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Sonnet Announces PowerPC Upgrade for Quadra and Centris Macs

Sonnet Upgrades give 68040 Macintoshes PowerPC performance up to 11x speed improvement, and OS 8.5 Capability

IRVINE, CALIFORNIA. January 4, 1999. Sonnet Technologies, the leading manufacturer of performance upgrade products for Apple Macintosh™ computers, today announced the Presto PPC, a PowerPC™ upgrade card for Quadra and Centris Macintoshes. The upgrade includes a 100 MHz 601 PowerPC processor, 1MB onboard level 2 cache and Mac OS 8.5 Enabler. Quadra and Centris owners can expect an outstanding 500% basic processor performance improvement and an 1100% floating point performance increase. However, the best news is that Sonnet's proprietary Mac OS 8.5 Enabler software allows these Quadra and Centris computers to now run Mac 8.5 and reap all the performance benefits of running PowerPC "native" applications. For example, the Sonnet Presto PPC enables Quadra and Centris owners to run Microsoft® Office 98 which requires a PowerPC processor.

The Presto PPC is compatible with:

- Quadra 700/800/900/950
- Quadra/Centris 610/650 (610 requires an adapter - available from Sonnet)

Reincarnation of the Daystar Digital Power Pro 601

When Daystar closed its doors 1 1/2 years ago, one of the voids left in the market was a PowerPC upgrade path for 680x0 Macintoshes. Sonnet Technologies acquired the rights to the DayStar Digital upgrade card product line. Sonnet has enhanced the value of the Power Pro 601 with the Mac OS 8.5 Enabler.

Sonnet to Provide Upgrade To Existing Daystar Customers

Sonnet will be providing the Mac OS 8.5 enabler for existing Daystar Digital Power Pro 601 customers for \$49.95.

"We are excited to announce the Presto PPC and provide Quadra and Centris owners all the compatibility and performance benefits of PowerPC at an extremely attractive price," said Robert Farnsworth, President and founder of Sonnet Technologies. "This is another step toward fulfilling our commitment to bring the Macintosh community quality upgrades for every possible Macintosh model, and we are also glad to offer an upgrade path for formerly disenfranchised Daystar customers."

