

MCE Ships 100GB Expansion Bay Hard Drive for PowerBook G3 Series

IRVINE, CA, April 11, 2004 – MCE Technologies, LLC (MCE) today announced a 100GB version of its popular Xcarét Pro line of expansion bay hard drives for the Apple PowerBook G3 Series, adding to their current lineup of 80GB, 60GB, and 40GB models. The new 100GB Xcarét Pro-99 Expansion Bay Hard Drive is designed for the 500MHz and 400MHz Apple PowerBook (FireWire) as well as the 400MHz and 333MHz Apple PowerBook G3 Series (Bronze Keyboard). The new 100GB Xcarét Pro Expansion Bay Hard Drive is designed for all models of the Apple PowerBook G3 Series 1998 (Wallstreet) including the 300MHz, 292MHz, 266MHz, 250MHz, and 233MHz models. Both models are available immediately.

"The 100GB Xcarét Pro Expansion Bay Hard Drives are the highest capacity storage devices available for any PowerBook," said Arnold Ramirez, President, MCE Technologies. "The utility of these drives cannot be understated in that they are at once high performance and highly reliable data storage and backup devices, they are hot-swappable, and they are compatible with, and can boot the PowerBook from, both Mac OS X and Mac OS 9."

The MCE 100GB Xcarét Pro-99 Expansion Bay Hard Drive is designed to fit into the right-side expansion bay of the Apple PowerBook (FireWire) and the Apple PowerBook G3 Series-1999 (Bronze Keyboard). The MCE 100GB Xcarét Pro Expansion Bay Hard Drive is designed to fit into either the right or left expansion bay of the Apple PowerBook G3 Series-1998 (Wallstreet). Since both Xcarét Pro hard drive models utilize native Apple hard disk drivers to operate, no extra drivers or other software are needed, thereby eliminating potential driver conflicts. Both models are compatible with, and can boot the PowerBook from, both Mac OS X and Mac OS 9. As with all MCE PowerBook expansion bay devices, the new 100GB Xcarét Pro (and –99) Expansion Bay Hard Drives are truly portable, requiring no external power supply, with all power being supplied by the PowerBook. Both models are hot-swappable, meaning they can be removed and/or inserted without the need for shutting the PowerBook down.

The MCE 100GB Xcarét Pro-99 Expansion Bay Hard Drive and the MCE 100GB Xcarét Pro Expansion Bay Hard Drive retail for \$279.00. This price includes the 100GB Xcarét Pro expansion bay hard drive and owner's manual. The drives carry a two-year warranty.

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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