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Even a busy exec needs a nap

Those business executives you see clutching a Handspring Visor with eyes closed may just be worried about thieves. Then again, they may be power napping.

Jetlog Corp. has released a \$100 module for the Visor that it says will improve the effectiveness of naps by preventing excessively deep or prolonged sleeping.

The Jetlog 24X7 PowerNapping Springboard module limits naps to 40 minutes, which the company's president, Karim Daghbouche, says is optimum. When the nap time is over, an alarm with increasing volume blasts out of the Visor's built-in speaker.

For situations where a wailing handheld might be unwelcome, the module is also supplied with headphones.

Daghbouche said tests have shown that napping users don't relax so much that they drop the handheld. The instruction manual, however, warns that Jetlog is not responsible for any damage caused by such sleep-induced accidents. *From the New York Times*

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