

PPCP Introduces Combination 56K Modem / Ethernet PC Card with Unique Digital Phone Interface

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Notebook users can now connect via digital or analogue phones directly, giving complete communications flexibility worldwide

Portable connectivity specialist PPCP is now shipping a combination 56Kbps modem and 10BaseT / 2 Ethernet PC Card which allows users to easily and flexibly connect to both digital and analogue phone sockets through a Digital Phone Interface (DPI) -- giving notebook PC users almost total freedom for remote communications.

The Jack of Hearts PC Card from Ositech combines a V.90 modem and 10BaseT or 10Base2 Ethernet adapter. According to PPCP, the card's DPI feature is unique in allowing users to connect directly to the digital telephone systems found in most business and travel environments. Connecting conventional cards to digital phone sockets can damage them beyond repair, so in response many PC Card modems include limited digital line protection. However, this does not solve the basic problem of mobile users being unable to connect via digital systems.

DPI enables users to connect to both ordinary analogue phone sockets, and also to digital PBX keysets via the handset socket of almost any desktop telephone unit, enabling the user to dial through the digital PBX. This also means users need not carry multiple country-specific phone adapters when travelling internationally.

As an Ethernet adapter, the Jack of Hearts card automatically senses the LAN medium to which it's connected, and configures itself accordingly. The PC Card supports all of the major operating environments, including Windows NT, Windows 95 and 98, Unixware, SCO Unix and Macintosh.

The card also supports GSM and analogue cellular capability, and can be upgraded to give data working with popular handsets from leading manufacturers including Nokia and Ericsson. The card automatically detects when it is connected via a digital telephone system, and is supplied with a software wizard which automatically guides users through the connection process to digital phones, making connection easy and intuitive.

John Nolan, managing director of PPCP commented: "The Jack of Hearts card gives mobile professionals the capability to communicate in almost any office environment, as DPI delivers almost universal dial-up connectivity. It's a tremendous problem-solving product for

corporate users."

The Jack of Hearts modem / Ethernet adaptor is priced at £191 RRP, excluding VAT. GSM upgrades are priced from £87.

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