



Short take



Arriving in September: Scott eVest has 19 compartments.

Easily carry all that gear right here

Do you fashion yourself a geek? Check your pockets. If you schlep cellphones, PDAs, digital cameras and music players, memory cards, spare batteries and chargers, you qualify.

But did you ever consider what you look like carrying every gadget known to mankind? Technology Enabled Clothing (TEC) designs duds for folks who are living, breathing mobile offices. I donned the Scott eVest (version 2.5), a \$130-\$140 unisex royal-blue vest that will be available, along with vests in black and stone colors, Sept. 1 at www.scottevest.com. The apparel is meant to cover up your geek tendencies; an unbiased female colleague said I wore it well.

The Scott eVest contains a multitude of compartments, 19 in all and many hidden. Fifteen are connected through a "hands-free personal area network." The cords, connecting one pocket to another, are tucked under the lining or held in place with Velcro. You could power up a phone with a portable fuel charger or connect a wireless modem to your PDA.

Large pockets accommodate a magazine or tiny laptop; smaller ones handle memory cards and styli. An ID pocket displays credentials at trade shows or the airport. Indeed, TEC says you can send the entire vest through the X-ray scanner. Beats fumbling with all your tech goodies.

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