

3M Library Systems Upgrades ‘Basic’ RFID Tag to 1K of Memory

*Tags Are Accelerated-Age-Tested to Ensure Long-Term Reliability;
Can Be Custom Printed by User*

ANAHEIM, CA. – June 28, 2008 – 3M Library Systems today introduced an upgraded “basic” RFID (radio frequency identification) tag with 1K of memory, a four-fold increase over the former basic tag, here at the American Library Association annual conference, held at the Anaheim Convention Center (booth 2240).

The new tag can be imprinted with custom logos and barcodes by library staff, and is fully rewriteable to allow compliance with future ISO tag data standard and country-specific standards. The new basic tag continues to meet ISO 15693-3 and 18000-3 standards, as do all other 3M RFID tag options.

“The purpose of this upgrade is to provide our customers with peace of mind in knowing that their investment in RFID technology has longevity and a better price/value option for library system customers,” says Jacob Haas, market development manager, 3M Library Systems. “The memory capacity is large enough for future applications, and users are provided with another tag option to meet their price needs. These are very high-value advantages for a basic tag option.”

Adds Haas: “This new basic tag option fits into a complete line of RFID tags (premium and enhanced) that 3M provides to libraries. It is part of a complete portfolio of RFID tags that gives the library a choice of tag options that will best fit its needs.”

The tags, which are affixed to circulating items, are employed in a host of easy-to-use 3M Library Systems RFID applications that boost performance and productivity in circulation management, inventory control and security.

3M Library Systems’ new basic tag has been accelerated-age-tested and is guaranteed for the life of the item to which it is affixed. It also has a “fast-read multiblock” feature that provides high performance when multiple tags must be read simultaneously. Moreover, the ability to custom print

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on the tags right at the library also enables rapid conversion.

Lem Amen, vice president, 3M Track and Trace Solutions, which include RFID applications, says the new 3M basic RFID tag “is another big step forward in helping libraries adopt the productivity enhancing benefits of RFID. Libraries face mounting pressures today to provide more services to growing populations without substantial increases in human or financial resources. RFID technology is a staff-and-customer-friendly, cost-efficient means of filling the gap.”

A global leader in library innovation for more than 35 years, 3M Library Systems provides security, productivity and information management solutions that harness technology to enable a more human library, freeing librarians to spend more time doing what they do best – helping people. 3M also partners with libraries to support their technological advancement and ensure their success through numerous industry sponsorships and programs. For more information about the 3M Library Systems, visit <http://www.3M.com/library>.

3M provides comprehensive, practical and easy to use solutions for customers in diverse markets, including health care, safety and security, aerospace and government, oil and gas, process industries, supply chain, construction and utilities, libraries and legal. Utilizing RFID, GPS and RTLS technologies, our asset management, protection, and utilization solutions enable customers to reliably and accurately manage high-value assets. Unlike similar offerings, based on components rather than complete solutions, 3M Systems are designed with full implementation in mind, deploying the right solution, with the right technology, suited for the customer. For more information, go to www.3Mtrackandtrace.com.

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