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## **SYMBOL SHIPS THE WORLD'S FIRST WI-FI CERTIFIED 802.11b COMPACT FLASH WIRELESS LAN ADAPTER**

### **The Symbol Wireless Networker™ Brings 11Mbps Wireless Internet to Popular Pocket PCs and Notebook Computers**

HOLTSVILLE, NY, October 1, 2001 – Symbol Technologies, Inc. (NYSE:SBL), today announced that its Wireless Networker – the first Wi-Fi certified wireless CompactFlash™ adapter for Microsoft Windows Powered Pocket PCs and notebook PCs – is now available through popular online consumer technology E-tailers and Scan Source, Symbol's largest distributor.

Symbol is the first company to ever receive Wi-Fi certification for an 802.11b wireless LAN adapter in the "Type I" CompactFlash form factor. Wireless Networker interoperability with multiple Wi-Fi vendors gives mobile professionals around the globe ultimate flexibility to wirelessly connect to the Internet, from the home, office, or public locations. Pocket PC users can enjoy fast wireless connectivity to surf the Internet, read and send email, access networks and data base information, send instant messages and remotely synchronize with networked PCs for file transfer to their small hand held device.

ScanSource ([www.scansource.com/contact.asp](http://www.scansource.com/contact.asp)), Symbol's largest North\_American and South American distributor, will be distributing Wireless Networker and has aligned the following E-tailers where consumers can now purchase the product:

CDW	<a href="http://www.cdw.com">www.cdw.com</a>
Insight Direct	<a href="http://www.insight.com">www.insight.com</a>
MicroWarehouse	<a href="http://www.warehouse.com">www.warehouse.com</a>
Mobile Planet	<a href="http://www.mobileplanet.com">www.mobileplanet.com</a>
PC Connection	<a href="http://www.pcconnection.com">www.pcconnection.com</a>

In Europe, the product will be initially available from Symbol's UK based distributor, A2000 Distribution ([www.a2000d.com/Wireless%20Networker.htm](http://www.a2000d.com/Wireless%20Networker.htm)).

"We are pleased Symbol is delivering Wi-Fi wireless connectivity for the Pocket PC user community in the CompactFlash form factor", said Andy Haon, director of product planning for the Mobility Division at Microsoft Corp. "The significantly small CF form factor of Symbol's Wireless Networker will benefit Pocket PC customers and provides a unique solution for high speed wireless LAN networking. Pocket PC customers will now be able to take advantage of Wi-Fi products, like the Wireless Networker, for their wireless Internet needs at home, in the office or on the road."

## **Mobile or Portable Device Compatibility**

The Wireless Networker supports Pocket PCs with CompactFlash Type I/II slots, with ongoing software development to support notebook and ultra portable PCs based on the Windows operating system. Specific Pocket PCs include: Compaq iPAQ 3000 series with CF Jacket accessory, or PC Card Jacket Accessory and a CF-to-PC Card adapter; HP Jornada 520, 540, 560, and 720 series, and Casio CASSIOPEIA E-125. Specific PCs will include Windows 95, Windows 98, Windows Millennium Edition, and Windows 2000-based notebook or ultra-portable PCs with a CF-to-PC card adapter when no CF slot is present. For Wireless Networker software driver updates and notices, please go to: [www.symbol.com/wirelessflash](http://www.symbol.com/wirelessflash)

## **Symbol's Advanced Mobility Features**

The Symbol Wireless Networker deploys advanced power management. The product uses Power Save Polling (PSP) to extend battery life by allowing the radio to idle when not active. In addition, to prevent accidental battery drain, the *Suspend on WLAN* feature allows Pocket PCs to automatically turn off the Wireless Networker based on screen activity when data is not being transmitted. The Symbol product also includes very user-friendly set-up menu and performance monitoring features.

Symbol's Compact Flash wireless LAN adapter offers fast wireless connectivity and high performance with data rates up to 11 Mbps, with automatic rate scaling to 5.5, 2 and 1 Mbps, to maximize range connectivity, which goes up to 300 feet/91 meters in a standard office environment. The Wireless Networker also ships with advanced security mechanisms and supports 40 and 128 bit WEP encryption, with ongoing firmware development to support Kerberos Version 5.0 when used with Symbol's Spectrum24 High Rate wireless LAN infrastructure.

The Wireless Networker is now available with an MSRP of US\$179.00.

## **About Symbol**

Symbol Technologies, Inc., winner of the National Medal of Technology, is a global leader in mobile data transaction systems, providing innovative customer solutions based on wireless local area networking for data and voice, application-specific mobile computing and bar code data capture. Symbol's wireless information appliances connect the physical world of people on the move, packages, paper and shipping pallets, to information systems and the Internet. Today, some 10 million Symbol bar code scanners, mobile computers and wireless LANs are utilized worldwide in markets ranging from retailing to transportation and distribution logistics, manufacturing, parcel and postal delivery, government, healthcare and education. Symbol's systems and products are used to increase productivity from the factory floor to the

retail store, to the enterprise and out to the home. Information about Symbol is available at [www.symbol.com](http://www.symbol.com) and 1-800-722-6234.

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