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AKASA AllInOne

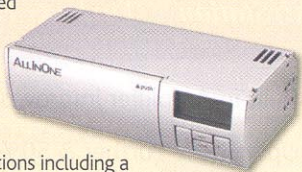
RATING ★★★★★

PRICE £30 inc VAT

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Once installed into a 5¼" drive bay, the AllInOne provides



several functions including a memory card reader, convenient access to several ports that are normally beyond easy reach, and manual or automatic control over the speed of your processor's fan.

The catch is that installation can be a struggle, with 12 easily entangled cables that must be plugged carefully into the motherboard. The full-colour instruction booklet helps, but the cables could be labelled better. All the features work as expected, including the unusual but useful SATA socket, which enables you to connect an internal hard disk externally.

For those who need all these features and can endure the installation process, the AllInOne is a fine, space-saving choice.

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