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LOGITECH(tm) INTRODUCES SCANMAN(r) EASY TOUCH BOARDLESS HAND-HELD GRAYSCALE SCANNER; "Next Generation" Scanner Features Parallel Port Interface, New Case Design; Includes Caere's(r) OmniPage(r) Direct AnyFont(tm) OCR Software for Logitech

Fremont, Calif -- June 28, 1993 -- Logitech is announcing ScanMan EasyTouch, a boardless, 256 grayscale, Windows(tm)-based hand-held scanner. Available in late August at a list price of US\$399, the ScanMan EasyTouch package includes Logitech's FotoTouch(tm) Version 1.2 Color Image Editing Software and OmniPage Direct AnyFont OCR Software for Logitech, developed by Caere for Logitech scanners and tailored to the special needs of hand-held scanning. The parallel port interface of ScanMan EasyTouch makes scanning available to all users, including those with laptop machines and other who do not wish to open their machines to install hardware.

ScanMan EasyTouch features a totally redesigned case, which reflects Logitech's continuing concern with ergonomic design. Users hold the unit with the hand extended straight out from the wrist, a position which is more natural and comfortable. To facilitate straight, smooth scanning, the main roller is now made of a polycarbon material which can be more precisely machined to perfect roundness.

ScanMan EasyTouch plugs directly into the parallel port of a computer. A special pass-through adapter permits the user to operated a printer through the same parallel port without disconnecting the scanner. Programmability of the scanner head enables the setting of resolution, scan mode, and contrast through software, resulting in a near-buttonless head (start/stop button only).

The TWAIN-compliant scanning software included with ScanMan EasyTouch contains Logitech's AutoSwitch feature, which automatically merges multiple strips to produce images up to 15 inches wide. In addition, this and all other Logitech software for Windows, including FotoTouch Color and OmniPage Direct AnyFont OCR Software for Logitech, now feature an on-line, context-sensitive graphical help system.

Logitech has announced it will bundle FotoTouch Color Image Editing Software with all its Windows-based scanners. This application, which evolved from the original award-winning FotoTouch software, is both TWAIN-compliant and an OLE (Object Linking and Embedding) server. It features an extensive set of basic editing tools, selection effects, and the ability to open multiple images on screen and cut and paste among these. In addition, a new feature, printer profiles, has been added. Through printer profiles, FotoTouch Color optimizes tone and contrast for specific printer types and brands.

"Today, only two percent of the installed base of personal computer users own a scanner, so there's a tremendous untapped market out there," Says Molly Carlson,

Logitech product manager. "We believe the ability to easily integrate images into a document without having to open up their computers or worry about DMA channels and interrupts will help to bring scanning into the mainstream of personal computing. Moreover, the other main market for this product, portable computers, promises to grow at an extremely healthy rate over the next few years."

System Requirements for ScanMan EasyTouch include an IBM-compatible AT with a 386SX processor or above, 4MB RAM, 5MB free disc space, DOS 3.1 or higher, a VGA or better graphics card, Microsoft(r) Windows 3.1, and a Logitech or compatible pointing device.

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