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Boost your home network with the new range of energy efficient high performance Gigabit switches from Belkin

(Rushden, UK) – 9 July, 2009 - With continuous development in the consumer electronics industry equipping TVs with network ports and introducing new applications on an almost daily basis, the number of network compatible devices in our homes is on the increase. In response to these fast moving trends, Belkin has introduced a new portfolio of high performance energy efficient Gigabit switches with five and eight ports.

Belkin's new high performance switches allow you to add additional devices such as your X-Box, Play Station and Blu-Ray player to your network without the need for additional cabling. The integrated software guarantees consistent high data throughput, making the new switches ideal for multimedia applications, internet games, video streaming and transferring large files.

Gigabit networking offers the fastest transfer speeds currently available and with many of the devices in our home's now supporting Gigabit networking, Belkin's new range of switches will allow you to transfer your data up to six times faster than standard network speeds.

Belkin's new switches are also highly energy efficient with each port only being provided with power when it detects that a device has been plugged in. The switches are also able to adjust the amount of power required to suit the length of the cable connected and as soon as the connected device is shut down the port senses this and switches into standby mode. As well as being energy efficient, the new switches also operate without a fan making them almost silent, and reducing the energy used even further.

All ports are autosensing and full-duplex capable which means that under full load, they deliver up to 2000 mbps (1000 mbps in and out simultaneously) per port. Constant data streaming is guaranteed by flow-control according to the IEEE802.3x standard.

As well as home use, Belkin's new switches are also ideal for smaller networks with a high demand for reliability and performance. The new switches have an appealing design and simple plug and play functionality with the great cost/performance ratio you would expect from Belkin.

For those who don't require a high performance Gigabit network, Belkin also provides a cost effective 10/100 version of the new switches. To complete the range a new router (F5D5231-4) provides fast and reliable internet and networking access at an affordable price. All these products are covered by Belkin's lifetime warranty.

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**10/100/1000 Switch, 8-Port – F5D5141-8**
£59.99/€59.99**10/100/1000 Switch, 5-Port – F5D5141-5**
£39.99/€39.99**10/100 Switch, 8-Port – F5D5131-8**
£24.99/€24.99**10/100 Switch, 5-Port – F5D5131-5**
£19.99/€19.99**10/100 Router, 4-Port – F5D5231-4**
£29.99/€29.99

Technical specifications

- 8 (5) x 10/100/1000 mbps (RJ-45) Gigabit Ports
- 2000 mbps Full-Duplex throughput per Port
- Dedicated bandwidth for server and workgroups
- Elegant, appealing design
- Silent fanless design
- 802.3x flow-control against data transfer losses
- 4096 MAC addresses
- Auto MDI/MDIX uplink on every port, no crossover cable needed
- Simple Plug&Play installation

Energy:

- Up to 40% lower energy consumption
- Automatic adaption of power required for length of the attached cable
- Automatic power down of unused ports – also after shutting down remote station

AVAILABILITY

Europe – August 2009

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About Belkin

Belkin – www.belkin.com – offers a diverse product mix that provides people with seamless electronics integration in their homes, cars and on the go. Founded in California in 1983, Belkin is a privately held company and the recognised leader in connectivity solutions, in addition to accessories for iPod devices, computers and more. We provide extensive solutions for networking, home entertainment – with our PureAV line of cables, power and digital wireless accessories – and many more categories.

Belkin's phenomenal growth has led to our expanding global presence. In addition to corporate headquarters in Los Angeles, we also have offices throughout the Asia Pacific region. Belkin's European headquarters are located the UK, with further offices in Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, Sweden and Dubai (UAE) dedicated to their regional markets.