

## M-Audio Launches Pulsar II Microphone

Available in matched pairs, this new condenser extends M-Audio's award-winning mic line

Los Angeles, CA, June 25, 2007 — M-Audio, a leading provider of creative tools for musicians, is proud to announce shipment of the Pulsar™ II small-capsule condenser microphone. The unit replaces the company's acclaimed Pulsar small-diaphragm cardioid condenser microphone and takes its design to an even higher level.

The ¾"-diameter, 6-micron Mylar evaporated-gold diaphragm of the Pulsar II microphone delivers excellent sensitivity, especially for higher frequencies. Where many of today's mic capsule backplates use metallized plastic, the Pulsar II features a solid brass backplate for natural, transparent sound. This capsule design is ideal for many studio and stage applications including drum overheads, acoustic guitar, piano, close-miking strings and woodwinds, room miking and more.

The Pulsar II was designed in the U.S.A. by veteran microphone engineers and hand-assembled to exacting standards by the same team that created the Sputnik—winner of *Pro Audio Review's* Reviewer's Pick and *Electronic Musician's* prestigious Editors' Choice Award. These precision microphones exhibit quality that is regularly compared to that of vintage classics. While consulting on the design process, several top Los Angeles session engineers likened the Pulsar II to the Neumann KM84—and its replacement KM184—only with more open top end similar to Schoeps.

Several new features allow the Pulsar II to adapt to many recording and live situations. The diaphragm is thermally treated to yield an additional 2dB SPL over the model's predecessor. The -10dB switchable attenuation pad enables users to capture higher SPLs. The 12dB/octave high-pass filter also reduces low-frequency rumble and the potential for overloading mic preamps with low-frequency signals.

Transformerless Class-A FET electronics combine with the physical design properties of the Pulsar II to deliver excellent specs including 20Hz-20kHz frequency response; sensitivity of -37dB @ 1kHz, 0dB=1V/Pa (13.8 mV/Pa); max SPL of 134dB at 0.5% THD, 144dB with -10dB pad; and equivalent noise of 16dBA. The product also includes a wooden box, windscreens, mic clip and manual.

The Pulsar II is available individually or as a matched set with only ±1dB variation from each other. This makes the Pulsar II microphones ideal for stereo room miking, stereo overheads and similar applications where balance and imaging are key. The Pulsar II matched pair includes a metal stereo mounting bracket for XY recording.

"The Pulsar II is a testament to M-Audio's commitment to making excellent microphones," says Adam Castillo, marketing director at M-Audio. "Its unique character will add new options to even the most sophisticated mic locker. Just as the Sputnik is well on its way to becoming a 'go-to' tool for many professional engineers, we expect the Pulsar II will soon become a studio essential."

The Pulsar II is currently shipping and carries an MSRP of US\$199.95. The boxed matched pairs are currently expected to ship in the third quarter of 2007 at an MSRP of US\$399.95.

### About M-Audio

M-Audio, a part of Avid Technology, Inc., is a leading provider of innovative tools for today's computer musicians and audio professionals. Founded on the belief that cost should never stand in the way of creativity, the company's products deliver the latest production and performance technology at accessible price points. M-Audio has received numerous industry accolades, including Music Trades' "Company of the Year" and "Fastest Growing Company" distinctions. The company's award-winning and comprehensive product line includes PCI-, FireWire- and USB-based audio interfaces; USB/MIDI keyboard controllers, stage pianos, microphones and preamps, reference monitors; and DJ tools. M-Audio was acquired by Avid Technology Inc. in August 2004 and is now part of the Avid audio division along with Digidesign and Sibelius.

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