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Innovative Evolution in Design with the Release of Gamber-Johnson Magnesium Alloy Docking Station

Cost-effective, high-performance docking station for the Panasonic Toughbook 30

Stevens Point, WI – April 9, 2008 – Gamber-Johnson, leading manufacturer of innovative, rugged mobile docking stations and vehicle mounts, unveils revolutionary technology with the release of the industry's first magnesium-alloy docking station for the Panasonic Toughbook 30 computer. "Research and development (R&D) is the cornerstone of our product offerings – we are always looking for materials that will improve performance and reduce costs for the customer," notes Jason Lewandowski, Vice President of Engineering. "We chose magnesium for the CF30 docking station because its metallurgical characteristics allowed us to simplify the design and reduce costs, while producing an attractive, performance-enhancing docking station."

Lewandowski continues, "For those very same reasons, magnesium alloys have been used by the aerospace, mountain bike, and automobile industries. Take into consideration the magnesium alloy mountain bike made by Trek. The aluminum alloy absorbs shocks that the rider might otherwise feel. A computer housed in the CF30 MAG dock will reap the same benefits with a sleek, lightweight design that improves overall performance."

The magnesium alloy CF30 Docking Station is die cast from AZ91-D magnesium alloy. AZ91-D is lightweight, has a high strength-to-weight ratio, dampens vibration, and blocks electromagnetic interference (EMI). "When you combine these metallurgical assets with an innovative and simplified design," explains Jennifer Guerndt, Vice President of Marketing, "the result is a six-pound docking station that fits the computer like a glove." Continues Guerndt, "The new CF30 MAG dock also enhances performance. Because it is half the weight of comparable docking stations, has a simplified design with a reduced number of parts, and is composed of a metal with natural dampening capabilities, the mounting solution will be less susceptible to vibration and will reduce the wear and tear on the computer and wired connections. The result is superior performance at a competitive price."

"The CF30 MAG dock also has a very rich, sexy appearance," notes Guerndt, "that is much more compelling than steel or plastic. Its smooth surface finish, rounded edges and sleek design enhance user comfort and safety. And the quality of workmanship – and the metal itself – is evident in the precise detail, thin walls, and exceptional surface quality. The CF30 MAG dock is light years ahead of the competition."

The CF30 docking connector and engagement system have been redesigned as a one motion sliding mechanism that easily engages the computer to the docking station with a simple pull of the handle located in the front center of the dock. An interlock mechanism prevents engagement until the computer is seated properly. The docking station also allows complete port replication eliminating the need to connect any external peripherals to the computer, allowing fast insertion and removal of the computer. The dock is USB 2.0 compliant and features four USB ports (three out back and one out the side), one Ethernet port, two Serial, one Video, Microphone and Speaker port. The docking station can be upgraded to have single or dual RF pass-through to enhance connectivity. An external Lind Power Supply is needed to supply power to the docking station (Item No. 11798).

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The CF30 MAG dock complies with FCC and RoHS standards and is pending final Toughbook Tested approval. The docking station is backed by a three-year limited warranty (printed circuit board, docking connector and all metal). The CF30 magnesium dock represents innovative design and break-through technology; both utility and design patents are pending for the product.

“The magnesium alloy fits squarely within our green initiatives,” adds Guerndt. “The alloy can be extracted without non-toxic and nonpolluting byproducts, can be machined faster with less waste and energy, and is readily recyclable. The CF30 is the next generation in docking stations – it’s an evolution in design and functionality that doesn’t harm the planet.”

Utilizing their industry-leading expertise, Gamber-Johnson will continue to research new materials for use in the design and development of innovative, rugged, cost competitive products that anticipate the evolving technologies and needs of its customers. These products will be developed in tandem with the technological resources available through Gamber-Johnson’s parent company Leggett and Platt (L&P). The die casting and tooling of the magnesium for the CF30 will be handled by L&P. “The abundant resources we have available to us from L&P enable us to continuously integrate new materials and technologies into our product line,” concludes Guerndt.

Gamber-Johnson’s white paper entitled, *Magnesium, Metal of the future: Evolutions in Technology Bring Innovations to Design: Applicability of Magnesium Alloy AZ91-D for Rugged Docking Stations*, is available to the public.

For complete product specifications, visit Gamber-Johnson’s web site at www.gamberjohnson.com.

About Gamber-Johnson. In business since 1954, Gamber-Johnson is the undisputed market leader of rugged docking stations and vehicle mounts (*Mobile Device Accessories: Global Market Demand Analysis*, VDC, June, 2007), and a member of the Leggett & Platt Commercial Vehicle Products (CVP) Group. Customers of all sizes – state and local governments, transportation, field service organizations, and mobile professionals – rely on Gamber-Johnson’s vehicle mounting systems and docking stations on a daily basis and associate the Gamber-Johnson name and products with quality, safety and reliability. As a result, Gamber-Johnson vehicle mounting systems are installed in thousands of vehicles worldwide. www.gamberjohnson.com.

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