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TRIPATH CLASS-T DIGITAL AMPLIFIER DRIVES BLAUPUNKT CAR AUDIO AMPLIFIER

Digital Power Processing Eliminates Need for Heat Sinks and Traditional Metal Casing

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LAS VEGAS, January 6, 2001 – Tripath Technology, Inc. (NASDAQ: TRPH), creators of Class-T' digital audio amplifiers, today announced that its energy efficient, low-heat producing Digital Power Processing (DPP)' technology has allowed Blaupunkt to develop the first car audio trunk amplifiers that do not require a metal case. Blaupunkt's PA series of products with Class-T amplifiers trade in big, aluminum heat sinks, which have been a mainstay of car audio electronics for decades, for lighter, more attractive plastic case.

Blaupunkt is the first car audio manufacturer to demonstrate a product based on the TA3020 amplifier. In place of the traditional amplifier, the company will offer bold new plastic case designs with interchangeable multi-color faceplates. The new PA (plastic amplifier) models are the PA275, 2100, 2150, 2200 and 4100. They range in performance from 2x75W@0.1%THD+N into 4 ohms to 4x100W@0.1%THD+N into 4 ohms. This combination of look and power have already caught the industry's eye and earned the company this year's "CES Innovations Award for Mobile Electronics."

The signal fidelity of the Tripath's Class-T TA3020 is equal to high quality Class-AB amplifiers and its dynamic range is compatible with various forms of digital media. The TA3020 Digital Audio Amplifier is a two-channel, 300W per channel amplifier driver IC lets customers produce big power in small spaces.

"We are creating a new product category, not just another amplifier," said Thomas

Breithaupt, Senior Audio Design Engineer, Amplifiers and Speakers for Blaupunkt. "To prove to OEMs and consumers that plastic trunk amps are a reality, we have several show cars fitted with 'naked boards' – amplifiers without heat sinks driving Blaupunkt speakers."

"Tripath's Class-T amplifiers allow manufacturers like Blaupunkt to achieve unprecedented form factors due to their extremely high efficiency," said Neal Carney, Vice President of Marketing for Tripath. "The TA3020 can achieve over 90 percent efficiency and still deliver the high-quality amplification that consumers demand."

About Blaupunkt

Blaupunkt, the mobile electronics division of The Robert Bosch Corporation, designs and manufactures high quality and high performance products for sale worldwide. For Blaupunkt dealer locations and product information, call (800) 950-BLAU [2528] or visit the company's web site at www.blaupunkt.com.

About Tripath Technology

Based in Santa Clara, California, Tripath Technology, Inc. has created a patented technology called Digital Power Processing™ technology, which combines modern advances in digital signal processing and power processing. Tripath's Class-T™ digital amplifiers rely on a fundamentally new approach to amplifier design that uses semiconductor-based amplifiers that provide significant performance, power efficiency, size, weight and cost advantages over traditional amplifier technology. Tripath's current products target audio applications with sales to leading consumer electronic and computer companies. For more information please visit our web site at www.tripath.com

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