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3M Releases New Dynatel Modular Test Platform

AUSTIN, Texas – January 11, 2006 – The new Dynatel advanced modular system 965AMS from 3M provides full-featured testing for the triple play – voice, video and data. In addition, it has a bigger, brighter display that features 3M Vikuiti display enhancement technology; a user-friendly, icon-based, graphical user interface; and rugged, field-swappable modules. This next-generation technology platform from 3M is available with an optional ADSL2+ service interface modem module, and, in the future, will feature additional hardware and software options to support testing of VDSL2, FTTx fiber test, VoIP and other triple play technologies yet to come.

“Worldwide, our customers are concerned about losing their knowledge base because of rapidly changing workforce demographics and are looking to 3M Dynatel products to provide them a knowledge-based expert pair test,” says Dave Senum, market development manager, 3M diagnostics test business. “This rules-based software inference engine includes expert system analysis of test results with advice on how to repair or locate faults, making it easy to use and requiring minimal training for testing professionals. It also allows automatic test of active and inactive lines with pass/fail limits.”

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Adds Senum, “Our customers really want a modular system with modules that are field swappable from unit to unit. The 3M modules are not keyed to individual units but can be shared from base unit to base unit. This gives them the flexibility they demand to allow one truck roll to get the job done.”

The hand-held 965AMS is housed in a lightweight, ergonomically designed case for portability and ease of handling. It weighs only five pounds and has a large display that is highly visible, even in bright sunlight. The unit’s rugged, waterproof design meets or exceeds the stringent IEC IP67 immersion test and five-foot drop test for reliable outdoor use in all weather conditions.

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