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USB.007 USB STEREO CONDENSER MICROPHONE NOW SHIPPING

Ease-of-use and broad spatial imaging characterize new offering

El Segundo, CA... MXL Microphones, the professional audio division of Marshall Electronics, is pleased to announce that the USB.007 USB Stereo Condenser Microphone is now shipping. Designed with ease-of-use as a high priority, the new USB.007 features two gold diaphragm capsules with an X/Y pick-up pattern and delivers a big, rich sound with excellent spatial imaging. Unlike most condenser microphones, however, the USB.007 is a USB (Universal Serial Bus) instrument that connects directly to a computer without the need for external mic preamps. Now, anyone requiring high quality, professional sound on their computer can record music or dialog by simply connecting to a standard USB port. Featuring support for USB 1.1 and 2.0, this exceptionally easy-to-use microphone even includes gain adjustment settings via the built-in three position attenuation switch.

Working with the new USB.007 USB couldn't be easier. As a plug and play device for both Windows and Macintosh, it requires no special drivers whatsoever. Simply connect the microphone's USB cable to a computer's USB port, and installation is quick and effortless. As a stereo microphone, the USB.007 USB is ideal for location recording. The microphone is optimized for capturing a wide range of musical performances—both vocal and instrumental—and delivers stunning realism with broad spatial imaging, thanks to its 90-degree X/Y stereo pick-up pattern. The USB.007 USB also has a maximum SPL (Sound Pressure Level) rating of 137 dB—making it an excellent choice for capturing loud instruments such as trumpet, saxophone, or electric guitar. With the new USB.007 USB, capturing live performances can easily be accomplished with the microphone and a stand, a notebook computer, plus a pair of headphones—simplicity re-defined.

Unlike electrets or dynamic microphones typically used for computer work, the USB.007 USB has an extremely smooth, natural sound that is characteristic of what one would expect to hear from a professional recording product. The USB.007 USB features twin gold capsules (22 mm each) and this pressure-gradient stereo condenser microphone features a 20 Hz-20 kHz frequency response. This

exceptional microphone also provides a 3-position, switchable attenuation pad with settings for Hi (0 dB), Medium (-5 dB), and Lo (-10 dB), making it easy to configure the microphone to virtually any sound source. The digital section of the microphone features a 16-bit Delta Sigma A/D converter with sampling rates of 44.1 kHz and 48 kHz. Protecting the instrument's capsule is a heavy-duty wire mesh grill with an integrated pop filter, and behind the wire mesh, there is an LED activity light to aid users in properly orienting the microphone toward the sound source.

The new USB.007 USB ships with a travel case, a desktop microphone stand, a 10-foot USB cable, a windscreen, an owner's manual, and an applications guide.

Wayne Freeman, MXL's Director of Sales and Marketing, reflected on the company's new offering, "Few items make as dramatic an impact on a recording as the microphone, and the new USB.007 USB not only sounds terrific, but its ease of operation must be experienced to be fully appreciated. For capturing live performances, this new offering is ideal, as its polar pattern enables the microphone to deliver a broad spatial stereo image. The ability to actually hear the placement of performers throughout the stereo field is, unquestionably, one of this microphone's most significant attributes."

The USB.007 USB Stereo Condenser Microphone carries an MSRP of \$229.95 and is available now.

About MXL

MXL is a leading manufacturer of professional audio products for the music recording, broadcast, post production, and live sound markets. Additional information on the USB.007 USB Stereo Condenser Microphone and all MXL microphones can be found at www.mxlmics.com.