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For The
Virtually Hands FreeTM
Mousing System

Section 508 & Computer Mice.

Review by the Section 508 Group, Dec, 2004 as to the applicability of Section 508 Standards to computer mice purchases confirmed that computer mice are required to meet the standards. Our view of the market is that our products meet these standards completely and more effectively than other competitive products. Your view, following a search on “mouse” in “Buy Accessible”, will find our products and specific information for your file to provide you with your own due diligence as to why they might.

Micro-Purchase Exemption Expiry April 1, 2005.

On April 1, 2005 the Micro-Purchase exemption expires. After then system and mice Micro-Purchases will be subject to your consideration as to compliance. Please contact us for support with your implementation of Section 508 either directly or indirectly through vendors you may already be working with. We will endeavor to work with any vendor that you might suggest in pursuit of a common 508 objective.

Products & VPAT’s Listed At “Buy Accessible”; www.section508.gov:

The AirO₂bic Griplless Mouse, pronounced aerobic, by our analysis and assertion meets subsections 1194.26, Desktop and Portable Computers and 1194.23, mechanically activated controls. It untwists the wrist, a specific stipulation of the standards, unlike “palm down mice”. Other so-called “vertical mice” require either “claw or pinch” grip, which can be more excessive than older designs. The standard does not qualify “excessive grip” and studies are now indicating that “negligible but repetitive force”, as grip is, may contribute to conditions associated with extensive computer use and collectively called repetitive strain injuries (RSI). It could be anticipated in the future that “any grip” might be considered excessive.

The AirO₂bic Mouse does not require the use of muscles forward of the elbow for effective and productive manipulation of the mouse cursor. This classifies it as Universal Technology, reducing the physical demands placed upon mouse intensive workers, while at the same time being Assistive Technology for persons with disability and so providing accommodation under Sections 501 or 504 and, in some cases, (where clicking buttons is not a problem) under subsection 1194.32(F) of Section 508; not requiring fine motor control. Further enhancement, often to full 1194.32(F) compliance is achieved by the purchase of "Clickless" software which removes the need to manually click mouse buttons (see below).

Clickless Software (Nib for PC & McNib for Mac) is a software application for use with most input devices. It removes the need to click buttons mechanically and meets with the 1194.21 standard. It extends capabilities under subsections 1194.23 (zero pressure required to actuate buttons when in use) and 1194.31(F), as users actuate the click by pausing over an active part of the screen. Different clicks can be enacted by selection from the toolbar or by using “Gestures” to make a double or right click instead of the default left click. Objects can be dragged, highlighted and repositioned and all aspects of mousing can be achieved without the use of mouse buttons. It comes with a built in Intelligent Break Timer that monitors activity and prompts the user to take a break when a user defined period of “hands on” activity has been exceeded. It also has the option (PC version) to disable the keyboard and mouse when the break is called.

The Virtually Hands Free™ Mousing System, commended by the Arthritis Foundation for Ease of Use is a combination of the AirO₂bic Mouse and Clickless Software which provides for a Universally Designed system that we assert meets the standards for compliancy under Subsections 1194.21, 1194.23, 1194.26 and 1193.31(F). As a Universal Design it is at home at all work stations as it allows those without disability to avoid using those muscles that can injure and enables many with hand dexterity disability or impairment to work as effectively and productively as their colleagues, truly accessible technology.

The Virtually Hands Free™ Mousing System is a Griplless and Clickless system that does not require the use of muscles forward of the elbow for effective and productive mouse input.

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