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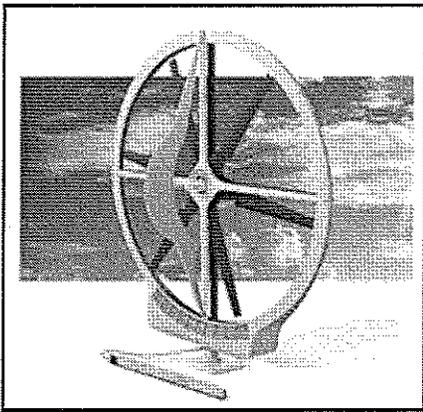
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EarthTronics: Wind-In-A-Box

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We've got the "in-a-box" versions of [nuclear power](#), [data centers](#) and [biofuels](#). Why not wind power? Courtesy of Muskegon, Michigan-based company [EarthTronics](#), sometime next year customers will be able to buy wind-in-a-box, in the form of a \$2,000 wind turbine called WindTronics (via [Muskegon Chronicle](#) and [Thoughts On Global Warming](#)).

EarthTronics tells the paper that its wind turbine will have a 36-inch diameter, will be able to generate power at 3 mph wind speeds, and can supply 200-watts of power. The turbine is also intended to supply 10 to 20 percent of a home's electricity. The company is working with the Grand Valley State University, the Michigan Alternative and Renewable Energy Center, and technology development company E-Net.

According to the [Muskegon Chronicle](#) EarthTronic could start producing the turbine by the first quarter of 2009. One note, it's still not plug-in-play, the turbine will have to be installed by an electrician, the company says. So the full cost of the turbine would have to account for the installation fees.

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