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The new Hozelock AC Pro one-touch water computer and (left) the water-wise AC Rain Sensor



The new Hozelock Multi Spray Gun offers a wide choice of spray patterns, including a fine rose spray



Hozelock's sturdy new Ultra Metal Cart is ideal for larger gardens

## AT LAST: ONE-TOUCH AUTOMATIC WATERING FOR TECHNOPHOBES!

**Hozelock AC Pro interactive digital tap controller puts holiday watering or sophisticated water-saving programs at your fingertips**

**New AC Rain Sensor monitors environment to prevent water wastage**

**Also new for 2008: handy spray guns and steel hose carts**

Electronic tap timers save water, time and effort but they can be a bit daunting for those of us with technophobia or big fingers; so Hozelock's new 'one-touch' AC Pro water computer with soft-touch buttons is a real breakthrough. It facilitates a quick and easy watering solution and an intuitive inter-active large screen menu is incorporated for those who want to program a more sophisticated irrigation regime.

A single push of a button can give total control of an environmentally-efficient drip watering system to keep patio or greenhouse plants automatically irrigated without you ever needing to pick up a heavy watering can again. It also allows control of a sprinkler if watering in a new lawn to ensure that you don't waste water by leaving it running for too long; or to give daily or twice-daily water to your prized plants while on holiday.

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The **AC Pro** is the perfect solution to the evaporation conundrum: to minimise moisture loss, all watering should ideally be done in the cool of the night or at dawn when most of us are fast asleep. The £49.99 AC Pro makes it easy to water while you sleep, thus saving water and eliminating the risk of scorched plants.

There's even a way to interrupt the watering program automatically should it rain. Hozelock's new water-wise **AC Sensor** (£14.99) connects to a socket underneath the AC Pro and sends constant environmental moisture data to it. Using hygroscopic discs which mimic the natural wetting and drying characteristics of the soil, the AC Sensor pauses the active watering program whenever rain is detected and reactivates it as and when the soil dries out.

The sensor, which comes with 10m of connecting cable, a wall bracket and fixings, can be programmed to react to a range of rainfall measurements from 3mm to 25mm so that light rain can be prevented from tripping the shut-off command.

Whilst many users will be happy to settle for one of the AC Pro's 13 built-in preset programs, any of which can be activated at a single touch of a button, gardeners seeking a more bespoke program will find Hozelock's interactive software wizard reassuringly easy to use. The 'Watering Wizard', as it's called, guides the user through a few simple questions, the answers to which automatically create the desired customised programs without any need even to refer to the instructions.

For those particularly hot or overcast days, the AC Pro allows the user to increase or decrease the desired level of watering quickly and easily, without changing programs. Its unique 'Turbo' and 'Miser' functions, selected again at the touch of a button, respectively double or halve the desired watering duration.

The new AC Pro has an operating range of 1 to 10 bar so is fully functional even in areas of low water pressure. Water flow is controlled using Hozelock's proven, reliable gear-driven ball valve mechanism that maximises the free flow of water through the valve and is also highly tolerant of sediment in the water supply, without the need for a filter.

Powered by two 'C' type batteries (not supplied), this energy-conserving unit runs for an entire season before replacement batteries are needed. Whilst some timers drain the battery continuously when in use, the AC Pro only draws power when it is turning the water flow on or off. In addition, the large LCD screen is only active when needed; at other times a screensaver kicks in to conserve power. And, conveniently, the computer's memory is protected so that changing batteries does not erase stored settings.

The AC Pro comes with full instructions, tap adaptors and a two-year warranty.

### **Guns 'n' Roses**

Also new from Hozelock are a range of compact jet and multi spray guns starting from as little as £5.99 (inc VAT) and a large capacity steel hose cart in 50m and 80m capacity options, priced at £64.99 and £74.99 respectively.

Notwithstanding their low price, the new hose guns are full-featured and easy to use with comfortable, soft-touch triggers and a lock-on switch to eliminate finger fatigue during prolonged use.

The **Jet Gun** (£5.99) offers three spray modes – a powerful jet, fast fill and wide cone – and is ideal for basic watering and practical tasks such as cleaning patios and filling watering cans.

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The more versatile **Multi Spray Gun** additionally affords a soft fan spray for wide area coverage and a rose spray via a metal rose for gentle watering of delicate plants and seedlings.

For precise water control, and to avoid wastage, the flow rate of both guns can be progressively reduced to 50% via a convenient top-mounted lever.

Owners of large gardens will find the new high capacity **Ultra Metal Carts** useful and exceptionally robust. Made from heavy gauge steel tubing to provide exceptional strength and rigidity, they are electro-plated for lifelong corrosion resistance – but they are nonetheless very easy to manoeuvre on any surface thanks to their large ribbed plastic wheels.

The carts' chassis extends upwards to form a sturdy 900mm high handle for comfortable towing – and downwards to create a deep, stable parking stand which holds the cart steady when pulling out or rewinding hose.

Hozelock products are available from most garden centres and DIY superstores. For further information about the new AC Pro, AC Rain Sensor, Jet and Multi Spray Guns or Ultra Metal Carts, including details of your nearest stockist, call the Hozelock Helpline on 0121 313 1122 or visit the company's new website at [www.hozelock.com](http://www.hozelock.com) where there is extensive advice on choosing and using watering systems wisely.

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**Note to Editors:** The new products can be seen on the Hozelock stand (EA63) at the Chelsea Flower Show.

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