

Cactus RF60

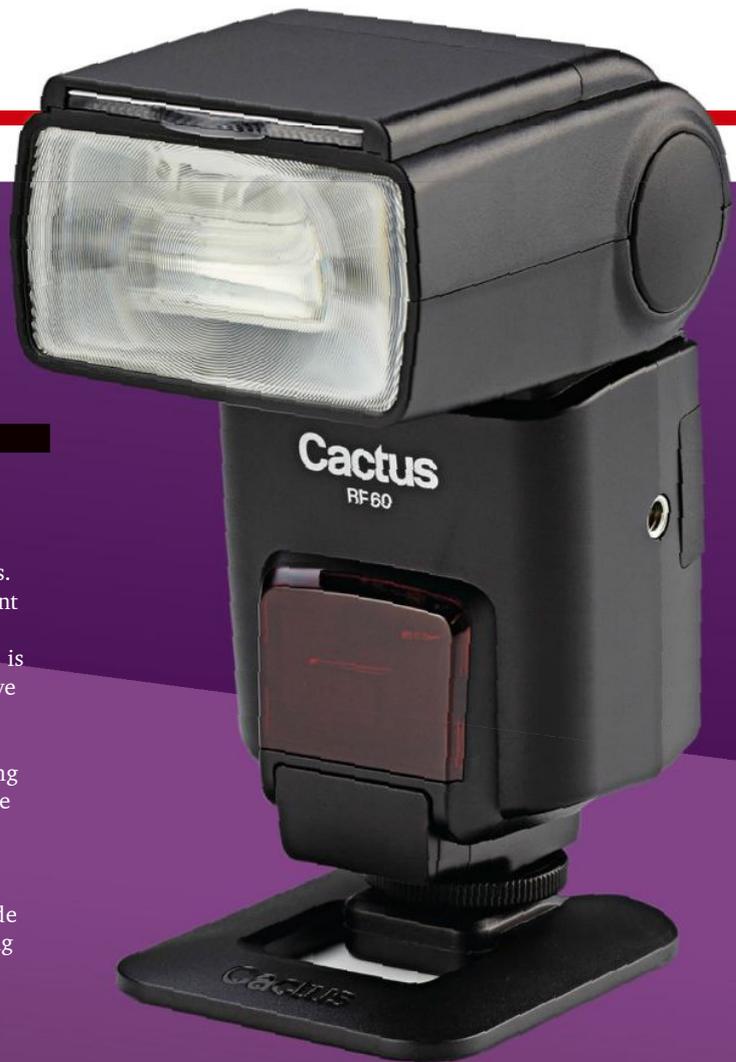
This wireless manual flashgun is packed with handy features

FLASHGUN ▶ £85, \$140 ▶ www.cactus-image.com

■ The RF60 is designed as a manual flash, so with no through-the-lens (TTL) metering you shouldn't expect the convenience of full auto. Instead, this flash uses the standard ISO fitting that slots into most camera hotshoes. The manual features enable 22 levels of power adjustment from its maximum GN of 56 at ISO100.

Featuring an integrated wireless transceiver, one RF60 is able to communicate with and control others. Once you've got them set up, each flash can be assigned to a group, and you can have up to four groups. A master flash can then be assigned to control the power of each group using the buttons and LCD interface on the back – the interface is easy enough to use.

High-speed flash is handy when shooting outdoor portraits, as it enables you to use large apertures. The RF60's HSS Sympathy mode is designed to work alongside a TTL-flash in a dual flash setup, and works by extending the normal flash duration so it can work above the camera's usual flash sync speed.



You can slot a TTL flash into the top of this and use both at the same time



Cactus V6

Simple wireless multi-flash trigger

FLASH TRANSCIVER ▶ £34, \$55 ▶ www.cactus-image.com

■ The V6 is a transceiver for use alongside the Cactus RF60 flash (above). Slotting into your camera's hotshoe, it gives you complete wireless control of Cactus' own RF60 flashguns or, if you have another V6, you can use it as a receiver to fire another manufacturer's flash. The device also features a handy TTL pass-through, which means that a TTL flash can be slotted on top while maintaining all its usual TTL features.



Nest NT-530H

Lots of support plus flexibility of movement

GIMBAL HEAD ▶ £299, \$500 ▶ www.nest-style.com

■ If you want to shoot wildlife or sport a gimbal tripod head is extremely useful, providing support while still enabling real freedom of movement. Nest's NT-530H provides this movement in both horizontal and vertical planes, which can be locked in or out as needed. The black carbon fibre finish looks great, and the pivots all prove smooth, although there is no real friction control. The carbon finish gives this head a premium look and feel (as does the price), but it really is just a simple yet effective gimbal head.

