



Overland's MinilibraryXpress Gathers High Praise; Network Computing Reviewer Impressed by Company's Autoloader

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SAN DIEGO--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 26, 2000--Overland Data, Inc. (Nasdaq:OVRL), a technology leader in tape backup products, received high praise for its DLT MinilibraryXpress(TM) in a review entitled "Overland Data's Dual-DLT Battleship Is Built to Last," which appeared in the April 3 edition of Network Computing magazine.

Reviewer Tom Yager gave kudos to the unit's durable construction and ample security features: "Overland Data's DLT MinilibraryXpress is one desktop (or rackmount) autoloader that can hold its own among even your most ham-handed operators," the review said. "This is server gear that craves abuse ... and is an ideal solution for ASPs (application service providers), data centers and service bureaus that run some sort of backup constantly.

"The unit is also secure. I tried breaking into this library and found that it's easier to disassemble the cabinet ... the LXM8215 is the most secure backup device I've used."

Yager said he was impressed with the unit's quality, simplicity and ease-of-use. He highlighted how the machine continued to operate when subjected to tests such as tilting the cabinet at a steep angle and shaking the cabinet while the robot was operating. Yager also singled out the device's three-year warranty, 250,000-hour mean-time between failures, 1 million head passes per cartridge and 50,000-hour head life per drive.

"We are pleased that this latest model of our award-winning DLT MinilibraryXpress has continued the tradition of excellence that we strive for in all of our products," said Steve Richardson, Vice President of Marketing at Overland. "For a reviewer to extol the virtues of our machine -- and to do so in a highly respected publication like Network Computing -- gives us a validation that we are providing our customers with the best possible storage solutions available."

The LXM8215 comes equipped with two DLT8000 tape drives and a magazine that holds 15 DLT cartridges. It was tested using a Microsoft Windows NT server equipped with dual 450-MHz Pentium II CPUs and 256 MB of RAM. Yager used Veritas Backup Exec 7.3 while storing the test data on a Consensus RAIDZone array with eight 27-GB Maxtor DiamondMax Plus Ultra DMA/66 drives.

Network Computing is a magazine with a circulation of 220,000 written for networking professionals and managers. The publication's editorial charter is to provide information on products and trends to assist network computing professionals with purchasing decisions and technical problems. It is available online at <http://www.networkcomputing.com>.

About Overland

Overland Data, Inc. (Nasdaq:OVRL) is a global supplier of innovative data storage and storage automation solutions for computer networks. The Company's award-winning DLT LibraryXpress(TM) SmartScale Storage(R) architecture has set new standards for intelligent automated storage and scalability and established Overland as a leader in the mid-range tape storage market.

Today, Overland is broadening its product line and technology offerings to address additional segments of the storage market, including the entry-level small-business market, as well as the higher-end enterprise environment.

Overland's patented Variable Rate Randomizer (VR2(TM)) data encoding technology, capable of substantially increasing the capacity and throughput of linear tape formats, is being applied by the Company to Travan tape drives, and has been licensed to Seagate Technology, Tandberg Data and Imation Corp.

Overland products, acclaimed for their quality and reliability, are sold worldwide through leading OEMs, including Compaq, IBM, Fujitsu Siemens Computers and Groupe Bull; commercial distributors such as Ingram Micro, Tech Data Corp. and Bell Microproducts; as well as storage integrators and value-added resellers.

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