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**DIGITAL EQUIPMENT CORPORATION ANNOUNCES RECALL OF AC ADAPTERS FOR  
HINOTE VP 500 SERIES OF NOTEBOOK COMPUTERS**

Toronto, On - Digital Equipment Corporation of Maynard, Massachusetts, is voluntarily recalling certain AC adapters for its HiNote VP 500 series of notebook computers. The recall involves an estimated 20,000 AC adapters in North America, which may have connector pins that could break and pose a potential electrical shock hazard. The connector pins connect the AC adapter to the AC power cord, which plugs into an outlet to provide electricity to power the unit.

The DIGITAL HiNote VP 500 notebook computer itself is not affected by this recall.

Digital Equipment Corporation is not aware of any injuries pertaining to this situation. While there have been only two failed adapters reported in North America, the company is implementing this voluntary recall in order to prevent any possibility of injury.

Only AC adapters sold for use with DIGITAL's VP 500 series from September, 1996 through August 15, 1997 are impacted by this recall. These adapters were supplied to customers with the purchase of the HiNote VP 500 series of notebook computers or shipped as an option or spare part by DIGITAL or its channel partners and service providers. The recalled AC adapters can be identified by part numbers 30-47941-01 Rev.A01 or 30-47941-01 Rev.B01 which appear on the bar code label of the AC adapter.

To avoid the possibility of electrical shock, customers in possession of the recalled AC adapters should unplug the computer from the electrical outlet before inspecting the adapter. In Canada, Digital Equipment Corporation requests that customers contact the company as soon as possible to receive a free replacement adapter, as well as instructions for continued safe use of the computer while they await new AC adapters, by calling 1-800-550-4741 (English) or 1-800-DIGITAL - press 2-1-4 (French) Monday through Friday 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM EST. Customers may also register for a replacement adapter via the Internet at [www.windows.digital.com/news/archives/c19701.asp](http://www.windows.digital.com/news/archives/c19701.asp)