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### Firecom Introduces Glove Rugged Plug

PORTLAND, Ore., November 12, 2003 — Firecom, a leader in the development and production of headsets and intercoms for the fire and rescue industry, introduces the Glove Rugged™ connector to all headset cables. The new ergonomic connector makes it easy to grab the plug with a gloved hand and is designed to swivel, distributing strain at the jack connection.

The new Glove Rugged plug is the latest product update by Firecom. The reinforced 45-degree angle jack plug is designed for use with large gloves and provides more than 300 pounds of strain relief at the most delicate part of the connection. The plug provides a significant improvement over the traditional short bend relief. It offers more protection for delicate wires by providing a longer bend relief on a 45-degree angle plug in a minimum amount of space.

“At trade shows, customers of all brands told us that the cable was the most repaired item on the headset due to strain and pulling on the cord. We knew we had to create a design that would go to the heart of the problem. Besides increasing the size and durability of the bend relief, we incorporated a 45-degree angle to reduce strain, automatically rotate to align with the strain, offer a better grip and still keep a low profile.”

The new Glove Rugged plug now ships from the factory with every new under-the-helmet and over-the-head headset. All Firecom systems exceed National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) 1500 Safety Standards for hearing protection.

#### About Firecom

Firecom, a division of Sonetics Corporation, is located in Portland, Oregon. Firecom markets headsets, intercoms and radio interfaces for the fire and rescue industry. Fire departments, EMS, rescue and ambulance companies throughout the United States and abroad currently use Firecom systems. Firecom leads the way in communication technology by continually focusing on quality hearing protection, ease of use, and affordability.