

Press Release

EICON TECHNOLOGY ONE OF TWO ISDN MODEM PRODUCTS

TO GAIN MICROSOFT DISTINCTION

Eicon Technology's DIVA T/A PC Card has been tested and approved by Microsoft Windows Hardware Quality Labs (WHQL), and can now carry the 'Designed for Microsoft Windows 95' logo. The distinction signals to customers that Eicon's product is designed to give them extra benefits when run on the popular Windows 95 operating system.

The Designed for Microsoft Windows 95 Logo was developed by Microsoft to help end-users easily identify hardware and software products designed specifically for the Windows 95 operating system. Users can mix and match hardware and software products designated with the Logo and be assured that the products will take advantage of the new technologies integrated into the Microsoft Windows family of 32-bit operating systems.

Eicon's DIVA T/A card is one of only two products presently listed in the Modem/ISDN section of the Microsoft WHQL web site that have passed the rigorous testing. It is listed under the category "Modem/ISDN" at (<http://www.microsoft.com/hwtest/>) in the Windows 95 HCL.

"This is a coup for Eicon that shows our commitment to excellence and our partnership with Microsoft," said Alex Gostin, Technical Marketing Manager for Eicon Asia-Pacific. "The fact there is only one other product in the world apart from our DIVA T/A card currently listed by Microsoft in this category says a lot about the quality of our product."

According to Microsoft, both hardware and software are severely tested before rights to use the Logo are granted. "While the Logo program is not a certification program or a guarantee of quality, each Logo'd product is tested against and must pass a rigorous set of technical requirements before the Logo license is granted," explained Nabeel Youakim, Sales Marketing Director for Microsoft Australia. "Eicon has managed to meet the requirements of such testing."

Eicon's DIVA T/A PC Card is also in the process of testing for the 'Designed for Microsoft Windows NT 4.0' accreditation. Results from this testing are expected early next month.

What is the DIVA T/A?

Eicon's Diva Terminal Adaptor (T/A) allows users of laptop computers to connect to the Internet or to corporate backbone networks as simply as if they were configuring a modem, but at ISDN line speeds of up to 128 kilobits per second.

The most recent addition to its DIVA Family of ISDN adaptors, the DIVA T/A appears as a standard modem to the host system, which could be a PC, Macintosh or any other device that can support PC Card (PCMCIA) modems.

About Eicon Technology

Eicon Technology is a worldwide provider of connectivity solutions for personal computers. The company develops and supports hardware and software products for connecting PC-based servers, desktop PCs and notebook PCs to corporate networks, IBM host computers and the Internet. The products are sold in more than 70 countries through an extensive distribution network. Eicon is a founding member of the Vendors ISDN Association (VIA). For more information, visit Eicon Technology on the World Wide Web at <http://www.eicon.com>