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The legend returns: Speedlink revives iconic joystick – the COMPETITION PRO EXTRA

Weertzen, 18 December 2018: To mark the company’s 20th anniversary the gaming accessories specialist Speedlink is reviving a legendary joystick, which is actually a few years older than the company itself. A COMPETITION PRO EXTRA was a vital piece of kit for anyone who gamed day and night on their C64 back in the 80s playing Summer Games and the like. Now after more than 30 years Speedlink developers feel that proper homage should now be paid to a pioneering joystick. So they’re launching the improved new version of the COMPETITION PRO EXTRA – which comes with 20 games in the spirit of that great home-computing era – into the race to be crowned the coolest Christmas present.

Speedlink’s timing couldn’t be better to launch the new version of the runaway sales hit the COMPETITION PRO: say hello to the COMPETITION PRO EXTRA. Based on the original from the 80s, the classic joystick with its huge fire buttons also evokes memories of legendary arcade machines. And it gets even better: after the COMPETITION PRO EXTRA has been hooked up to the PC via its not-so-classic USB connector, 20 epic game classics can be downloaded from the Speedlink website using a special download code. Once that’s done, it’s game on!

“We had a burning desire to resurrect the iconic COMPETITION PRO. It embodies our passion for gaming like no other product, especially since many of us spent day and night gaming on our C64 back in the 80s.



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We wanted to share these unforgettable memories with our customers, and of course with the next generation of gamers too,” explained Rainer Nawratil, Director of Product Management, PR & Marketing at Speedlink. Berlin’s *Computerspielemuseum* – a museum devoted to all things computer gaming-related – couldn’t agree more. The new version of the COMPETITION PRO can be put through its paces there in an authentic environment. “The COMPETITION PRO is legendary. Its iconic red and black design, the clicking sound of its microswitches and its sheer reliability have impressed millions of gamers. Back in the day it was the undisputed king of game controllers for many popular home computers like the C64, Amiga as well as the Atari XL and ST. People are still blown away by the classic look and feel plus the precise control of the COMPETITION PRO EXTRA – something they get to experience for themselves here at the museum,” added Matthias Oborski, Technical Director of the Computerspielemuseum in Berlin.

The Anniversary Edition of the COMPETITION PRO EXTRA is great not only for the supplied retro games but also for many modern arcade titles. With an increased signal rate and a rapid-fire mode for all four fire buttons, lots of care and attention has gone into fine-tuning the COMPETITION PRO EXTRA to meet the needs of today’s gamers. The cult classic is available for an RRP of just €29.99 – a price that allows anyone to take a trip back in time to an epic age in computer gaming.

COMPETITION PRO EXTRA USB Joystick – Anniversary Edition

- Article number: SL-650212-BKRD
- Digital USB joystick for PCs and Android® devices
- Perfect for arcade and retro games



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- Nostalgic design based on the original COMPETITION PRO arcade machine stick
- Anniversary Edition includes games collection with 20 retro games for download (Windows only[®], unlockable with enclosed code)
- Increased signal rate versus the previous generation
- Digital stick with micro switches, 2 axes, 4 fire buttons and rapid-fire mode (for all 4 fire buttons)
- Foam rubber feet
- Construction: Plastic
- Connection: Gold-plated USB-A connector (USB 1.1)
- Windows 7[®] or later: DirectInput[®], driverless installation
- Android[®] 5 or later: Via OTG adapter (not included)
- USB polling rate: 125Hz
- Cable length: 1.8m
- Dimensions: 96 × 118 × 130mm (W × D × H)
- Weight incl. cable: 280g
- MSRP: €29.99

About Jöllenbeck

Jöllenbeck GmbH is one of Europe's leading manufacturers of office & entertainment peripherals. Since its formation, Jöllenbeck has positioned itself very successfully in the PC, video gaming console and handheld accessories market. The product portfolio of its own brand Speedlink[®] includes sound systems, headsets, mice, mousepads, keyboards, gamepads, joysticks and various other accessories. Speedlink[®] products feature impressive cutting-edge technology combined with design excellence and outstanding functionality. Through Speedlink[®], Jöllenbeck is represented in over 40 countries worldwide.

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