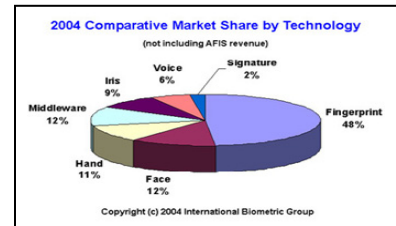
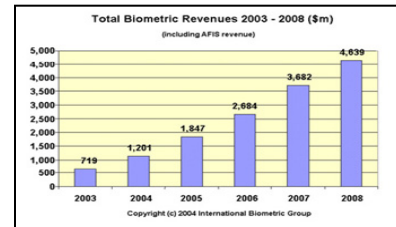


AuthenTec: Providing the Power of Touch for Computers

Introduction To Biometrics

Security is a major concern in most facets of life today. Computer security, personal security, and homeland security have taken center stage – with people searching for ways to protect themselves, their information, and their possessions. Biometrics has emerged as the most convenient form of security. By far the most popular form of biometrics is fingerprint biometrics, which “reads” the identifying marks on a person’s finger to authenticate the user and control access to information, a device, or a physical location. In the past, the technology was limited because of its cost and size -- but not any more. Fingerprint sensors that were once the size of a silver dollar and cost \$30 each are today tiny slivers of silicon that cost under \$5. Because of advances in technology, these sensors are now truly practical for nearly any device. The market for fingerprint biometrics has grown 60 percent, and is estimated to have hit \$2.1 billion in 2006.



Biometrics in Computers



Computer viruses, hacking, theft and fraud have left individuals, companies and government organizations struggling to protect their hardware, software -- and most importantly, their data -- from falling into the wrong hands. Securing computers and computer networks has grown into a multi-billion dollar industry, often involving multiple solutions that may require large staffs to implement. Even passwords, once perceived as one of the simplest solutions, have proven to be cumbersome and prone to theft or fraud. Individuals are forced to remember an average of 30 passwords, and companies often spend \$25 to \$100 annually per employee to resolve password problems. Fingerprint biometrics has emerged as the most viable method to protect critical computer information – and help enable secure online services and other Internet applications. These tiny sensors lock out intruders and thieves, providing the most convenient means of protecting the valuable personal or business information. Fingerprint biometrically enabled computers and peripherals also authenticate users, providing an extra layer of protection for online banking, shopping and other Internet services. These same sensors can be used to personalize computers like never before – enabling companies to restrict access to certain applications to specific people, or parents to control the Web sites that their children have access to. Today, fingerprint biometrics are embedded directly into more than 100 different laptop computers, PC keyboards, memory keys, computer mice, portable hard drives, password managers and other devices – with new applications appearing almost monthly.

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AuthenTec in Computers

AuthenTec was founded in 1998 with the goal of creating technology that provides personal security for everyone. To succeed in the personal computer and computer peripheral markets, the company realized that its technology must provide the most advanced security and be extremely small, inexpensive, accurate, and easy to use – by everyone. Working closely with computer and peripheral manufacturers, AuthenTec leveraged its patented TruePrint® technology to create the only solution in the industry that makes this possible. As a result of the company's collaborations, AuthenTec has developed sensors specifically tailored for the computer market. This includes the industry's smallest fingerprint slide sensor, which provides the Power of Touch™ -- giving these devices;

- The most advanced and accurate security
- Full navigation capabilities, similar to a touch pad
- Fast user switching between applications
- Pre-boot authentication
- Fingerprint control to restrict or allow access to individual features or applications
- And more....

Today, AuthenTec is the recognized number one provider of biometric sensors to computer and computer peripheral manufacturers worldwide. AuthenTec's sensors have been designed into a wide range of computer products and peripherals, including multiple laptop and tablet computers, PC keyboards, memory keys, portable hard drives, password managers, and other devices. AuthenTec's products are by far the most widely used fingerprint sensors in computer products today, including;

- HP, Lenovo, Fujitsu Computer, AsusTek, Toshiba, Samsung, Motorola, Motion Computing, ElectroVaya, Tatung and other computer manufacturers have launched families of biometrically enabled notebook and tablet computers with AuthenTec's tiny slide and touch sensors embedded directly into the computer.
- APC, Targus, Billionton and other companies have introduced biometric password managers to easily and inexpensively biometrically enable virtually any desktop or notebook computer.
- Cherry, Fellowes, KSI, Memory Experts, Zvetco and many others produce biometric PC peripherals, including biometric mice, keyboards, memory keys, portable hard drives, digital pens, and others.
- The commercial success of biometric computers and peripherals has led to an increased interest in biometrics by many other manufactures in an increasingly diverse set of industries and vertical markets.

AuthenTec Overview

With millions of sensors in use worldwide, AuthenTec is the world leader in biometric fingerprint sensor innovation and sales to the PC, wireless, and access control markets. AuthenTec's award-winning FingerLoc® and EntréPad® product families use the company's patented TruePrint technology to provide the Power of Touch™ – making electronic devices more secure, easy and fun to use. The company's sensors are the smallest, fastest, most accurate and easiest to integrate in the industry today. AuthenTec also has the largest network of partners, solution providers and customers, including; Analog Devices, APC, Compal, Cherry, Fujitsu Computer, CA, Fellowes, HP, IBM, LGE, Microsoft, Motion Computing, Samsung, Tatung, Texas Instruments, Toshiba, Quanta, and many others.

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