

MCE Technologies Ships Portable FireWire 8X DVD±R/RW with Double-Layer Support

IRVINE, CA, January 31, 2005 – MCE Technologies, LLC (MCE) today announced the Lucid M8X Portable FireWire DVD±R/RW + Double-Layer Drive. The Lucid M8X is a compact, slot-loading, bus-powered FireWire drive capable of writing to seven different types of recordable media, including DVD-R, DVD-RW, DVD+R, DVD+RW, CD-R, CD-RW, and Double-Layer DVD+R discs. DVD+R Double Layer technology allows up to 8.5GB of data to be written to a single side of a DVD+R Double Layer disc. The MCE Lucid M8X Portable FireWire DVD±R/RW + Double-Layer Drive is expected to ship February 1, 2005 with a suggested retail price of \$279.

"The slot-loading Lucid M8X, with the ability to write up to 8.5GB on a single side of a Double-Layer disc, is the most technologically advanced drive available in a portable form factor," said Arnie Ramirez, president of MCE.

The Lucid M8X drive offers unprecedented flexibility by supporting seven different types of recordable media, making it the most versatile portable data storage device on the market today. It writes to standard 4.7GB DVD-R and DVD+R media at up to 8x speed, to 4.7GB DVD-RW and DVD+RW media at up to 8x speed, and to Double-Layer DVD+R DL media at up to 2.4x speed. In addition, it writes to standard 650MB and 700MB CD-R media at up to 24x speed, writes to standard CD-RW media at up to 24x speed, reads DVD-ROM discs at up to 8x speed, and reads standard CD-ROM discs at up to 24x speed.

The MCE Lucid M8X is natively supported by Apple Mac OS 10.3.6 or later and is completely compatible with iTunes, Finder Burning, iPhoto etc. The unit ships with drivers for Mac OS 10.2 in order to provide compatibility with Apple's iTunes, Finder Burning, and DVD Player utilities.

The Lucid M8X drive is extremely portable, weighing less than a pound. The drive is FireWire bus-powered and compatible with Macs and PCs that have a FireWire port. To facilitate faster and more efficient data DVD-R/RW and CD-R/RW recording, Roxio Toast Lite software is also included. The drive is compatible with Roxio Toast Titanium and Roxio Popcorn.

MCE Technologies is a leader in the development of innovative storage peripherals for the Apple Macintosh platform and markets a wide range of Macintosh related products and solutions to distributors, dealers and end users. MCE is based in Irvine, California and can be reached by telephone at (800) 5000-MAC (800-500-0622) in the U.S. or at (949) 458-0800 internationally. MCE Technologies can be found on the Internet at www.mcetech.com.

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