



Computers On Campus

Laptops: In A College Class Of Their Own

(NAPSA)—On today's "wired" college campuses, laptop computers are a key way for students to keep up with their coursework, stay in contact with teachers and friends, and take advantage of a variety of digital services. In fact, many universities now require students to have laptops—and even figure the cost into financial aid.

However, laptops are a major investment and it is important to protect them from everyday wear and tear. One way is with a protection filter, which can help reduce the risk of scratches, punctures and other costly screen damage. 3M, for instance, offers protection filters specifically designed for 14.1-, 15- and 17-inch laptop screens.

Laptop users can protect themselves by preventing the physical problems that stem from typing in an awkward position, such as repetitive stress disorder, back pain or carpal tunnel syndrome. The LX200 Expandable Notebook Stand can help users avoid all these problems by positioning a laptop computer at an ergonomically correct angle. Lightweight and portable, the stand makes the grade with students on the go.

Across campus, students are likely to use their laptops in public places. But that means that anyone walking by can take a glimpse of another's screen, possibly seeing sensitive or even confidential information. Users can avoid this scenario with the help of a privacy filter. This device—



More and more students are making the grade with the help of laptop computers and accessories.

developed by 3M for 12.1-, 13.3-, 14.1-, 15- and 17-inch screens—fits snugly against the computer screen and helps guard information and protect the screen from scratches and other abrasions.

Finally, just because the campus is wired, that doesn't mean you have to be. More and more people are cutting the cord and switching to wireless accessories, such as a wireless mouse. To preserve and extend the life of the battery in such a device, try the 3M Precise Mousing surface, available with or without a gel wristrest. The micro-texture surface allows for better tracking when using a standard ball mouse and increases light scatter, helping to save battery power in optical mice.

To learn more about accessories for laptop computers, visit the Web site at www.3M.com/ergonomics.