

OWC ANNOUNCES MERCURY ELITE-AL PRO Qx2 “QUAD INTERFACE” PLUG & PLAY DESKTOP HARDWARE RAID SOLUTION

ULTIMATE IN FLEXIBILITY & CONVENIENCE

4 Interfaces: FireWire 800, FireWire 400, USB 2.0, & eSATA

4 Drive Bays: up to 8TB Storage

4 Hardware RAID Settings: 0, 1, 5, 10

April 14, 2009, Woodstock, IL -- Other World Computing (OWC®) <http://www.macsales.com>, a leading PC and Mac technology company, announced today the new **Mercury Elite-AL Pro Qx2 for the ultimate in flexibility and convenience in a Plug and Play desktop hardware RAID storage solution. Featuring a “Quad Interface” of FireWire® 800, FireWire 400, USB 2.0, and eSATA ports; 4 Serial ATA (SATA) hard drive bays; and 4 user selectable hardware RAID settings, the Mercury Elite-AL Pro Qx2 offers up to 8TB of total storage capacity and data transfer speeds up to 300MB/s for the ultimate professional grade RAID storage solution.**

Professional Performance With User Conveniences

Built for performance-intensive applications, such as A/V, HD-video, digital photography, professional music, graphics, and redundant backup, the Mercury Elite-AL Pro Qx2 is beautifully designed for both Mac and PC with a shock resistant, **heat dissipating aircraft-grade brushed aluminum housing preconfigured with up to 8TB of storage capacity.** Its front panel LEDs gives quick, at-a-glance system status, while the **removable key lock** ensures the installed hard drives remain secure.

Selectable Hardware RAID Flexibility

An easy to access front panel selector switch provides simple configuration of the 4 Hardware RAID settings: 0, 1, 5, 10, as well as a Span (NRAID) setting, for the best level of speed, capacity, or redundancy; or any desired combination of the three operations.

OWC Mercury Elite-AL Pro Qx2 is Available in 7 Configurations:

- 2TB OWC Mercury Elite-AL Pro Qx2 (500GB x 4 w/64MB cache) & 3 year warranty - **\$679.99**
- 3TB OWC Mercury Elite-AL Pro Qx2 (750GB x 4 w/128MB cache) & 3 year warranty - **\$849.99**
- 4TB OWC Mercury Elite-AL Pro Qx2 (1TB x 4 w/128MB cache) & 3 year warranty - **\$979.99**
- 6TB OWC Mercury Elite-AL Pro Qx2 (1.5TB x 4 w/128MB cache) & 3 year warranty - **\$1149.99**
- 8TB OWC Mercury Elite-AL Pro Qx2 (2TB x 4 w/128MB cache) & 3 year warranty - **\$1899.99**
- Enterprise Class 2TB OWC Mercury Elite-AL Pro Qx2 (500GB x 4 w/64MB cache) & 5 year warranty - **\$799.99**

- Enterprise Class 4TB OWC Mercury Elite-AL Pro Qx2 (1TB x 4 w/128MB cache) & 5 year warranty - **\$1149.99**

The Mercury Elite-AL Pro Qx2 is now shipping in capacities from **2TB to 8TB**, priced starting at **\$699.99 MSRP** from Other World Computing at www.macsales.com. The Mercury Elite-AL Pro Qx2 is compatible with Apple OS 8.6 to 9.2.2, OS X 10.0.x, and 10.2.8 or later, and Windows 98SE or later operating systems. **It comes ready for Plug and Play ease of use with all interface connecting cables, a \$200 retail value disk utility software bundle, and up to an industry leading 5 year warranty.**

For more information on the Mercury Elite-AL Pro Qx2, visit:
<http://eshop.macsales.com/shop/hard-drives/RAID/Desktop/>

Mercury Elite-AL Pro Qx2 Technical Specifications:

- Oxford 936QSE chipset
- Data buffer up to 128MB
- Speeds up to 10,000RPM
- Data transfer speeds up to 300MB/s
- 2 FireWire 800 ports, 1 FireWire 400 port, 1 USB 2.0 port, 1 eSATA port
- 4 Front panel selectable Hardware RAID settings: 0, 1, 5, 10 or Span (NRAID)
- LEDs for RAID selection and hard drive status
- 4 hot swappable hard drive bays
- Smart Fan automatically regulates fan speed
- Fan and power supply warning buzzer
- Front panel lock with keys for drive security
- All interface connection cables
- Internal US/International 100/240V, 50Hz/60Hz, 12V/6A Auto Switching power supply
- Measurement: 5.31" (W) x 9.65" (D) x 6.96" (H), weight: 8.6 pounds (base case)
- Warranty: 3 year complete solution warranty, 5 year complete solution warranty for Enterprise Class models
- Mac and PC compatible
- Includes \$200 retail value disk utility software bundle: Carbon Copy Cloner, ProSoft Engineering® Data Backup 3, NovaStor NovaBACKUP®, and Intech® SpeedTools Utilities™

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