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### MACWORLD EXPO SAN FRANCISCO Apple Announces New Hardware and Software

Apple once again stunned the crowd at this year's Macworld Expo San Francisco. Steve Jobs took the stage at the keynote and unveiled iWork '05, iLife '05, the Mac mini and the iPod shuffle. And although industry insiders had predicted these product announcements, Apple still managed to wow the crowd with its innovation and industrial design.

#### MAC MINI: A MIGHTY MAC FOR LESS MONEY



Apple's Mac mini is a stunningly small computer with an equally stunning price. At 6.5" x 6.5" x 2"

and weighing in at just 2.9 pounds, it is the smallest computer ever created by the company. Inside its alluring aluminum shell, you'll find a fast PowerPC G4, ATI RADEON 9200 graphics accelerator, 10/100 BASE-T Ethernet, a 56K modem, one FireWire 400 port, two USB 2.0 ports and a slot-loading Combo Drive. It also has DVI output and a VGA adapter, allowing you to connect the Mac mini to either a digital display (such as Apple's Cinema Displays) or any VGA-compatible display.

Two configurations of the computer are available. The Mac mini with 1.2GHz G4, 256MB RAM and 40MB HD sells for a scant \$499, while a more robust model with a 1.42GHz G4, 256MB RAM and 80GB HD sells for \$599. Build-to-order

options include a SuperDrive (+\$100) and an AirPort Card (+\$79). A keyboard and mouse can be added to the mix for another \$78. Yes, that's right; Mac mini does not include a keyboard and mouse. It's been designed to woo Windows users who are impressed with the iPod. Potential PC converts can use their existing peripherals--keyboard, mouse and display--with the new computer. The helps the company keep the computer's cost as low as possible. The Mac mini is expect to ship by January 22. See additional photos on page 4.

#### iPOD SHUFFLE: PINT-SIZED IPOD WITH PINT-SIZED PRICE



Apple's iPod shuffle is a petite version of its portable music player. It squeezes a small amount of flash memory, a twelve-hour battery and an audio player into a slender white casing that is smaller than a pack of gum.

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#### BAC February Meeting

The February meeting will be held on Saturday February 12th, at 10:00am at the Homewood Library in room 116 (lower level). The topic for the meeting will be "Apple: A Look Ahead in 2005" and presented by Shannon Ritchie of Perry Computers.

Come early and enjoy coffee, doughnuts and cookies, plus.....🍏.

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## BAC Disk of the Month

The BAC CDOM (Disk of the Month) is available at each BAC meeting. These CDs contain updates, shareware, and freeware.

The cost is \$2 per disk and is available at the BAC meetings from Disk Librarian Jerry Jenkins.

## February 2005 CDOM Description

### BC Spreadsheet 1.2...Freeware

Comes in real handy if you don't have AppleWorks or Excel. Requires OS X.

### Budget 4.5...Shareware

Highly rated financial utility. Helps manage the monthly bills. Requires OS 10.1 or higher.

### FolderIconX 2.0...Shareware

Create custom folder icons and document icons. Requires OS 10.2.1 or higher, or OS 10.3.x New version OK for OS 10.3.7

### FontDoc 1.1...Freeware

Sample text in all your fonts at once. Requires OS 10.2 or higher.

### Gas 1.1...Freeware

Track and stat auto's gas usage. Requires OS 10.3 or higher.

### GolfTracker 1.5...Shareware

Track golf stats. Requires OS 10.2 or higher.

**MacFamilyTree 4.0.11...Shareware**

Updated genealogy program. Requires OS 10.2.6 or higher

### Mactracker 3.0.1...Freeware

Stats on all Macintosh computers.

### Measuring Cup 1.1...Freeware

Recipe management program. Requires OS 10.2.8 or higher.

### OnyX 1.4.9...Freeware

For doing general Mac maintenance

daily, weekly or monthly. Requires OS 10.3 or higher. Use version 1.3.1 for OS 10.2 or higher.

### Tex-Edit Plus X 4.9...Shareware

Easy-to-use text editor, but more like a word processor. This new version is scriptable. Requires OS 10.1 or higher.

### TextWrangler 2.0...Freeware

Top text editor. Requires OS 10.3.5 or higher.

### txt2pdf 8.0 f...Shareware

Use to convert text files to pdf format.

### VueScan X 8.1.27...Shareware

Updated, keeps getting better and covers more scanners. In most cases, it replaces and improves the original scanner driver. This version now requires Mac OS 10.2.8 or higher.

