



Synaptics and Samsung Introduce Fingerprint TouchPad Security Solution On Samsung X10 Notebook

Synaptics' Fingerprint TouchPad is the First Practical Biometric Solution Offering Complete Password Replacement for Data and Asset Protection

SAN JOSE, Calif. and SEOUL, Korea, Mar 12, 2003 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Synaptics® Incorporated (Nasdaq: SYNA), a leader in touch pads and other human interface solutions for mobile computing and communications devices, introduced its integrated Fingerprint TouchPad security solution for notebook computers, available in the Samsung X10 notebook series. This integrated security solution allows end users to access the system at start up, log on to the Windows® operating system, network, and email, enter Web sites, unlock a screen saver or access any type of secure application with a personal, previously-logged fingerprint.

"Synaptics' Fingerprint TouchPad module is a revolutionary innovation that appeals to IT managers and end users alike," said Francis Lee, President and Chief Executive Officer of Synaptics. "The new Samsung X10 notebook now offers users the ability to secure their notebook and data with the touch of a finger."

"Samsung Electronics is pleased to be the first notebook OEM to offer what should be an industry standard -- an integrated Fingerprint TouchPad security solution that incorporates both hardware and software features," said Mr. Houn Soo Kim, Samsung's Sr. Vice President of Sales & Marketing for Computer & Internet Systems. "Synaptics produces the only Fingerprint TouchPad on the market that addresses the comprehensive security and interface needs of the corporate user."

Synaptics' Fingerprint TouchPad module combines Synaptics' leading TouchPad interface device with the AuthenTec EntrePad (TM) AES3500 fingerprint sensor. The module is bundled with customized Softex OmniPass application software and Softex OmniROM Pre-Boot Authorization (PBA), allowing Synaptics to offer Samsung and other notebook OEMs a fully integrated biometric security and interface solution.

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 (TM), the industry standard notebook pointing device; ClearPad(TM), a capacitive touch screen solution; TouchStyk(TM), a modular capacitive pointing stick solution; Spiral®, an inductive, proximity sensing pen input system; cPad(TM), an LCD TouchPad; TouchScreen, a capacitive touch solution for large displays; and QuickStroke®, a 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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