

# WESTERN DIGITAL SHIPS FIRST 100 GB HIGH-PERFORMANCE DESKTOP HARD DRIVE

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7,200-RPM Spin Speed Delivers the Top Performance that Users of High Capacity Demand

Western Digital Corporation, a leader in personal computing storage, today announced the availability of the highest capacity high-performance desktop EIDE hard drive - a 7,200 RPM three-platter model offering 100 GB of digital storage. Shipments of the 100 GB hard drives are expected to begin this month.

The new WD Caviar™ is the latest result of Western Digital's charter to maximise desktop computer performance for all users, especially those who take full advantage of massive personal storage for activities such as sophisticated business applications, digital video editing, music, movies and photography.

"Western Digital's focus on the desktop market's 7,200 RPM performance sector resulted in a share leadership position for the company the first calendar quarter of 2001," said Mark Geenen, founder of market research firm TrendFOCUS. "This high-performance segment continues to grow at faster rates than the 5,400 RPM market and Western Digital is in the right position to capitalise on this trend."

The 7,200 RPM spin speed improves overall drive performance, which in turn, improves desktop computing performance. The new 100 GB WD Caviar hard drives can store a combination of 1,800 digital photos, 4 hours of digital video, 40 hours of digital music downloads, 18 digital games, and 30 software programs.

"Western Digital continues to hold the leading market share of 7,200 RPM drives by delivering hard drives with the unique combination of exceptional performance and high capacity," said Richard E. Rutledge, Western Digital Vice President of Marketing. The WD Caviar 7,200 RPM family now includes 30, 40, 60, 80 and 100 GB capacity models, expanding Western Digital's overall

product mix.

Corporate users benefit from the storage and performance strides Western Digital brings to the local storage desktop market. Businesses need local storage capacity that can manage the heavy data traffic required by large business applications and the rich, digital media content that is delivered with increasing frequency to desktop computers via broadband Internet connections.

## About Western Digital

Western Digital, one of the storage industry's pioneers and long-time leaders, provides products and services for people and organisations that collect manage and use digital information. The Company's core business produces reliable, high-performance hard drives that keep users' data close-at-hand and secure from loss.

Applying its data storage core competencies to emerging markets, Western Digital's new ventures meet the increasing demand for innovative information management solutions arising from the proliferation of the Internet and broadband services. Keen Personal Media helps cable TV MSOs build their brand and revenue by providing personal video recording technology and services. Connex designs Network Attached Storage products that enable IT managers to quickly expand network storage. SANavigator develops and markets software that simplifies the central management of Storage Area Networks. SageTree is a software company providing enterprise manufacturing and supply chain analytic applications.

Western Digital was founded in 1970. The Company's storage products are marketed to leading systems manufacturers and selected resellers under the Western Digital brand name. Visit the Investor section of the Company's Web site <http://www.westerndigital.com> to access a variety of financial and investor information.

This release contains forward-looking statements, including statements relating to the growth of the high performance segment and the availability of the WD Caviar 100 GB drive. These forward-looking statements are based on current management expectations, and actual results may differ materially as

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