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TOSHIBA ANNOUNCES SLIMMER 7MM SOLID STATE HYBRID DRIVE

Toshiba's new 7mm solid state hybrid drive is ideally suited to improve response time and performance in ultrathin and standard-sized notebooks

IRVINE, Calif., June 19, 2013 – Toshiba's Storage Products Business Unit of Toshiba America Electronic Components, Inc., a committed technology leader, announces the slim, 7mm MQ01ABFH solid state hybrid drive (SSHD) series. Equipped with Toshiba's NAND flash and available in 500GB¹ and 320GB capacities, the MQ01ABFH series is the first Toshiba SSHD drive family in 7 mm. The series continues Toshiba's legacy of providing world-class storage products, and offers customers a complete lineup of 2.5-inch solid state hybrid drives with the previously announced 1TB¹ and 750GB MQ01ABDH series 9.5mm SSHDs for ultrathin and thin and light notebook PCs, multimedia and gaming applications, and traditional laptop PCs.

Drawing upon its knowledge and experience in NAND flash, Toshiba optimized the NAND flash performance into a tiered-storage approach that uses the speed of the DRAM and NAND components with the high-capacity of rotating media. The SSHD delivers SSD-like performance without dependence on external drivers or assistance from the host system. The PCMark Vantage Average HDD Score, the established industry method for measuring SSHD read/write performance and responsiveness, for the MQ01ABF500H is approximately 20,000, surpassing the 16,000 industry standard result.

"The MQ01ABFH series fulfills users' desire for thin and light notebook PCs with fast response times that can keep up with their demanding gaming and multimedia applications," said Don Jeanette, director of product marketing at Toshiba's Storage Products Business Unit. "This addition to our SSHD lineup demonstrates Toshiba's continued focus on delivering a wide range of storage devices that enhances the computing experience for our customers."

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The MQ01ABFH series underwent multiple performance and compatibility tests with a variety of host PCs, including the PC Mark Vantage test. Testing for compatibility on a variety of PC systems including high-end notebook PCs, thin and light, and ultrathins, the drive proved compatible with 175 PC systems.

Similar to Toshiba's other SSHD offerings, the 7mm model uses self-learning algorithms to optimize performance based on users' data access patterns which can enhance their computing experience. The self-learning, caching algorithms manage what data is stored in the NAND flash storage for the fastest responsiveness, as well as how the data in the drive is updated based on intelligent access pattern learning.

Toshiba's new 500GB¹ MQ01ABF050H model and 320GB MQ01ABF032H model will be featured in various notebook PCs. Samples will be available June 28. For more information on Toshiba's line of industry-leading SSDs, HDDs and SSHDs, visit www.toshibastorage.com. To connect with Toshiba Storage, visit the corporate blog at

http://storage.toshiba.com/corporateblog/ and follow @ToshibaStorage on Twitter.

1. One Terabyte (1 TB) means 10^{12} = 1,000,000,000,000,000 bytes using powers of 10. A computer operating system, however, reports storage capacity using powers of 2 for the definition of 1 TB = 2^{40} = 1,099,511,627,776 bytes and therefore shows less storage capacity. Available storage capacity (including examples of various media files) will vary based on file size, formatting, settings, software and operating system, such as Microsoft operating system and/or pre-installed software applications, or media content. Actual formatted capacity may vary.

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