



Synaptics Incorporates Customized TouchPad Design in New IBM ThinkPad T30

The UltraNav multi-pointing system offers both an Enhanced TrackPoint and Synaptics TouchPad

San Jose, CA – April 24, 2002 –Synaptics® Incorporated (NASDAQ: SYNA) today announced that IBM will use Synaptics' specially designed TouchPad for its newly announced ThinkPad T30 – combining both the TrackPoint and the TouchPad into IBM's innovative UltraNav multi-pointing system. This announcement marks the first time IBM has offered an alternative-pointing device in conjunction with the TrackPoint.

"We are extremely excited to work with IBM to develop a custom TouchPad interface device that meets IBM's performance and usability requirements," said Don Kirby, general manager of the PC Group at Synaptics. "IBM's decision to work with Synaptics is a testament to both our competence in custom interface development and the quality of our products."

The UltraNav system is specially designed to improve the usability of the ThinkPad T30 notebook. The TouchPad implementation will help minimize the possibility of accidental button tapping or pointing. In addition, IBM has created a customized software wizard, in a question-and-answer format, making it simple for users to configure the UltraNav system to match the way they like to work – either with the TrackPoint, the TouchPad or with both.

In addition to added flexibility for end users, the multi-pointing system also simplifies the decision making process for enterprise buyers and corporate IT managers, who can now support a single type of notebook for users with a particular interface device preference.

"Over the past year, we have seen more and more major notebook manufacturers incorporate dual pointing solutions into their notebook designs," explains Randy Giusto, IDC's Vice President of Mobile and Desktop Research. "By offering interface flexibility, OEMs like IBM are appealing to a wider audience."

About Synaptics Incorporated

Synaptics develops advanced interface solutions for products as diverse as notebook and desktop computers, mobile computing and communications devices, automotive applications and security solutions. Synaptics products include: TouchPad™, the industry standard notebook pointing device; ClearPad™, a capacitive touch screen solution; TouchStyk™, a modular and capacitive pointing stick solution; Spiral®, an inductive, proximity sensing pen input system; and QuickStroke®, the proprietary Chinese handwriting recognition software. More information about Synaptics can be found on the World Wide Web at www.synaptics.com

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