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MOTU TO SHIP NEW WINDOWS DRIVERS FOR ITS POPULAR MIDI AND AUDIO INTERFACES

MOTU AUDIO AND MIDI INTERFACES GET WINDOWS DRIVERS

NAMM, ANAHEIM, CA - January 18, 2001. MOTU, Inc. (www.motu.com) made several announcements at NAMM today regarding Windows drivers for all current MOTU MIDI and audio interfaces, including the popular MIDI Timepiece AV-USB, the 2408mkII and all other MOTU PCI-324 hard disk recording systems.

- USB MIDI drivers for Windows 98/Me - MOTU is now shipping USB MIDI drivers for Windows 98/Me. These drivers allow users to connect a MOTU USB MIDI interface to their computer and use it with any MIDI software running under Windows 98 or Windows Me. MOTU USB MIDI interfaces provide increased bandwidth and better timing than earlier generation parallel interfaces. The new USB MIDI drivers for Windows 98 and Me are now shipped on the installer CD included with every MOTU USB MIDI interface, from the affordable 2x2 FastLane-USB to the economical 8x9 MIDI Express XT-USB. These new drivers are also now posted on the downloads section of MOTU's web site (www.motu.com).
- USB MIDI drivers for Windows 2000 - MOTU announced that Windows 2000 drivers are now being developed for all MOTU USB MIDI interfaces. These drivers are expected to ship Q2, 2001.
- PCI-324 WDM driver for Windows 2000 - MOTU announced that it is now beta testing Windows WDM audio drivers for their popular line of audio recording systems, including the 2408mkII, 1224, and new 1296 systems. These drivers allow all Windows 2000 compatible audio software to play and record up to 72 channels of phase-locked audio input and output (at 44.1 or 48kHz). Users of MOTU's new 1296 audio interface will be able to record and play 88.2 and 96 kHz audio (as many channels as their computer system can handle, up to 36 channels total). Multi-processor PC's are supported. The Windows 2000 WDM system is capable of emulating Windows 98 Wave drivers. Therefore, Wave-compatible Windows 98 audio software that successfully runs under Windows 2000 can also be used with a MOTU audio interface via the new PCI-324 WDM driver. In addition, the WDM PCI-324 driver can be used on Windows 9.X systems in place of the PCI-324 Wave driver.

The PCI-324 card is the core component of every MOTU audio recording system. The card is installed in a PCI slot inside the computer and provides up to 72 channels of simultaneous input and output via MOTU's popular audio interfaces. Up to three interfaces can be connected to the card at the same time. Windows 95/98/Me Wave drivers, as well as Windows ASIO drivers, are already available.

- ASIO drivers for Windows 2000 - MOTU announced that it has just posted a public beta of Windows 2000 ASIO drivers for their audio interfaces. The beta drivers are now available at (www.motu.com) in the "downloads" section. ASIO is a widely accepted driver format for multi-channel audio software, and these new drivers will give Windows users another way of getting their audio software to record and play multiple channels of audio with MOTU audio interfaces. In addition, the MOTU ASIO driver provides sample-accurate synchronization for the 2408mkII and any audio software that supports it.
- GigaStudio/GigaSampler GSIF PCI-324 driver for Windows 98/Me - MOTU is now shipping a Windows 98/Me compatible GSIF driver for GigaStudio and GigaSampler, the popular sampling packages for Windows developed by Nemesys Technology, Inc. (www.nemesystech.com). This driver provides GigaStudio and GigaSampler users high-quality, low-latency multi-channel audio output from these Nemesys products using MOTU audio interfaces, such as the 8-channel MOTU 1224 or the 12-channel, 96kHz capable MOTU 1296. The GSIF PCI-324 driver is now available for download at www.motu.com.

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