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USB.006 USB LARGE DIAPHRAGM CONDENSER MIC NOW SHIPPING

Ease-of-use and big sound characterize new offering

El Segundo, CA... MXL Microphones, the professional audio division of Marshall Electronics, is pleased to announce that the USB.006 USB / Cardioid Condenser Microphone is now shipping. Designed with ease-of-use in mind, the new USB.006 features a large *gold* diaphragm that delivers a big, rich sound characteristic of studio and broadcast microphones. Unlike most studio condenser microphones, however, the USB.006 is a USB (Universal Serial Bus) instrument that connects directly to a computer without the need for external mic preamps. Now, anyone requiring high quality, professional sound on their computer can record music or dialog by simply connecting to a standard USB port. Featuring support for USB 1.1 and 2.0, this exceptionally easy-to-use microphone even includes gain adjustment settings via the built-in three position attenuation switch.

Working with the new USB.006 is a pleasure. As a plug and play device for both Windows and Macintosh, it requires no special drivers whatsoever. Simply connect the microphone's USB cable to a computer's USB port, and installation is quick and effortless. In addition to recording instruments or voice for home recording applications, the new USB.006 is the perfect microphone for podcasting or adding dialog to presentations and other multimedia projects. It is also the perfect solution capable of opening new possibilities for radio and news broadcasters and for location recording.

Unlike electrets or dynamic microphones typically used for computer work, the USB.006 has an extremely smooth, natural sound typical of what one would hear on a professionally produced CD or radio show. The analog section of the new USB.006 microphone features a 20 Hz-20 kHz frequency response, a large gold diaphragm, pressure-gradient condenser capsule, and a 3-position, switchable attenuation pad with settings for Hi (0 dB), Medium (-5 dB), and Lo (-10 dB), making it easy to configure the microphone to virtually any sound source. The digital section features a 16-bit Delta Sigma A/D converter with a sampling rate of 44.1 kHz and 48 kHz. Protecting the instrument's capsule is a heavy-duty wire mesh grill with an integrated pop filter.

To make recording a trouble-free process, the new USB.006 features a red LED behind the protective grill. This LED informs the user that the microphone is active and correctly oriented toward the user. To complete this terrific package, the new USB.006 ships with a travel case, a desktop microphone stand, a 10-foot USB cable, windscreen, an owner's manual, and an applications guide.

Wayne Freeman, MXL's Director of Sales and Marketing, commented on the company's new offering, "The new USB.006 USB / Cardioid Condenser Microphone makes interfacing with a computer an effortless process. Now, amateurs and professionals alike have a great sounding, plug and play solution to a wide variety of recording applications."

The USB.006 USB / Cardioid Condenser Microphone carries an MSRP of \$169.95 and is available now.

About MXL

MXL is a leading manufacturer of professional audio products for the music recording, broadcast, post production, and live sound markets. Additional information on the USB.006 USB / Cardioid Condenser Microphone and all MXL microphones can be found at www.mxlmics.com.