

Laptops with Military Technology from Iraq Conflict Offer New Sunlight Readable Colour Screens to Australian Businesses

Sydney, Australia – 5th September 2007 – Avantec

(www.avantec.com.au), the exclusive Australian distributor of military grade mobile computing solutions from General Dynamics (www.gd-itronix.com), has today announced the Australian availability of a new generation of semi-rugged notebook computers equipped with advanced new touch screens that are viewable in direct sunlight.

The General Dynamix GoBook VR-2 is a semi-rugged notebook computer featuring the Intel® Core™2 Duo processor. Designed to meet the demands of business, government agencies, and the military, the GoBook VR-2 offers a unique 13.3-inch touch screen display featuring DynaVue™. DynaVue is a patent pending display technology that makes it possible to readily view a colour LCD screen in direct sunlight.

Deployed by the US military in the harsh desert conditions of Iraq, GoBook laptops are perfectly suited for people that work outside, or need a vehicle mounted computer solution. Vehicle mounted computers are widely used by businesses involved in transportation, building and construction, field services, mining, and agriculture.

Dave Cawsey, General Manager for Avantec commented, "Most laptops are pretty much useless when you try to work outside in sunlight, as you can't view the screen. The GoBook VR-2 has a colour touch screen that works perfectly in direct sunlight, and is designed to cope with dust and liquids. Australian businesses can now benefit directly from this very practical technology, which has been proven in the deserts of Iraq."

In addition to delivering innovative screen technology, the GoBook VR-2 can survive drops of 75cm, and comes standard with a spill resistant keyboard. This allows the GoBook VR-2 to perform flawlessly in the event of several common workplace incidents - such as a person knocking a laptop from a table, or spilling a cup of coffee directly onto a laptop.

GoBook VR-2 Product Features

The GoBook VR-2 is equipped with the latest Intel® 2.0 GHz T7300 Core™2 Duo processor, an 800 MHz FSB, 4MB L2 cache, up to 4GB memory and the Intel GM965 Express Chip set. The unit weighs 2.8kg.

The semi-rugged notebook offers a comprehensive range of optional inbuilt wireless technologies, including global positioning system (GPS), 802.11 a/g/n, 3G mobile phone and EVDO, and Bluetooth. The antennas are fully integrated into the rugged case, ensuring reliability.

The GoBook VR-2 supports both an optional office docking station, as well as an optional theft resistant vehicle docking solution.

The combination of GPS and mobile phone technologies, and a simple vehicle docking system, allows employees to easily take their office with them – wherever they work in Australia.

The GoBook VR-2 incorporates multiple levels of both physical and software security, including a TPM 1.2 secure micro-controller with cryptographic functionality. A stealth mode allows safe operation in critical military and law enforcement situations. An optional biometric fingerprint reader simplifies access to secure information.

Availability

The GoBook VR-2 is available immediately for a suggested retail price of \$5499 inc GST.

GoBook solutions are exclusively distributed in Australia by Avantec (www.avantec.com.au).

About Avantec

Avantec (www.avantec.com.au) is an Australian distributor of rugged mobile computing solutions. Founded in 2003, Avantec specialises in computing solutions involving vehicles, and situations where computers need to be used outdoors.

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