

STEATITE PARTNERS WITH ROPER MOBILE TECHNOLOGY TO PROVIDE SWITCHBACK PC IN EUROPE

Rugged Switchback PC Delivers Connectivity, Mobility and Modular Technology for Military and Industrial Applications

Steatite, a leading provider of rugged mobile computing products, announces its partnership with Roper Mobile Technology to bring the SwitchBack PC to the European market. Developed by Roper Mobile Technology, the SwitchBack is the world's first rugged UMPC (Ultra Mobile Personal Computer) specially designed for use in harsh military and industrial environments.

Available immediately through Steatite, the SwitchBack PC is the most powerful version yet. Operating on a Windows XP or Windows Vista platform, it utilizes a 1.0 GHz Intel® Celeron® M processor, 2GB of 400 MHz DDR2 and up to 120GB of optional storage. It has passed rigorous environmental testing and meets military specification MIL-STD-810F and IEC 60529 standard IP-67 for operating in conditions of extreme shock, vibration, temperature and immersion.

The standard SwitchBack PC comes with a one year standard warranty and is equipped with a condensed QWERTY keyboard, removable hard drive, hot swappable battery and a 5.6-inch WSVGA sunlight viewable touch screen with stylus. Wireless capabilities like Bluetooth 2.0 and Wi-Fi b/g are standard and GPS can be integrated. The newest SwitchBack also has a patent-pending Status & Control feature that enables remote diagnostics for automatic troubleshooting in the field. This first of its kind diagnostic tool intelligently manages and controls vital functions of the PC including:

- Primary & secondary battery levels
- Temperature fluctuation
- Accelerometer to measure drops
- Power consumption
- Input and output shortages

The Backpack Program

The SwitchBack's patent-pending Backpack Technology allows the user to incorporate multiple devices into a single Backpack such as a digital camera, biometric security, an RFID reader or any combination of I/O options.

The Backpack (standard or custom) attaches onto the back of the SwitchBack and interfaces to the computer through a special ultra-wide, high-speed connection to the Switchback. This PC's design is so flexible almost any electronic peripheral can be designed to interface with it.

Today, Steatite customers can order the Standard Backpack which includes:

- ✓ Type II PCMCIA
- ✓ USB 2.0 Port
- ✓ Serial Port
- ✓ VGA output
- ✓ Audio Line In
- ✓ Audio Line out

Steatite can also works closely with its customers to provide customized Backpacks that are right for them.

The SwitchBack PC and the Standard Backpack are available immediately in Europe through Steatite. For more information, visit www.steatite.co.uk.

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About Steatite:

Established in 1930, Steatite supplies a wide range of products including industrial batteries, rugged notebooks and PDAs, as well as a variety of frequency and timing products, notably a complete range of GPS timing and synchronisation systems, custom-designed by Steatite's in-house technical team. Steatite's in-house team is particularly skilled in developing custom-designed solutions for petrochemical, telecommunications, government and military applications. Steatite is a group company of Solid State Supplies plc.

About Roper Mobile Technology:

Roper Mobile Technology is the leading provider of fully rugged, highly customizable computer solutions for challenging environments. Designed from the ground up, the Company's full line of rugged mobile computing solutions include lightweight handhelds, Tablets, Ultra Mobile PCs and fixed mount computers. Located in Tempe, Arizona, Roper Mobile Technology is newly formed and draws from over 35 years of combined experience through the joining of DAP Technologies, LTD, JLT Mobile Computers, Inc. and Black Diamond Advanced Technology.

Roper Mobile's highly customizable and versatile products bring efficiency and reliability to mobile data communications for customers in a breadth of industries including public safety, military, warehousing, mining, construction and transport. Roper Mobile's hardware solutions are available through certified partners and resellers worldwide. Roper Mobile Technology has corporate offices in the U.S., Canada and the U.K., and sales offices worldwide. Roper Mobile Technology is wholly-owned subsidiary of Roper Industries (NYSE:ROP), a global and diversified provider of industrial products and solutions for global niche markets. For more information, go to www.ropermobile.com.

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