



Technology Bridges to New Products

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SPAN introduces multi-tasking computer support carts.

Indpls., IN – Span, Inc., for 18 years, a trusted developer and manufacturer of battery chargers and battery servicing equipment, has released a series of innovative laptop computer servicing carts. These new Smart Carts provide convenient secure storage for up to 32 laptops, with two methods of restoring batteries in as little as two hours. The carts effectively become mobile computing network stations with facilities for wireless communication with a host of computers, connection to a central computer network and space for printing or other network facilities.

Available in four standard mobile configurations, the Smart Carts offer from 10 to 32 computer recharging bays as well as two special charging drawers, each capable of fully recharging batteries in as little as two hours, allowing the laptops to remain in near continuous service. Custom configurations can be derived from the four standard configurations, depending on a user's unique needs.

Sturdy steel panel construction and attractive powder-coated finish assure a durable service life. Even the largest cart configuration moves easily on silent steerable wheels that lock with a touch of a toe.

According to William Baker, president of Span, Inc., "Laptop computers, because of their convenient size and now affordable prices, are being used increasingly in classrooms at all levels, and by service organizations, commercial and military, where libraries of paper are being converted to laptop records for easy access in remote locations. These situations require laptops to be ready for virtually uninterrupted use and a secure place to store them. We designed these special carts not merely as mechanical devices but with much careful attention to the electronic, IT, and electrical details needed to maximize their usefulness in the modern computing environment."

Users simply exchange a fresh battery from the charging drawer with a spent one and they're back in service. Overnight recharging requires only sliding the laptops into individual bays where DC plugs mate with the computers' power packs stored neatly out of sight at the back of the bay and plugged into an internal AC

strip. Main AC power and digital system connections are made on a convenient panel on the back of the cart. Internal wiring and connections are neatly hidden, so nothing detracts from the cart's attractive appearance. When not in use, the computer investment is protected behind locked steel doors and easily moved to a storage area.

Span's patented battery recharging system accurately detects a battery's charge status and recharges it accordingly. This maximizes the battery output for a given charge cycle and extends battery service life. An intelligent power management system keeps the cart operating without tripping circuit breakers in plants where power circuits are limited.

The Smart Cart's top surface is also ready to accept and connect printers, scanners, or fax machines. Interior space provided for storage of paper and supplies rounds out the well thought-out cart design.

For more information on Span's new Smart Carts, visit www.spaninc.com. Or, for a free brochure, phone (317) 347-2646 or write Span, Inc., 5605 West 73rd Street, Indianapolis, IN 46278.