

3M Provides Confidential Viewing for Health Care and Financial Markets with New Products Featuring Vikuiti Light Control Film

3M Touch Systems Inc. announces the addition of two new privacy products to its existing line of privacy solutions: MicroTouch resistive PrivacyTouch from 3M offers users the convenience of privacy film in a MicroTouch resistive solution; and 3M privacy glass 1000 offers a nontouch privacy glass for liquid crystal displays (LCD). Both new products integrate Vikuiti films from 3M to provide a value-added solution that helps satisfy privacy requirements for the health care and financial markets.

MicroTouch resistive PrivacyTouch integrates MicroTouch resistive touch screens with Vikuiti light control film, while 3M privacy glass 1000 delivers an integrated privacy product for original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) who want the ease of offering privacy, but don't require the touch-screen interface.

3M "microlouver technology" within the film structure reduces the horizontal viewing area of the LCD to 60 degrees. Persons directly in front of the display have an unobstructed view of displayed information. But from either side, passersby or casual observers see a dark, blank screen. The privacy film technology provides a second, equally beneficial function by shielding out unwanted ambient light, thus incrementally increasing the effectiveness of glare reduction and contrast enhancement.

"As the need for privacy expands into several applications that require higher levels of privacy, we recognize how the integration of Vikuiti films from 3M will benefit our customers," said John Barkholtz, business manager, 3M Touch Systems. "Several regulations require health care providers and financial institutions to protect an individual's personal and confidential information. System providers can integrate a 3M solution to help meet these regulations with MicroTouch resistive PrivacyTouch and 3M privacy glass 1000."

About 3M Touch Systems Inc.

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