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MINOLTA INTRODUCES DiMAGE SCAN ELITE II FILM SCANNER

Successor to the Dimâge Scan Elite, this new film scanner features advanced performance and automatic image restoration capabilities with ASFTM's Digital ICE^{3TM} technology

San Francisco, CA (September 25, 2001) – Minolta Corporation introduces at Seybold 2001 today the new Minolta DiMAGE Scan Elite II film scanner. Easy enough for amateurs to use yet powerful enough to please demanding advanced amateurs and professionals, the new DiMAGE Scan Elite II provides an economical and versatile way to scan, digitize and quickly restore 35mm and Advanced Photo System (APS) film.

The new Minolta DiMAGE Scan Elite II is a dual-format, dual interface (USB and IEEE 1394 “FireWire”), compact film scanner featuring high-resolution 2,820 dpi scans with 16-bit A/D conversion and a 4.8 dynamic range that accurately preserves subtle tones and details in scanned images.

“The new DiMAGE Scan Elite II builds upon the success of its predecessor, the Dimâge Scan Elite, by adding features that we know our customers want,” said Jon Sienkiewicz, vice president, digital imaging products, Minolta Corporation’s Consumer Products Group. “By incorporating ASF’s Digital ICE³ technology into a high-quality, high resolution Minolta film Scanner, the DiMAGE Scan Elite II provides the superior level of scanning accuracy and quality required for a variety of applications.”

Designed for both novices and advanced users, the user-friendly DiMAGE Scan Elite II driver software offers flexible scanning control. Minolta’s Easy Scan Utility will allow new users to fully automate the scanning process, while advanced image manipulations can be achieved step by step. And users at all levels will appreciate the bundled Adobe *Photoshop Elements* software.

With Applied Science FictionTM’s (ASF) Digital ICE³ (pronounced Digital ICE “cubed”) technology incorporated in the Minolta DiMAGE Scan Elite II, 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.

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For more detailed information on this Minolta film scanner, please refer to the DiMAGE Scan Elite II backgrounder.

Minolta Corporation

Minolta Corporation, headquartered in Ramsey, New Jersey, is the largest subsidiary of Minolta Co. Ltd. of Osaka, Japan, a leading manufacturer of cameras, business equipment, radiometric instruments and planetariums. Minolta Corporation's Consumer Products Group (CPG) markets 35 mm film and Advanced Photo System cameras, digital cameras, binoculars, accessory lenses, photographic light meters, 35mm and Advanced Photo System film scanners and other consumer products. Minolta is the exclusive distributor of *Cokin* filters.

The corporation's Business Products Group (BPG) markets digital and analog office equipment. Products include black-and-white copiers, digital black and white printer/copiers, plain-paper laser facsimile machines, digital color printer/copiers, micrographic systems, document management software, and related office equipment

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