

# INTRODUCING THE QUIE

## A noisy problem you may not recognize.

The noise generated from one PC can average 35-40 decibels. That's almost the level of an average conversation. With just ten PCs in a room, it's as if you're surrounded by the volume of ten conversations—enough noise to noticeably dampen productivity. You may have never given it much thought, but the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH), has.

### Better Occupational Safety and Health.

An estimated 30 million

American workers are "noise exposed," according to the

Bureau of Census data. Any reduction in noise level—even if only a few decibels—makes

the noise hazard more manageable, improves communication, lowers annoyance, and reduces the risk of extra-auditory problems associated with the noise levels.



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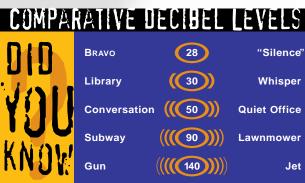
The National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health recognizes noise as a serious problem. According to its technical report of last year, NIOSH recommends a "buy quiet" policy for

Considering a noise level of less than 25 decibels is effectively "silent" (because the human ear cannot generally discriminate between sounds below this level), the Bravo MS is truly extraordinary.

businesses. They've now recommended that all businesses adopt the following guidelines when selecting new computers:

- Select new
  products or operations
  which adhere to their policy.
- Set new noise level criteria for your business.
- Request noise level specifications from manufacturers.
- Include noise level data in your bid evaluations.

Based on extensive
research, NIOSH also
set a recommended
noise exposure
limit of 86 decibels.
AST's new silent
business desktops run at
about 28 decibels, well below the
recommended limitations, and well
below all other PCs on the market.



#### AST's System Noise Reduction Technology.

System Noise Reduction is one of the biggest advances in computer design in years. By incorporating noise-dampening enclosures,

the mechanical noise emitted
from the hard drives is
reduced. A variable speed
fan inside the power supply
keeps the system cool, while
operating quietly.





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AST is the first computer company to bring to market business desktops that feature System Noise Reduction Technology. With the exclusive new technology, system noise is dramatically reduced from 37 decibels to 28, making it more than 71% quieter than other PC systems on the market.

Now you can
effectively combat the
white noise pollution
found in the office
environment and
meet NIOSH "quiet
office" recommendations.

Business users will especially

appreciate the quiet operation of the PC during conference calls, training sessions, while on the phone, or merely trying to concentrate.

## Environmentally friendly computing.

Noise reduction was a logical advance for AST thanks to our unique heritage in manufacturing more environmentally sound systems. In fact, AST was the first manufacturer to offer the energy efficient "green PC"



in 1993, and has utilized power-down technology on notebooks, desktops and servers for years. A concern for the environment has always been pivotal to our design decisions.

## It's merely the finishing touch on a superior PC.

Bravo desktops feature an advanced ergonomic design including the new AST FlexChassis push button enclosure. And an incredible suite of brand-name management software is included too.

It's a package only available on AST's new Bravo business desktops. So get a lock on it. Before the opportunity silently slips by you.



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