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Califone® Introduces New Technologies in Four Classroom Learning Centers *Helps students to learn and protects them from bacteria, mold and mildew*

SAN FERNANDO, Calif. (Feb. 12, 2008) – The use of classroom learning centers continues to grow as teachers and students become more comfortable using technology in a group setting. Learning centers allow teachers to differentiate instruction for their students by grouping them with peers with similar abilities, and students have reported they enjoy using the technology at school. As the leader in powered and non-powered learning centers, *Califone* International, Inc., has recently introduced four learning centers to offer educators the flexibility they need during instruction.

Each new *Califone* learning center offers educators high-quality technology that allow multiple students to work together and learn simultaneously. In addition, the learning centers include products that help schools create and manage a healthier environment for their students.

The four learning centers include:

- **[8104](#)**: The new *Califone* MP3 player/recorder offers dual headphone jacks with an integrated control to limit volume playback in response to recommendations from the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association (ASHA) that volume should be kept below 85dB. This is the first portable MP3 learning center and comes with four-person capability, a stereo jackbox and ambient noise-reducing headphones, all packaged in a rugged foam-lined carrying case.
- **[2396PLC](#)**: The Music Maker™ USB Learning Center offers an MP3-capable media player with a built-in resident memory and both USB and SD card slot access. The six-person center (expandable up to ten students) offers the company's leading Switchable Stereo/Mono headphones with antimicrobial protection built in, which protects against the growth of bacteria, mold and mildew.
- **[1300PLC](#)**: Understanding the value of media in the classroom and the budgetary constraints many schools face, the Budget Learning Center is designed for up to six simultaneous users and includes the *Califone* cassette package and the company's Monaural Headphones with antimicrobial protection.
- **[1216USB-6](#)**: This non-powered package highlights the education industry's first USB jackbox. Schools have embraced using USB technology to download instructional audio content faster and easier. This learning center includes six ambient noise-reducing

headphones and also comes with six microphone inputs, enabling students to capture their responses using the computer as part of language learning and practice.

“Whether helping to create a healthier environment with antimicrobial headphones or by developing more convenient ways for teachers and students to utilize MP3 files, our goal is to make teaching with classroom technology seamless, and in the process facilitate learning,” said Tim Ridgway, VP of Marketing for *Califone*.

To order any of the learning centers listed above, contact a *Califone* dealer. For more information on the full line of *Califone* products that are designed for the education market and are safe for school and library use, call 1-800-722-0500, or visit <http://www.califone.com> to view and download the entire *Califone* catalog.

About *Califone*

Califone was founded in 1947 and continues to be a leader in the design, development and manufacturing of audiovisual and supplemental curriculum products for use in education, presentation and professional markets. The company offers a complete line of audio solutions, wireless systems and multimedia products for small, medium and large presentation needs. *Califone* serves millions of educators and children in the PreK through higher education school environments and has expanded to serve business and industry, houses of worship, parks and recreation, and other presentation markets as well.

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