

News Release

Xantrex™ expands innovative inverter/charger product line for recreational and commercial vehicle manufacturers

VANCOUVER, B.C., December 2, 2008 – Xantrex Technology Inc., a subsidiary of Schneider Electric, announces the launch of the Xantrex Freedom HW 1000 Inverter/Charger; a safe and reliable power source for commercial and recreational vehicles (RVs).

The Xantrex Freedom HW 1000 is designed specifically for original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) of towable RVs, small motorhomes, and commercial vehicles including heavy duty trucks, emergency vehicles, and work fleet vehicles. OEMs now have a compact, inexpensive option to offer their customers clean and quiet useable power without having to run a gas-powered generator or idle an engine to operate appliances on board a vehicle. This product provides all of the necessary alternating current (AC) power for users to operate various electronic devices, power tools, small appliances, and other devices on board a vehicle.

The Xantrex Freedom HW 1000 meets high standards for size, weight and cost in its category. This compact inverter/charger weighs 10 pounds (4.5 kilograms) and provides 1000 watts of AC power. The Freedom HW 1000 includes a microprocessor controlled 55 amp charger and a detachable remote that can be mounted anywhere on the vehicle for easy operation. It also meets UL458 standards.

“This inverter/charger offers a cost-effective solution for manufacturers and significant benefits to RV and commercial vehicle owners,” said Lawrence Neill, Xantrex Senior Director of Sales, Mobile. “The three-stage charger provides a fast, complete battery charge, and the transfer relay allows for easy switching between inverter power and shore/utility power.”

For more information about the Xantrex Freedom HW 1000 Inverter/Charger, please visit www.xantrex.com/freedomhw.

About Xantrex

Xantrex Technology Inc. (www.xantrex.com), a subsidiary of Schneider Electric, is a world leader in the development, manufacturing and marketing of advanced power electronic products and systems for the renewable and mobile power markets. The company’s products convert and control raw electrical power from any central, distributed, renewable, or backup power source into high-quality power required by electronic equipment and the electricity grid. Xantrex is headquartered in Vancouver, Canada, with facilities in the United States, Germany, Spain, and a joint venture in China.

About Schneider Electric

As a global specialist in energy management with operations in more than 100 countries, Schneider Electric offers integrated solutions across multiple market segments, including leadership positions in energy and infrastructure, industrial processes, building automation, and data centres/networks, as well as a broad presence in residential applications. Focused on

making energy safe, reliable, and efficient, the company's 120,000 employees achieved sales of more than 17.3 billion euros in 2007, through an active commitment to help individuals and organisations "Make the most of their energy™".

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