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Xycom Automation Introduces Video-Mix Unit for the GP/GLC2000 Series Programmable Operator Interface

Saline, MI – February 18, 2002 – Xycom Automation, Inc., a subsidiary of Pro-face America, Inc., and a market leader in Industrial PCs, announces the introduction of the Video-Mix (VM) unit for the GP/GLC2000 Series. The Video-Mix unit is an expansion unit that enables video input and RGB PC screen data on the GP2500T/2600T programmable operator interface or GLC2600T Graphic Logic Controller.

In recent years numerous display devices such as programmable operator interfaces, CCD camera monitors for image processing, and PC monitors were installed in industrial applications. The newly released VM unit, mounted on the rear of the GP2500T/2600T or GLC2600T, displays images from CCD cameras and PC screens simultaneously. The Video Mix unit includes an RGB output as standard equipment enabling the user to monitor operator interface screens on an external monitor in a remote location.

With GP-PRO/PB III version 6.0 (GP/GLC Series Screen Editor Software) or higher, up to four screens from four cameras or a PC can be displayed simultaneously. Also, video images upon event occurrences can be saved as JPEG files to CompactFlash™. The captured images enable you to quickly troubleshoot any abnormal condition. With the Video-Mix unit, a single programmable operator interface display can replace multiple monitoring devices on the factory floor, such as an image processing monitor, surveillance monitor, and PC monitor. This innovation results in considerable space savings.

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The Video-Mix unit displays video images in both NTSC and PAL formats. Video images are displayed in resolutions up to 768 x 576 (GP2600T and GLC2600T) and 640 x 480 (GP-2500T), and it has interfaces for both RGB input and video inputs. When the VM unit is connected to a PC with VGA resolution (640 x 480) or SGVA resolution (800 x 600), the PC screen data is displayed on the GP or GLC screen in SVGA. PC screen data from production control and SCADA processing data can be viewed on the GP or GLC in a factory. The VM unit eliminates the need for a CRT for the PC, displaying PC screens from the PC unit.

According to Scott Kortier, Xycom's GP/GLC Product Manager, "The Video-Mix unit adds functionality to the GP/GLC product line that can save time and money. Adding up to four live video images or remote VGA or SVGA monitors will allow operators to view processes or remote locations not normally available. Security applications, hazardous locations or unmanned sites now become manageable from remote locations."

The Video-Mix unit is equipped with an RGB output allowing GP or GLC screen data to be monitored on a separate PC monitor. This is especially useful when installed on large machinery such as semiconductor manufacturing equipment and printing machines where the operator may need to view a process.

Xycom Automation is one of the leading global suppliers of innovative industrial automation solutions. Principal products include PC-based, open architecture visualization and control offerings. Xycom products serve industrial, automotive, aerospace, packaging, plastics, textile, and other markets, with hardware and software installed in over 200,000 factory-floor systems worldwide.

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