

EXTECH DATA SYSTEMS TAKES ITS PORTABLE PRINTERS TO NEW LEVELS OF OVER-THE-AIR SECURITY WITH 802.11b WiFi**BOOTH D17, Hall 003****CEBIT 2005, HANOVER****FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

Extech Data Systems, part of Extech Instruments, has tackled the worries on WiFi security, with the adoption of 802.11i with WPA2 security into its offering for 802.11b WiFi enabled printers.

Extech has included 802.11b with high level security in two of their printers in their new product line up for 2005 because it allows more security for the mobile workforce working within the confines of wireless enabled buildings such as retail stores - a key marketplace for Extech.

Tony Revis, General Manager at Extech Data Systems said, "Extech likes to keep at the cutting edge of the new mobile technologies, especially with communication technologies. While we led the way introducing both IrDA and Bluetooth ahead of our competitors we deliberately waited for the level of security appropriate to our marketplace. The 802.11i with WPA 2 specification brings our new portable printers into the future and offers a new level of security previously not available in the mobile printer marketplace."

Extech has added this new module to both the new S3750THS and S4500THS battery operated portable thermal printers. The S3750THS is designed to enhance Extech's product portfolio of 3" (80mm) portable printers, where Extech is the market leader for 3" portable receipt printers. The S4500THS is Extech's first entry into the 4" segment – the largest segment for portable printers according to a recent study from Venture Development Corporation.

These new printers feature drop in loading, protective rubberized bumpers for added durability as well a full range of optional extras typical of Extech's product design philosophy. They also use a new version of the ultra lightweight Lithium Ion battery used in the S2500THS – delivering 2.2 amps of power for more receipts per charge.

The 802.11b option adds approximately \$300 at list price to the basic price of the printers.

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