## WARNING!!

**It can be habit forming. It's a lot of fun to try and beat the computer. Go to this site for the 20 Questions game.**  
<http://www.20q.net/index.html>

## Message Board ID and password for February

The BAC Message Board is located at [www.applecore.org](http://www.applecore.org) and click on Message Board. The User id for February is: *peel* and the password is *0205*. Some browsers ask for the Name in the top box. This is the place for the user ID. 🍏

## February Door Prizes

The following list of door prizes will be awarded at the BAC meeting, the **NEW iLife 05**; a copy of the monthly CDOM, and a one-month rental of any of the instructional CDs that are in our Library. 🍏

**MACWORLD - iPod Shuffle** *continued from page 1*

A cap at the end of the player pops off, allowing you to plug it right into your computer via USB 1.1 or USB 2.0, and it happily doubles as a USB Flash Drive. Oh, and it doesn't have a screen; just a simple set of controls that allow you to move forward and backup through songs, change the volume, and either play songs in order or shuffle through them randomly. iTunes will autofill the iPod shuffle with select tunes from your entire music library (or specific playlist) for a fresh mix each day, or you can drag and drop songs onto it yourself.

An iPod with no screen may seem like a cheat to some, but its price point more than makes up for it. Two capacities are available: 512MB (120 songs) for \$99, or 1GB (240 songs) for \$149. A quick price comparison of USB Flash Drives: SanDisk's 512MB Cruzer Mini sells for \$90, and Iomega's Micro Mini 512MB also sells for \$90. Doubling capacity, Iomega's Micro Mini 1GB costs \$150, while SanDisk's 1GB Cruzer Mini sells for a whopping \$170. And none of these products play music! The iPod shuffle is expected to be available within two weeks. (Apple; <http://www.apple.com/ipodshuffle/>)

**AN APPLEWORKS MAKEOVER: iWORK '05**



At long last, Apple has announced a replacement of sorts for the aging AppleWorks. iWork '05 is a collection of two applications that includes Pages and Keynote 2. Pages is an all-new word processor that includes a host of document templates, a free form graphic canvas and integration with iLife. You can easily add photos to your document by using the iLife Media Browser to pull the photos from

iPhoto. Pages also plays well with others--it happily imports and exports AppleWorks and Microsoft Word documents. Keynote 2 is the next iteration of the popular presentation software. Like Pages, Keynote 2 uses an iLife Media Browser so that you can easily import photos, movies and music. The application also offers an expanded set of themes for photo portfolios, digital storyboards and education. Keynote 2 creates self-running interactive slideshows, too, which are ideal for special events, school projects and kiosks. You can even incorporate voiceovers, navigation arrows and hyperlinks. iWork '05 is expected to ship by January 22 at a price of \$79.

**A NEW iLIFE FOR 2005**

Apple has unveiled iLife '05, its updated set of media software that is due to hit shelves January 22 for \$79. The package includes new versions of iPhoto, iMovie, iDVD and GarageBand, and includes the currently available version of

iTunes. Here's a quick overview of the changes to each application:



iPhoto 5

- :: Includes three new soft cover book options.
- :: New slideshow editor lets you create customizable cinematic slideshows.
- :: Advanced Editing Tools help you make perfect your picture.
- :: Import photos shot in RAW-format; import video clips, too.
- :: Store multiple albums, slideshows and books in new hierarchical folders.
- :: New Calendar View and search field let you find photos quickly.

iMovie HD

- :: Import and edit high-definition video (HDV)
- :: Use Magic iMovie to automatically create a film: just plug in your camcorder; iMovie HD does the rest.
- :: Use the media browser to import photos and video clips from your digital camera and add them to your movies.
- :: Create high-definition video slideshows from your iPhoto albums.

iDVD 5

- :: Fifteen new themes.
- :: New dynamic drop zones: customized with your photos/video
- :: Improved, editable DVD Map and the new Drop Zone Editor.
- :: Burn projects to your hard drive as fully encoded Disk Images.
- :: OneStep DVD feature transfers your unedited movie directly from your DV camcorder to DVD.

Garageband 2

- :: Record up to eight audio tracks at once
- :: Learn musical notation and grok music theory with the help of real-time notation display.
- :: Tighten up the rhythm of real instrument you record using new timing enhancements.
- :: Tuning enhancements can help fix flat or sharp vocals.
- :: Tune guitars before you record a performance.
- :: Turn your recorded tracks into reusable Apple loops.

