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**Addonics Announces Hardware Port Multiplier –
Lets You Connect Up To 5 SATA Drives To Any SATA Port**

SAN JOSE, CA, SEPT. 14, 2009 -- Addonics Technologies (www.addonics.com) today announced a feature-rich hardware port multiplier, the 5-port HPM XA, which provides easy connections of up to 5 SATA drives to any SATA port.

The new port multiplier will be particularly beneficial to those wanting to attach numerous hard drives to a desktop or server as an individual drive or as a RAID volume with redundancy.

The HPM can also be used to connect 5 SATA optical drives, such as DVD-RRW or Blu-ray drives for simultaneous data copying. Configuration can be set via a set of onboard jumpers or the bundled software utility under Windows OS.

The HPM XA comes in a system or an enclosure version. The system version enables multiple hard drives inside a system to be connected together to form a RAID volume or to be used as individual drives. The enclosure version fits perfectly into the Addonics family of storage tower and storage rack products, and many standard multi-bay enclosures with standard SCSI-1 connector cut out. The five hard drives inside the drive enclosure, once configured, can be attached to any computer via high speed eSATA connection or USB 2.0 by attaching the optional Addonics eSATA-USB adapter.

Drive and the HPM status can be visually monitored by attaching LEDs to the onboard LED signal pin headers or via the bundled monitoring software. Any drive failure or RAID error can be notified via audible alert from the on board buzzer and emailed to an SMTP account.

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Product features include an integrated hardware RAID controller to maximize performance; RAID configuration using onboard jumpers for simple deployment; RAID configuration and RAID management software; the ability to daisy chain multiple units; system mounts; hot swap support; drive activity and error LED for host and five SATA devices, and support for popular Windows, Macintosh and Linux operating systems.

List price is \$99 for the system version or the enclosure version.

Addonics products are available through the company online store www.shopaddonics.com, major catalog companies, resellers, VARs and distributors, including Amazon.com, PC Connection, CDW, Buy.com, Provantage.com, Insight, and Ingram Micro.

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