

For details, contact:

**Chris Christner**  
**Director of Marketing Communications**

Phone: +1 301.975.1000

**For Immediate Release**

January 27, 2006

### Patton Expands EtherBITS™ Device Server Line

*Patton's new EtherBITS™ single-port solutions offer low-cost 10Base-T and WiFi options for reliable network connections to RS-232 devices.*

*EtherBITS™...Connect with Confidence*

**Gaithersburg, MD:** Patton Electronics—the leader in network-access, connectivity, and VoIP solutions—has expanded their [EtherBITS™ line](#) of serial device servers with two low-cost options for connecting RS-232 devices to Ethernet networks. The [Model 2232](#) provides a wired 10Base-T connection while the [Model 2211](#) delivers a wireless IEEE 802.11b WiFi connection. Both models support open-standard TCP/IP with serial RS-232 data rates up to 115 kbps.

The EtherBITS™ family of single-port serial device servers offers network managers reliable and cost-effective solutions for connecting a vast range of serial devices (payment terminals, access-card readers, meters, sensors, etc.) to the Internet or a private IP network.

Today's announcement follows the release of Patton's [EtherBITS™ Model 2285](#) last month and expands the EtherBITS™ family to a total of four members. Patton's three new EtherBITS™ device servers add new options to Patton's popular and tiny-yet-powerful [Model 2120](#) single-port terminal server, building on their 20 years of experience in developing network-connectivity solutions.

"Patton truly appreciates our enthusiastic community of loyal customers," said John Grant, product manager for the EtherBITS™ brand. "Giving our customers more choices that meet Patton's high quality standards is just one way we can show our appreciation."

The EtherBITS™ Model 2232 includes PPPoE, which supports broadband DSL connection to the Internet or a private IP network. The EtherBITS™ Model 2211 supports both Ad Hoc and Infrastructure modes as well as WEP security. The new EtherBITS™ units are easy to configure and operate, offering such versatile management options as serial console, Telnet, and a built-in windows GUI utility.

All EtherBITS™ Models include a built-in DHCP client to streamline installation by automatically obtaining an IP address from a networked DHCP server. With built-in COM-port redirection software, the new EtherBITS™ Models avoid the expense of an additional software license, which is often required to connect a device server to a PC's COM port.

## **About Patton**

Patton is a multi-national manufacturer of voice and data-communications equipment for carrier, enterprise, and industrial networks worldwide. Incorporated in 1984, Patton markets a catalog of more than 500 products including SmartNode™ VoIP solutions that support SIP, H.323, and MGCP for analog and ISDN telephony; ForeFront™ multi-service access infrastructure solutions for TDM and IP service delivery (T1/E1, G.SHDSL, xDSL, dial-up); IPLink™ CPE solutions for last-mile/local-loop access (WAN routers, modems, remote access servers, NTUs, CSU/DSUs); CopperLink™ Ethernet Extenders; EtherBITS™ device servers; and a full range of network-connectivity Micro-Products (interface converters, short-range modems, multiplexers, surge protectors).

For more information or to request a free datacom catalog, please contact [sales@patton.com](mailto:sales@patton.com).

### **Patton Electronics Company**

7622 Rickenbacker Drive  
Gaithersburg, MD 20879 USA  
Tel: +1 301.975.1000  
Fax: +1 301.869.9293  
Email: [marketing@patton.com](mailto:marketing@patton.com)  
Web: <http://www.patton.com/>

-END-