



## Press Release

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In a joint development, Watchfront Electronics and Q.931 have launched a new firewall family to facilitate protection from Internet hacking. The FireBrickSoHo (basic unit) and the FireBrickPlus (full feature unit) both combine a firewall with a 4 port hub for convenience and are packed with features for both users and ISPs. FireBricks are truly Plug and Go, providing network protection straight out of the box.

The FireBrickSoHo is aimed at the small/home office market, offering stealth, filtering, routing, port-mapping, NAT, and DHCP. The FireBrickPlus is appropriate for larger offices and groups of offices, additionally offering tunnelling, syslog, filters for IPSec, and traffic shaping. Features like these have hitherto only been found in very high cost equipment. The FireBrickPlus also provides a unique feature designed to confuse hackers by optionally sending unexpected but valid responses to their probes. The FireBrick family provides excellent value, offering these comprehensive features whilst remaining free from per-user licences.

The FireBrick stealth feature allows it to operate completely transparently to the network. In this mode, it will not show up on any network scans or port scans. The tools that hackers might use to identify a firewall will not help them. As a result, the FireBrick can be plugged into a network and the network will still operate without any reconfiguration.

In managed office applications, system managers can use the FireBrick multi-user security system to set up IP addresses and allocate bandwidth, whilst allowing the tenant a user name and password that can be used to set up any firewalling rules. This allows system managers to pass on control and responsibility to the tenant whilst maintaining monitoring and control of their access.

The easy to configure tunnelling feature allows for connection of multiple FireBrick units, so that the private addresses in one office can communicate with those in another office via the Internet. Normal firewall filters can be applied to tunnelled traffic, allowing specific access between sites to be managed.

The FireBrick family is manufactured in the UK, is small and well engineered; if required a rack mounted version can also be supplied.

The product design with these features and economic price was only possible by the pooling of specialist expertise of engineers working together between Watchfront Electronics and Q.931.

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**Editorial Note: Photographs can be obtained from the press section at [www.FireBrick.co.uk](http://www.FireBrick.co.uk).**