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SUMMARY: PowerPod is a USB device that pans and tilts a camcorder.

Robotic Cameraman for Your Camcorder

New York, May 1, 2004. Until now, camcorders required people to point them manually. Eagletron's new PowerPod robotic mount now does this automatically under the control of a PC.

PowerPod comes with sophisticated driver software that remotely controls a camcorder's movement over the Internet, automatically pans and tilts it to track motion, or moves it through a pre-programmed pattern of movement.

Priced at \$169.95, PowerPod is affordable enough for anyone to set a camcorder up as a high-resolution webcam that online viewers can move. Yet it is also powerful enough for sophisticated videoconferencing and surveillance.

Uses include broadcasting a clear video image for videoconferencing while easily keeping the camera pointed at a subject moving around the room. The PowerPod is also ideal for keeping an eye on a home or business. Pan/tilt capability allows a single camera to monitor a large space. Superior high-resolution camcorder video eliminates the grainy picture quality common to other surveillance devices.

Some of PowerPod's advanced features include the ability to control camcorder optical zoom via software (in compatible camcorders) and the ability to view video and control movement from a web-enabled cell phone when you're on the road.

Optional DVdriver software allows the use of picture-perfect camcorder video in any application that works with a webcam, such as popular instant messaging and chat programs.

First of its kind on the market, PowerPod is manufactured by Eagletron Inc., maker of the popular TrackerPod® robotic system for webcams.

For additional information on PowerPod, see Eagletron's web site, www.trackercom.com.

ABOUT EAGLETRON: For over 4 years, Eagletron Inc. has been creating innovative PC products that combine optics and robotics.

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