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## Secured Version of Hand Held Imager Restricts Image Downloading

**RENTON, Wash., June, 2006** — Microscan has developed a secured version of the MS-Q Quadrus® hand held imager with disabled image capture and downloading. Permanent removal of its photographic functions will allow use of this important manufacturing tool within sensitive industrial areas where photographic devices are prohibited.

Manufacturers in many industries, such as defense and aerospace, are subject to strict security countermeasures to prevent espionage, sabotage, theft, or unauthorized use of classified or controlled information or material. The MS-Q Quadrus® is the first hand held imager to comply with these countermeasures through the removal of its ability to capture and download images. With this function absent, the secured imager can be used within restricted areas of manufacturing facilities to read challenging direct part marked bar codes and symbols.

MS-Q Quadrus® imagers contain aggressive decode algorithms for reading symbols on low contrast substrates such as metal, plastic, rubber and glass with marking methods such as dot peen and laser/chemical etch. The image processing algorithms designed for direct part marks elevate the MS-Q Quadrus® above standard hand held imagers, to a valuable member of Microscan's successful Quadrus® family of imagers.

For additional information on MS-Q Quadrus imagers and security compliance, please contact **Shelae Howden** at **425-226-5700** or by e-mail at **showden@microscan.com**.

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