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MINOLTA INTRODUCES DiIMAGE SCAN MULTI PRO FILM SCANNER

New DiIMAGE scanner enhances multi-format film scanning with 16-bit A/D, 4,800 dpi scanning, and Digital ICE³™ technology for automatic image enhancement

San Francisco, CA (September 25, 2001) – Designed for professional photographers, photo enthusiasts and business professionals in the health care, industrial, law enforcement, educational and printing fields, Minolta offers the new DiIMAGE Scan Multi PRO film scanner, introduced today at PC EXPO.

This new multi-format dual interface (Ultra-SCSI and IEEE 1394 “FireWire”), compact film scanner features high-resolution 4,800 dpi scans with 16-bit A/D conversion and a 4.8 dynamic range that preserves subtle tones and details. Combined with precision autofocus and Color Matching System, a unique glass-less Universal Holder, and enhanced batch scanning capability, the Minolta DiIMAGE Scan Multi PRO delivers professional high-quality images while reducing total work time.

“The new DiIMAGE Scan Multi PRO builds upon the success of its predecessor, the DiIMAGE Scan Multi II, by adding features that we know our customers want,” said Jon Sienkiewicz, vice president, digital imaging products, Minolta Corporation’s Consumer Products Group. “High speed interfaces, higher resolution, enhanced multi-format scanning features, and intuitive software all add up to major improvements in productivity and work flow.”

With Applied Science Fiction™’s (ASF™) Digital ICE³ (pronounced Digital ICE “cubed”) technology incorporated in the Minolta DiIMAGE Scan Multi PRO, users save time and money by producing professional-quality images without resorting to time-consuming digital retouching, or by hiring outside digital service bureaus. This technology eliminates scratches on photographic film or slides, restores faded colors and improves on a photograph’s overall appearance by minimizing grain, quickly and automatically, during the scanning process, saving hours of manual work.

The Minolta DiIMAGE Scan Multi PRO is designed to scan 35mm and medium-format (120/220) films, while an optional Multi Format Set enables scanning of Transparent Electronic Microscope (TEM) film, microfilm in aperture cards, 16mm film, Minox, and 24 x 65mm panoramic format.

The DiIMAGE Scan Multi PRO’s compact size – smaller than its predecessor, the Scan Multi II – allows for easy desktop use.

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The scanner's driver software controls professional scanning with ease with its graphic user interface. It allows a variety of flexible image corrections, while keeping the quality of the scanned images high. Users can also customize any setting, allowing for flexibility and versatility, and user-specific customizations can be saved and recalled easily with the Custom Wizard.

*For more detailed information on this Minolta film scanner, please refer to the
DiMAGE Scan Multi PRO backgrounder.*

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