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Vantec Announces the NexStar® Vault Security Enclosure

The NexStar® Hard Drive Enclosure Line Expands to Introduce a New Type of Enclosure Providing Security for Consumers

FREMONT, California – July 8, 2009 – Vantec Thermal Technologies, a worldwide leader specializing in computer accessories introduces the NexStar® Vault, adding a security enclosure to their extensive line of hard drive enclosures. The Vault is designed to provide protection by enabling users to keep sensitive material within a PIN-locked partition of an enclosed hard drive.

Once a notebook hard drive is placed into the enclosure, the Vault automatically partitions the hard drive into two equal partitions. One is an unlocked partition that does not require users to enter a PIN to gain access to the files. This is where users can keep their shared files and serve as a regular external storage. The second partition, aka "Vault," is initially hidden and encrypted until the user punches in the designated 6-digit PIN. This is where users can store personal data such as financial documents and statements and keep them from unwanted access.

Security enclosures are not commonly found on the market today and with more and more personal documents becoming digitized, the NexStar® Vault gives users a safe place to keep their personal files. "I would want to keep my financial documents in an enclosure that provides additional security," claimed Tommy Hsu, General Manager at Vantec. "That is just one of the benefits this product can provide to people who needs an extra sense of security. Besides, identity theft is becoming more and more prevalent in today's digitized world."

Being the pioneer in the Build-Your-Own-Drive market, Vantec has continued to expand their popular NexStar® line with more and more selections to choose from. By introducing the Vault, Vantec now has an extensive line of hard drive encasing solutions that caters to everyone's needs.

The NexStar® Vault will be available at major retailers in late August. For additional product information and full technical specifications, please visit www.vantecusa.com.

About Vantec:

Founded in 1994, Vantec is a leading brand of computer accessories that provides a complete line of Storage, Thermal, and Mobile solutions. Vantec is devoted to every computer user from mainstream to enthusiast. Vantec's goal is to provide a complete and affordable way for computing needs of all kinds. For more information, visit www.vantecusa.com.

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