

By 2001, the videoconferencing market will reach \$5 billion with by far the greatest growth in the desktop segment from about \$300 million in 1996 to \$3 billion in 2001. **Source:**
Teleconferencing Markets and Strategies: From Novelty to Necessity

Essex Portable Solutions Inc introduces a truly portable videoconferencing solution, NoteCam Complete, with full duplex audio for use over standard telephone (POTS) lines, local and wide area networks, and the Internet. The complete package includes: one Nogatech ConferenceCard (TM), a combination 30 frame per second, type II PCMCIA video capture card with full duplex audio, AudioVision videoconferencing and VideoLink (TM) Mail application, a Labtec headset with boom microphone, and the high resolution, self-powering, NoteCam (TM) CCD camera which features a built-in microphone, focusable, five elements glass lens, auto iris with back light compensation, and auto white balance. The NoteCam (TM) Complete videoconferencing package will retail for \$699 and begins shipping immediately. **Source:**
Business Wire

Intel recently added new features to ProShare, adding video answering machine capabilities that allow users to leave video messages in the same way as they leave phone messages. At the recent Consumer Electronics show in Las Vegas, 8x8 demonstrated its \$500 ViaTV Phone which can be used over normal telephone lines with images viewed on a TV set. **Source:**
Financial Times

Voxware announces new online interactive voice conferencing and [broadcasting](#) technologies. Offering real-time free-form and moderated audio conferencing over IP networks, VoxChat provides a scalable voice "back-channel" for up to 100 simultaneous users per server. Potential users of the VoxChat system include online forums; large companies with intranet systems who have large-scale [broadcasting](#) and conferencing needs; online distance learning institutions; Internet talk-radio broadcasters; and end-users.
Source: PR Newswire