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GENTRAN RE-INTRODUCES ITS ORIGINAL "VINTAGE" GENERATOR TRANSFER SWITCHES FOR RESIDENTIAL BACKUP POWER APPLICATIONS

Prewired, entry-level products offer a cost-effective way to safely deliver generator power to up to six essential circuits in a home or business during a power outage.

ATLANTA – August 14, 2006 –GenTran Corporation (www.gen-tran.com), the leading designer and manufacturer of generator transfer systems for residential and light commercial backup power applications, today re-introduced four models in the company's same design originally introduced in 1982; now priced 30-50% less than competitive products and making safe generator installations more affordable than ever.



As the pioneer of the original compact manual transfer switch for backup power applications, GenTran successfully sold its so-called "vintage" models for nearly 20 years. However, after Y2K, GenTran decided to update the design of its transfer switches to incorporate features that the original products did not offer based on feedback from consumers as well as electrical contractors. Today, GenTran's PowerStay® manual transfer switches offer expandability and installation versatility unsurpassed in the industry.

"With the broad availability of generators priced well below \$500, consumers today are reluctant to spend more on a transfer switch system than they spent for the generator, and are demanding a low-cost transfer switch solution to make their installation safe," said Jack Mandula, GenTran President. "That's why we are excited to re-introduce a safe, proven transfer switch design at the best price in the industry – starting at \$99. And you can even use a standard extension cord with our entry level unit," he added.

GenTran's "vintage" transfer switches are made with UL Listed components and to the same specifications, quality standards and guidelines as they were made for 20 years.

Features of the GenTran® "vintage" transfer switches include:

- External mounting feet that make installation next to an existing electrical panel indoors (surface mount only) fast
- Connection to six 15- or 20-amp household circuits like lights, kitchen, furnace, etc.
- A corrosion-resistant, aluminum enclosure that includes knockouts in case hardwiring is desired
- Accommodates hardwiring or plug-in cord connections

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Each GenTran “vintage” transfer switch includes six switches rated at 20 amps, six supplemental push-to-reset circuit breakers that are in use when the generator is running, dual wattmeters to help balance generator loads for better performance, a power inlet for fast cord connection to a generator, a closing plate (models 20216V and 30216V only) that covers the inlet cavity when hardwiring is desired, 18" of flexible conduit and fittings, and all wires clearly marked. A handle tie is included on models 20216V and 30216V to accommodate one 2-pole circuit such as a well pump. GenTran provides a standard two-year warranty against manufacturing or mechanical defects. All models can be ordered now for immediate shipment.

Specifications and suggested retail prices for GenTran’s “vintage” manual transfer switch models are:

- **MODEL 15116V** – 6 circuits, 15 amps @ 125 volts, for generators up to 1875 watts, \$99.99
- **MODEL 30116V** – 6 circuits, 30 amps @ 125 volts, for generators up to 3750 watts, \$109.99
- **MODEL 20216V** – 6 circuits, 20 amps, for generators up to 5000 watts, \$139.99
- **MODEL 30216V** – 6 circuits, 30 amps, for generators up to 7500 watts, \$159.99

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 for all optional standby generator systems including portable generators. Professional installation by a licensed electrician is recommended.

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. 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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