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Panasonic Launches Centrino® - Powered Executive Notebook PC *3.3 lb. CF-Y2 Toughbook® features 14.1" display, integrated DVD/CD-RW drive, boasting 5-hour runtime*

Editor's Summary:

- Thin-and-light Toughbook® Y2 is the first rugged big-screen, extended battery life notebook with onboard DVD-CD-RW drive and integrated 802.11 b+g
- Intel® Centrino® technology with low voltage 1.3GHz CPU with 1MB on-die L2 cache, 256MB DDR SDRAM (expandable to 512MB)
- Integrated Intel Pro/Wireless 2200 BG 802.11b+g, 100Base-TX/10 BaseT wired LAN, USB 2.0 (x2), and 56K V90 analog modem capability.
- Shock-mounted 14.1-inch SVGA+, anti-glare, high-output, TFT active-matrix display; Intel® 855GME video subsystem with 64MB high-speed VRAM.
- Hardened 40GB UDMA (100MB-transfer rate) HDD
- 87-key keyboard with 19mm pitch and 2mm stroke
- Secure Digital Memory Card, dual USB 2.0 ports
- 1.3/1.8" (H) x 9.6"(D) x 12.2" (W), 3.3 lbs. w/battery

SECAUCUS, NJ May 12, 2004 -- Panasonic Computer Solutions Company, the leading provider of ruggedized portable computers in the U.S., today introduced the Toughbook® CF-Y2, a slim, light, executive-styled notebook merging Intel's latest state-of-the-art mobile technology with the Toughbook® line's legendary durability.

"The resounding acceptance of our T2 and W2 sub-notebooks by our traditional industrial customers, small-to-medium business users, and white-collar executives proves that there is a strong demand for a lightweight, compact, go anywhere, do anything notebook that won't fade to black the first time it is shaken or stirred," said Panasonic Computer Solutions Company president Rance Poehler.

"The Toughbook® Y2 offers mobile professionals one of the most durable, technologically advanced slimline computers in the category today," Poehler continued. "Its large screen makes it a great desktop replacement, its 1600 x 1200 pixel external video resolution supports large-screen presentations, and its five-hour runtime means you can continue working while waiting for a connecting flight without having to squat on the airport floor next to an AC outlet and still see your DVD movie cross-country."

State-Of-The-Art Performance

The Toughbook® CF-Y2 has been designed to maximize Intel's latest Centrino® system architecture and features a 400Mhz front side bus and 256MB of 333MHz DDR RAM (expandable to 512MB) It is the first notebook in its class to be powered by Intel's 1.3GHz CPU with 1MB of on-die L2 cache, .13 micron fabrication and enhanced SpeedStep® technology. Ensuring high-performance over the long haul, Panasonic's power-saving technology delivers up to seven hours of runtime from the Y2's standard 52Wh, six-cell, li-ion battery.

Advanced Video Technology

Despite its light weight and compact form factor the CF-Y2 features a full 14.1-inch, anti-glare, TFT active-matrix color LCD with SXGA+ (1400 x 1050 pixel) resolution at 16 million colors. Based on Intel's 855GME Chipset graphics memory controller hub, the CF-Y2's video subsystem features 64MB of VRAM and supports external monitors at up to 1600 x 1200 pixels and 16 million colors.

Faster Connections

The CF-Y2 is one of the first portable computers utilizing Intel's recently announced PRO/Wireless 2200BG network technology to support both 802.11b (11Mb/s transfer

rate) and 802.11g (54Mb/s transfer rate) protocols. Other integrated connectivity options include a 10/100 Ethernet port, two USB 2.0 ports, and a 56K analog modem.

Uncompromised Multimedia

With its built-in 8x DVD-ROM, 6x CD-R, 4x CD-RW and 24x CD read industrial-grade combo drive, 20bit sound system and integrated stereo speaker, the Toughbook® CF-Y2 provides superior multimedia capabilities in a light weight 3.3 lb. package.

Pricing and Configuration

Toughbook® CF-Y2DWAZZKM Intel® 1.3MHz Pentium M CPU, 14.1" SXGA+ TFT Active-Matrix Display, 40GB HDD, 256MB DDR RAM, internal DVD-ROM/CD-RW combo drive, 802.11b+g wireless LAN support, 100BASE-TX/10 BASE-T wired LAN, 56K analog modem. *Estimated Street Price: \$ 2,700.00*

Accessories

External USB Floppy Drive	CF-VFDU03W
Battery Pack	CF-VZSU27AU
256MB Memory Card	CF-BAU256U

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Panasonic Computer Solutions Company

Panasonic Computer Solutions Company is the leading provider of ruggedized notebook PCs for mobile professionals in the USA. The company is a unit company of Matsushita Electric Corporation of America, the principal North American subsidiary of Matsushita Electric Industrial Co., Ltd. of Japan (NYSE: MC), which recorded annual sales of \$61.70 billion in the most recent fiscal year. Matsushita Electric is one of the only manufacturers today that directly controls the process of design, manufacture and quality assurance of its notebook PCs. Many key components, including LCD panels, Lithium-Ion batteries, DVD and CD-ROM drives, and board-level electronics are the products of its divisions. The products, people and business of Panasonic Computer Solutions Company are entirely dedicated to the needs of the professional user, including

Fortune 1000 business and government professionals. Panasonic also supplies mobile computing solutions to over 3,000 police departments in the United States.

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Information on Panasonic's full line of notebook PCs for the mobile professional can be obtained by calling 800 662 3537 or at <http://www.panasonic.com/toughbook>