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GENTRAN INTRODUCES TWO ENTRY-LEVEL GENERATOR TRANSFER SWITCHES FOR RESIDENTIAL BACKUP POWER APPLICATIONS

New models are prewired for fast, easy installation

ATLANTA – September 12, 2005 – GenTran Corporation (www.gen-tran.com), the leading designer and manufacturer of generator transfer systems for residential and light commercial backup power applications, today added two prewired models to its family of manual transfer switches. Available in October, these new models include more features and are priced 10 to 30 percent less than competitive products – effectively making safe generator installations simple and affordable. The new models are UL Listed to UL standard 1008 for transfer switches and meet the requirements of Article 702.6 of the National Electrical Code (NEC).

New PowerStay® manual transfer switch models include:

- **MODEL 2026** – 6 circuits, 20 amps, for generators up to 5000 watts – expandable to 10 circuits
- **MODEL 3028** – 8 circuits, 30 amps, for generators up to 7500 watts – expandable to 10 circuits

“Our new PowerStay® manual transfer switch models are designed to help families and businesses restore power quickly and conveniently to critical appliances and equipment during a utility outage,” said Jack Mandula, GenTran President. “Small business owners and consumers who invest in alternate power sources, such as standby generators and appropriate transfer switch systems, can enjoy that extra sense of security that comes from an added edge of protection against the inevitable power failure.”

Each new PowerStay® manual transfer switch includes

- 6 or 8 interchangeable type branch circuit breakers
- Utility and main breakers mechanically interlocked to prevent circuits from being fed by both at the same time
- Dual wattmeters – To help balance generator loads and avoid premature generator burnout
- Power inlet – For fast cord connection to generator
- 10-circuit copper bus – For superior reliability and expandability
- Durable, rust-resistant NEMA 1 enclosure which can be surface mounted indoors
- Wiring harness – conduit and fittings and all wires clearly marked for fast and easy installation

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“In response to our customers’ requests, we are introducing these prewired models at an entry-level price point to make safe generator installations affordable to the masses, especially in the midst of the increased hurricane activity that we are experiencing,” said Jack Mandula, GenTran President. “Our market research show that most consumers don’t know they need to install a transfer switch with their portable generator, so we decided to introduce these new models in consumer packaging to grab shoppers’ attention in hopes that they will invest in a transfer switch at the same time as the generator,” said Mandula.

The patented mechanical interlock between the utility and generator breakers prevents dangerous backfeeding and eliminates the risk of property damage and serious injury associated with unsafe generator installations. Since the new models are designed with readily-available interchangeable type circuit breakers, these models will accommodate arc-fault (AFC) and ground fault circuit interrupting (GFCI) breakers which are now required by the NEC for certain household circuits. Although each model includes six or eight branch circuit breakers, each model will accommodate up to 10 circuits making it easy to expand or reconfigure as needs change.

“Contractors will like installing these models because they accommodate plug-in generator connections as well as hardwired connections without additional accessories – so he doesn’t have to know ahead of time how or where it will be installed in the home or business,” Mandula added.

GenTran plans to offer its two new models in a kit packaged with a heavy duty generator cord and a power inlet box enclosure (in case hardwiring is desired) for retail customers who want a complete transfer switch system in one box.

GenTran’s new models have been tested and UL Listed with the following breakers (max. 30 Amps, 240 VAC, min. 10 kA, 240 VAC short circuit rating):

- Siemens Type QE, QP, QT, QPF, QPH, HQP, QPHF, QAF
- Square D Type HOM
- GE Type THQL
- Cutler-Hammer Type BR

Installed next to the existing electrical panel in a home or business, a generator transfer switch is the key to safe and convenient operation of portable or stationary generators for standby power. In 2002, the National Electrical Code (NEC) was updated to require installation of transfer equipment such as GenTran’s PowerStay® manual transfer switches for all optional standby generator systems including portable generators.

Suggested retail prices for the new models 2026 and 3028 are \$199 and \$249 respectively, and suggested retail pricing for kit models 2026K and 3028K are \$299 and \$349. GenTran is accepting orders now for shipment in October 2005.

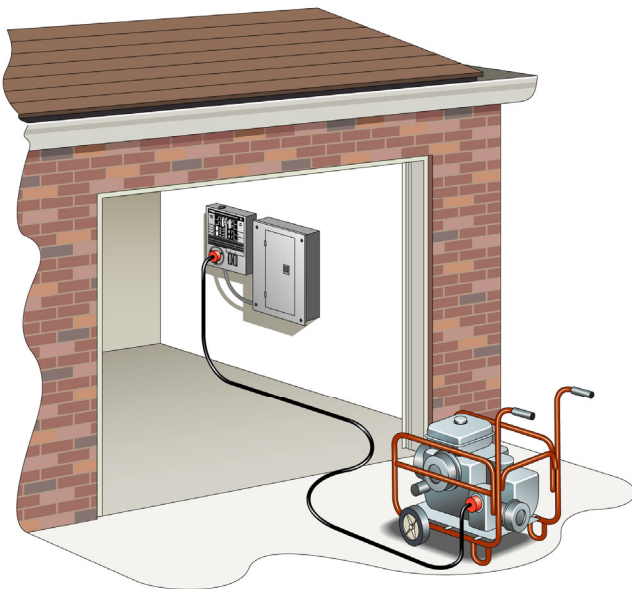
Headquartered in Alpharetta, Georgia, GenTran Corporation is the nation's leading designer and manufacturer of standby transfer switches and accessories used in conjunction with backup generators. Since 1982, almost one million GenTran products have been installed in homes and businesses across North America in order to maintain power during outages. GenTran products are UL listed and meet the requirements of NEC Article 702. Founded by industry veteran, Paul Schnackenberg, GenTran Corporation is family-owned and operated. For additional information call 1-888-GEN-TRAN or visit our website at www.gen-tran.com.

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(Editor's note: Supporting electronic files, photos and product specification sheets are available upon request.)

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