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3M Dynatel™ Subscriber Loop Tester Adds Features

Austin, Texas – October 10, 2003 – An upgraded subscriber loop test set from 3M Company now offers more loop testing features in the same unit. Used by telcos and contractors for installation and repair, the new, improved 3M™ Dynatel™ Subscriber Loop Tester 945DSP offers ohms to distance conversion, a load coil counter and a ringers counter, as well as a wide range of voice band tests for twisted pair diagnosis. Among the tests available are voltage, current, resistance, opens, tone, loss, noise, power influence, and balance.

The lightweight (1.0 lb. / 0.5 kg) microprocessor-controlled handheld unit stores and dials up to ten individual numbers for active line testing. It can be ordered in either C message weighting or psophometric filter versions for circuit noise measurements, depending on local requirements. Further, the Dynatel tester is capable of accurate resistance readings in the presence of a foreign voltage, unlike competitive units. The seldom-used insulation soak test feature has been eliminated from the unit to allow inclusion of the customer-requested ohm-to-distance conversion feature. The 3M Dynatel Subscriber Loop Tester 945DSP offers the same rugged, weather-resistant performance as other units in the 3M Dynatel 900 Series and operates on four AA batteries.

Current versions of the Dynatel Subscriber Loop Tester 945DSP may be upgraded to the capabilities of the new unit. Contact the 3M Telecom Access Division for details.

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About 3M Telecommunications

3M Telecommunications products, technologies and services allow the world's service providers to offer high bandwidth connectivity from the central office to the customer premise with complete network solutions. The company's focus consists of technologies and services in telecom access, enterprise networks and optical transport systems and components for telecommunications OEMs. With a 40-year history in the telecommunications industry, 3M serves customers that include every major telecommunications service provider in the world.

About 3M

3M is a \$16 billion diversified technology company with leading positions in consumer and office; display and graphics; electronics and telecommunications; health care; industrial; safety, security and protection services; transportation and other businesses. Headquartered in St. Paul, Minnesota, the company has operations in more than 60 countries and serves customers in nearly 200 countries. 3M is one of the 30 stocks that make up the Dow Jones Industrial Average and also is a component of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. Additional information about the company is available on the Internet at www.3M.com.

For more information about the improved 3M Dynatel Subscriber Loop Tester 945DSP, please contact 3M at 6801 River Place Blvd., Austin, TX, USA, 78726-9000, or call 800-426-8688.

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