Customers who purchase a qualifying new Macintosh computer on or after January 11, 2005 that does not have iLife '05 included can upgrade to iLife '05 for just \$19.95. (Apple; [www.apple.com/ilife/](http://www.apple.com/ilife/))

**Ed. Note: Apple has released an update to its iMovie HD and iPhoto applications, included as part of Apple's recently released iLife '05 software.**

## Apple Reports First Quarter Results

Quarterly Revenue & Net Income  
Highest in Apple's History

CUPERTINO, California—January 12, 2005—Apple® today announced financial results for its fiscal 2005 first quarter ended December 25, 2004. For the quarter, the Company posted a net profit of \$295 million, or \$.70 per diluted share. These results compare to a net profit of \$63 million, or \$.17 per diluted share, in the year-ago quarter. Revenue for the quarter was \$3.49 billion, up 74 percent from the year-ago quarter. Gross margin was 28.5 percent, up from 26.7 percent in the year-ago quarter. International sales accounted for 41 percent of the quarter's revenue.

Apple shipped 1,046,000 Macintosh® units and 4,580,000 iPods during the quarter, representing a 26 percent increase in CPU units and a 525 percent increase in iPods over the year-ago quarter.

"We are thrilled to report the highest quarterly revenue and net income in Apple's history," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "We've sold over 10 million iPods to date and are kicking off the new year with a slate of innovative new products including iPod shuffle, Mac mini and iLife '05."

"We're pleased to report 74 percent revenue growth, 26 percent Mac unit growth and 525 percent iPod unit growth," said Peter Oppenheimer, Apple's CFO. "Looking ahead to the second quarter of fiscal 2005, we expect revenue of about \$2.9 billion and earnings per diluted share of about \$.40."

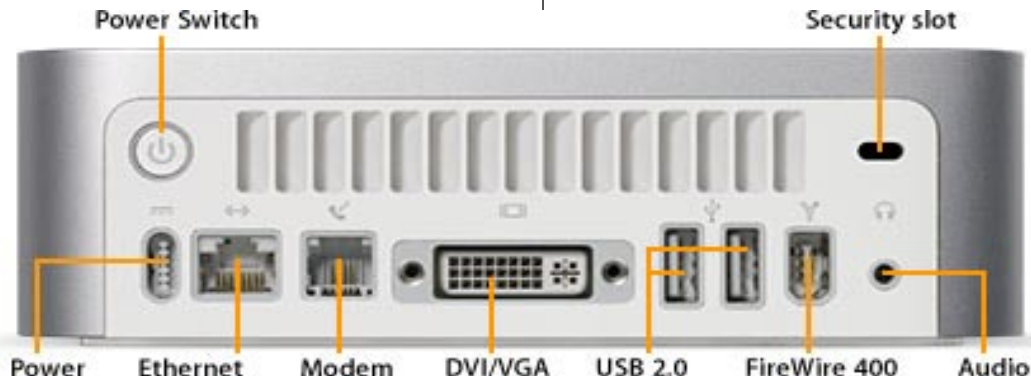
## Apple & Leading Car Companies Team Up to Deliver iPod Integration in 2005

Mercedes-Benz, Volvo, Nissan, Alfa Romeo & Ferrari  
Announce Integrated iPod Car Stereo Solutions

MACWORLD EXPO, SAN FRANCISCO—January 11, 2005— Apple® today announced it has teamed up with Mercedes-Benz USA, Volvo, Nissan, Alfa Romeo and Ferrari to deliver iPod® integration with their car stereo systems in 2005. The iPod Integration Kit for Mercedes-Benz will debut this April in the US with the newly redesigned 2006 Mercedes-Benz M-Class, and Volvo will offer two iPod connectivity options for their entire 2005 US model line. Nissan, Alfa Romeo and Ferrari will announce details of their iPod integration solutions later this year, allowing customers to enjoy high-quality sound through their car's stereo system, easily access their entire music library and control their iPod using their car's standard controls. These companies join BMW and MINI Cooper who began providing integrated iPod solutions in 2004.



*MAC MINI Dimensions*



*Back of MAC MINI*

## Apple Unveils Faster, More Affordable PowerBooks

### New PowerBook Line With Scrolling TrackPad & Sudden Motion Sensor Starts at Just \$1,499

Apple® unveils the fastest, most affordable PowerBook® line ever, featuring PowerPC G4 processors running up to 1.67 GHz, faster hard drives and a faster 8X SuperDrive™—all housed in the PowerBook's signature aluminum enclosure. All new PowerBooks come standard with 512MB memory, faster graphics, integrated AirPort® 802.11g, Bluetooth 2.0 wireless networking and two new Apple patent-pending technologies—the scrolling TrackPad and the Sudden Motion Sensor.

“With new features like the scrolling TrackPad and Sudden Motion Sensor, the new PowerBooks are the ultimate combination of performance and portability.” said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing.

