on-line where possible.

### What's playing on your iPod?

Future Sound of London, Primus, Bobby Darin, Killers, Wayne Shorter...shall I continue?

### The other week I dropped my mobile down the loo. What's been your most embarrassing technological faux pas?

I spilt a mug of tea over a 48-channel desk. Not good when you have a deadline to meet and a massive studio bill! Also during a recent recording session I managed to blow up the mother board of my Mac after loading four gigantic drum modules onto it and not noticing until the thing had crashed like 20 times and blamed everything but myself.

### What single thing irritates you most about modern technology?

The fact that I cannot afford all of it! Seriously though, its failure to put up with too much rugged treatment and the fact that it can have a mind of its own just when you need it to have no mind of its own. And not much else really, it's great!

### What's in your pocket right now?

What apart from ooh about £5.67 and my snotty hankie? Erm well...iPod, a memory stick, bank card...an I.O.U and my keys! Oh, and my girlfriends hand. Which is odd cause she's at the theatre!

