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NEW VERIFIT® FUNCTIONS KEY PART OF AUDIOSCAN® V2.2 SOFTWARE RELEASE

March 31, 2004 – Salt Lake City -- Audioscan (Dorchester, Ontario), manufacturer of the RM500 and the Verifit real-ear measurement and hearing instrument test systems, launched their latest version of Verifit software (V2.2) at this year's American Academy of Audiology Convention in Salt Lake City. In addition to several enhancements and system upgrades, this software release also adds several new functions to the Verifit's hearing instrument and real-ear testing architecture. New functions offered with the V2.2 release include:

- ***Bar Code Data Retrieval:*** With V2.2 software and an optional bar code reader, Verifit system users can now re-enter previous audiogram, UCL and RECD data by scanning bar codes that appear on the bottom of Verifit session print-outs obtained using V2.2 software.
- ***Real-Ear Directional Microphone Testing:*** The unique dual-source/simultaneous input directional test procedure, previously developed by Audioscan, has evolved into a broad-band, real-time test and has been expanded to include both test chamber and sound-field real-ear measurements. With V2.2 software and an optional rear-positioned sound-field speaker, fixed and adaptive directional microphone performance can be assessed, verified and demonstrated while the directional hearing instrument is being worn by the patient.
- ***Battery Current Drain Test:*** With V2.2 software, Verifit system users can now measure quiescent, typical and maximum battery current drain, and obtain expected battery life as part of the hearing instrument test battery.

In commenting about the V2.2 release, Audioscan's president Bill Cole stated, "The new bar code data retrieval feature is a great time-saver for our users and eliminates data entry errors. The best part is that it does so without the need for computers, cables, networks or software. As well, I think that clinicians will be particularly excited about the real-ear, real-time directional microphone test. For the first time you can actually see adaptive directional features in action, even with other DSP features operating. Having the ability to scientifically assess, verify and demonstrate directional microphone function while the aid is being worn by the patient is an unprecedented advancement in hearing aid fitting science."

For more information about the Verifit system, or the latest V2.2 software release, please contact Audioscan at 800.265.2093 or email info@audioscan.com.

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