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Re: Announcing the Intuos4, the new graphics pen tablet

Wacom Co., Ltd. announced today that the Intuos4, the company's latest model of high performance pen tablet Intuos series will be available from April 3 2009.

The Intuos4, the high performance professional pen tablet was developed as a design tool to offer high productivity based on the user's work flow analysis. As a result, it is equipped with a newly developed IC (integrated circuit) and display function, and designed using new product design techniques incorporating universal design and ergonomics.

1. Name of new model

Intuos4

2. Available date of new model

April 3, 2009

3. Main features of new model



● **2048 pressure levels that accurately detect fingertip nuances**

The newly developed pen IC has increased the processing speed of pen pressure information. Thanks to this development, the previous 1024 pressure levels available on the Intuos3 have been doubled to 2048 in the new Intuos4. The accurate detection of fingertip nuances provides you with even more realistic paintbrush touch expression.

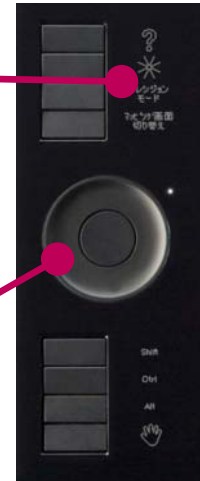
● **New tip sensor provides full expressiveness even with light brushstrokes**

The sensor in the pen tip that detects stroke pressure is now equipped with the newly developed second-generation Tip Sensor. The minimum ON weight (minimum weight sensed by the pen tip) of 10 grams for the Intuos3 has been reduced to 1 gram in the Intuos4, giving you the best possible power of expression when drawing with even lighter touches.

- **Assisting Increased efficiency in creative work**

- [Function key] [Function display]**

Shortcuts and other operations that you use frequently can be set to the Function Keys, reducing hand movement to the absolute minimum so you can concentrate more on your creative works. Also, the functions set to these buttons are displayed in the Function Display for quick and easy checking.



- **Touchwheel – improving the operability of software**

Operations such as zooming, changing brush size, layer switching, and rotating the canvas can now be performed at the touch of a finger. (Only functions with supported software.)

- **Customizable to personal tastes**

In addition to the Function Keys and Touchwheel functions mentioned above that can be set as desired, the following functions are also customizable to personal tastes.

- 3 different kinds of pen nibs with varying friction, and one spare vertically moving spare lead, all stored conveniently in the pen stand.
- Thick rubber grip for the standard grip pen means you can change the thickness of the grip as desired.
- You can also further customize your product by using one of the optional pens including the newly developed art pen, or by using one of the other options including spare leads, rubber grips, and overlay sheets.



- **Industrial design to improve working efficiency for any working style**

- With all operation keys arranged on one side and a vertically symmetrical design, the product is perfect for left or right handed use simply by rotating 180 degrees
- Demountable USB connecting cable (excluding Extra Large)
- Upper surface of function keys are slanted for easy fingertip recognition, so you don't have to look down to see where the keys are

4. Effect on the financial forecast of new model

The Intuos4 will be available through most national electrical stores, computer stores, and our own online shop, "Wacom Store". We aim to sell 500,000 units worldwide within the 1st year after the product is launched. There will be no revision of consolidated FY08 financial forecast by the shipment beginning from March for the new model available.