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Commanding *Cobra*

Cobra commands the airwaves with their latest range of speakers.

Making headlines at CES 2014 was the latest wireless speaker range from Cobra—the Airwave series consisting of the Airwave Box, Airwave Mini and the Airwave 360. The speakers, which come in various shapes and colours, are designed to be ergonomic as well as compact, lending them easily to users with active lifestyles. You can easily set them up next to a treadmill or by the pool, so you may listen to your favourite tune while working out or relaxing on a hot day.

The Airwave Box is a rugged speaker that's built to resist rough handling while delivering a top notch audio experience. It's surrounded by a durable, soft-touch rubber casing that helps to protect the delicate internal components.

The Box is well suited for pool parties because it is capable of surviving being submerged in a metre of water for up to 30 minutes. What's more, it can also float! The buttons are located along the sides while the ports are kept dry and secure behind a rubber door. The Airwave Box is currently available in six colours with possibly more to follow.

Then there is the Airwave Mini, a truly miniature speaker (it's only three inches long) that conveniently clips onto your belt or fits into the side pocket of your backpack. Although it resembles an elongated tyre, it's quite a powerful speaker, packing a lot of volume into such a tiny device. Both the Box and the Mini have up to 10 hours of music playback and 120 hours of standby time. The latter isn't fully waterproof, but is fairly weather-resistant.

Lastly, the Airwave 360 is a slightly larger 8-inch surround sound speaker with Siri and S Voice enablement as well as gesture control for a 360-degree sound quality. Unlike its smaller cousins, the 360 has 20 hours of playback time. All three speakers use Bluetooth wireless technology for a truly hands-free experience. L I

