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Professional recorders for work & play – with voice-control and PCM

Olympus' new voice recorders speak for themselves The DM-Hi Series: DM-5 and DM-3

Hamburg, June 2010 – Even by Olympus' high standards, the new professional DM-Hi Series voice recorders are state-of-the-art, combining CD-quality multi-format playback and recording with a host of sophisticated features. Voice Guidance, Voice Command, Text to Speech and Visual Index make the DM-5 *the* recorder for discerning users, including the print disabled. Thanks to linear PCM, MP3 and WMA compatibility, both DM-Hi Series models are ideal for anyone who needs crystal-clear sound anytime, anywhere – from business professionals and journalists to photographers and students. Users can enjoy a wide variety of media for work and leisure, including audio recordings, music, audio books and podcasts. The new series matches top media players feature by feature with up to 8GB of flash memory, a microSD slot, versatile recording options, multilingual menus, a large backlit colour display and rechargeable battery. What's more, the supplied Olympus Sonority file management software is compatible with both PCs and Macs. The DM-5 and DM-3 voice recorders are available from 1 June 2010.

Voice control

The DM-Hi Series' ergonomic buttons, large colour display and cutting-edge technology guarantee fast, intuitive navigation through files and functions. The DM-5 offers unique voice-guided menus for the print disabled or people who don't have time to read, for example when they are driving to a business meeting. The Voice Guidance feature can be set to automatically read out vital information like mode, format, file name and file number – and even the contents of .txt text documents. What's more,

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Olympus' voice recognition solution and multilingual menus ensure anyone can search for files or create to-do lists and calendar entries simply by speaking to their recorder. Working closely with organisations like Dyslexia International, Olympus has made the DM-5 the ultimate portable voice recorder for the print disabled with features like Key Guidance and Jump By Page. The DM-5 gives users of all reading abilities the potential to access and share written content – at an extremely competitive price.

Audio excellence

The DM-Hi Series ensures users capture everything they need in the best possible audio quality, with no loss of crucial detail. Both models feature top-drawer Olympus audio processing technology for CD-level recording. There is a choice of three popular recording formats, including super-high quality linear PCM, and a variety of recording modes for different acoustic conditions – from an intimate business meeting to a university lecture. For example, Low Cut Filter and Noise Cancel both eliminate distracting background noise like air conditioning and projector fans to highlight the speaker's voice. When it comes time to play back audio files, Euphony sound enhancement expands the sound space to make the recording more realistic.

Comprehensive file management

The DM-Hi series comes with ample internal flash memory, a microSD card slot to expand memory capacity, and a long-lasting rechargeable lithium-ion battery. This gives users all the space and time they need to capture and store recordings, podcasts, music and audio books, including audible .aa files. The DM-3 can store (but not display) images, while the Visual Index feature on the 8GB DM-5 lets users assign images to specific files so they can browse by photo rather than file name (images are easily transferred to the recorder from a camera via USB cable). The supplied Olympus Sonority software lets users organise, edit, combine, divide and rename files on either a PC or Mac – or subscribe to RSS, podcasts and series updates via

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the Internet. With the optional Sonority Plus version, they can customise the recorder's menu, write audio CDs and convert files to MP3.

The 4GB DM-3 and 8GB DM-5 will be available for retail prices of €249 and €299 respectively.

Outstanding new features of the DM-3 and DM-5:

- Multiple media and format recording and playback – for PCM, MP3 and WMA audio, podcasts, music and audio books
- Unique text-to-speech Voice Guidance that even reads out .txt files – for the print disabled and/or business people when reading isn't possible (DM-5 only)
- DAISY 2.02-compatible – for the print disabled (DM-5 only)
- Voice Command – for creating calendar entries and more by voice only (DM-5 only)
- Visual Index – for assigning images to files or wallpaper (DM-5 only)
- Audible-compatible (.aa formats 2, 3 and 4) – for easier storage and navigation of audio books. Enables one-file storage, bookmarks, chapter marks, speech optimised compression and additional information such as description and author
- Rechargeable lithium-ion battery – for long battery life
- Large 2.2-inch backlit colour QVGA TFT display – for easy navigation
- Enhanced File search function – for quickly finding files
- Euphony sound enhancement – for more realistic playback
- Timer recording – for hands-free, pre-set operation

Packaging content:

- Stereo earphones
- USB cable
- Conversion cable for image transfer (DM-5 only)

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- Carrying case
- Hand strap
- Olympus Sonority CD-ROM
- Li-ion rechargeable battery
- Instruction Manual

Optional accessories:

- Li-ion battery charger
- AC adapter

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