The new PowerBooks introduce Apple's patent-pending scrolling TrackPad that works with every application and document, so users can easily scroll through long web pages or across large photographs. Simply touch the trackpad with two fingers instead of one to quickly scroll or pan within the window. Every PowerBook also includes Apple's patent-pending Sudden Motion Sensor technology which integrates a tri-axis accelerometer to help protect a spinning hard drive if the notebook is accidentally dropped. Apple's revolutionary backlit keyboard with ambient light sensors for working in low-light conditions is now built in to all 15- and 17-inch PowerBooks and is up to 10 times brighter than before.

The new PowerBooks deliver increased performance with both the 15- and 17-inch PowerBook models offering up to 1.67 GHz PowerPC G4 processors and industry-leading ATI Mobility Radeon 9700 graphics processors with 64MB or 128MB of graphics memory. All models now include 512MB of 333 MHz DDR SDRAM and faster 5400 rpm hard drives for demanding professional applications. The 17-inch PowerBook now features Dual Link support to drive Apple's breakthrough 30-inch Cinema HD Display as an external monitor, and this feature is also available as a build-to-order option on the 1.67 GHz model of the 15-inch PowerBook.

Apple continues to lead the industry in integrated wireless communications, and every PowerBook now includes built-in AirPort Extreme 54 Mbps 802.11g WiFi wireless networking. Apple is the first notebook maker to include integrated Bluetooth 2.0 (Enhanced Data Rate) for up to three times greater data rates, up to 3 Mbps, for faster wireless connectivity to a range of peripherals including cell phones, PDAs, printers and headsets. Bluetooth 2.0 is also compatible with Bluetooth 1.2 devices such as the Apple Wireless Keyboard and Mouse, every PowerBook now includes iLife® '05.

The new 12-, 15- and 17-inch PowerBook models will be available later this week through The Apple Store® (www.apple.com), at Apple's retail stores and Apple Authorized Resellers.

**The 1.67 GHz, 17-inch PowerBook, for a suggested retail price of \$2,699 (US), includes:** 512MB SDRAM, expandable up to 2GB; a 100GB (5400 rpm) Ultra ATA/100 hard drive and Sudden Motion Sensor a slot-load 8X SuperDrive (DVD±RW/CD-RW); ATI Mobility Radeon 9700 graphics w/128MB video memory DVI (Dual Link for 30-inch support), VGA, S-video and composite video support; Gigabit Ethernet (10/100/1000BASE-T) and 56K V.92 modem; two USB 2.0 ports, FireWire® 400 and 800; optical digital audio input and output.

**The 1.67 GHz, 15-inch PowerBook, for a suggested retail price of \$2,299 (US), includes:** 512MB SDRAM, expandable up to 2GB; an 80GB (5400 rpm) Ultra ATA/100 hard drive and Sudden Motion Sensor; a slot-load 8X SuperDrive (DVD±RW/CD-RW); ATI Mobility Radeon 9700 graphics with 64MB video memory with Dual Link DVI functionality; DVI, VGA, S-video and composite video support; two USB 2.0 ports, FireWire 400 and 800.

**The 1.5 GHz, 15-inch PowerBook, for a suggested retail price of \$1,999 (US), includes:** 512MB SDRAM, expandable up to 2GB an 80GB (5400 rpm) Ultra ATA/100 hard drive with Sudden Motion Sensor; a slot-load Combo (DVD-ROM/CD-RW) optical drive; ATI Mobility Radeon 9700 graphics with 64MB video memory; DVI, VGA, S-video and composite video support; two USB 2.0 ports, FireWire 400 and 800.

**The 1.5 GHz, 12-inch PowerBook, for a suggested retail price of \$1,699 (US), includes:** 512MB of 333 MHz DDR SDRAM, expandable up to 1.25GB; an 80GB (5400 rpm) Ultra ATA/100 hard drive with Sudden Motion Sensor; a slot-load 8X SuperDrive (DVD±RW/CD-RW) optical drive; NVIDIA GeForce FX Go5200 graphics with 64MB of video memory; DVI, VGA, S-video and composite video support; two USB 2.0 ports and Firewire 400.

**The 1.5 GHz, 12-inch PowerBook, for a suggested retail price of \$1,499 (US), includes:** 512MB of 333 MHz DDR SDRAM, expandable up to 1.25GB; a 60GB (5400 rpm) Ultra ATA/100 hard drive with Sudden Motion Sensor; a slot-load Combo (DVD-ROM/CD-RW) optical drive; NVIDIA GeForce FX Go5200 graphics with 64MB of video memory; DVI, VGA, S-video and composite video support; two USB 2.0 ports and Firewire 400.



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