



Synaptics Creates New LightTouch Button Module for NEC LaVie TW Notebook Computer

SAN JOSE, Calif., Jan 13, 2005 /PRNewswire-FirstCall via COMTEX/ -- Synaptics(R) Incorporated (Nasdaq: SYNA), a leading developer of interface solutions for mobile computing, communications, and entertainment devices, today announced the first implementation of the LightTouch(TM) capacitive button module in a notebook computer.

Located at the top of the keyboard, the custom designed LightTouch module includes six LEDs in blue, red and green and 10 buttons that control multimedia functions for the notebook, including TV channel, DVD/CD, play/pause, record, fast-forward, rewind, and volume. The LEDs provide visual indicators for button location and function status, and enhance the overall user experience.

"We were able to customize the LightTouch solution to provide the multimedia functionality NEC needed, while creating a compelling and unique industrial design," explains Don Kirby, Synaptics' general manager of PC products. "We are pleased to be working with innovative companies like NEC who are focused on device design and user experience."

"We wanted to create a stylish design to highlight the new multimedia features of our latest notebook," explained the NEC development team. "By using Synaptics LightTouch module, we were able to offer our customers simple, intuitive controls in an elegant design."

Availability:

The NEC LaVie TW notebook PC will be available in Japan starting January 27, 2005. For more information on the NEC LaVie notebook, please visit <http://121ware.com/lavie/tw/> (Japanese language only).

About Synaptics Incorporated

Synaptics is a leading developer of interface solutions for the mobile computing, communications and entertainment industries. The company creates interface solutions for a variety of devices including notebook PCs, PC peripherals, digital music players, and mobile phones. The TouchPad(TM), Synaptics' flagship product, is integrated into more than 50 percent of today's notebook computers. Consumer electronics and computing manufacturers use Synaptics' solutions to enrich the interaction between humans and intelligent devices through improved usability, functionality and industrial design. The company is headquartered in San Jose, California. www.synaptics.com

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