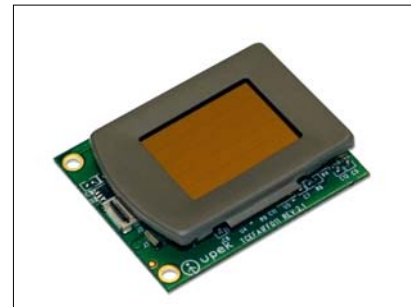


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Avnet Memec offers Compact USB Fingerprint Module from UPEK

Poing, October 22nd, 2008 –Avnet Memec, the highly specialised semiconductor distributor of Avnet Electronics Marketing EMEA, is offering UPEK's new TCEFx1 USB fingerprint module, which uses the company's FIPS 201 certified TouchChip® TCS1 fingerprint sensor, the only silicon-based fingerprint sensor certified by the FBI for U.S. government applications.



The UPEK TCEFx1 module is compact, simple to integrate, and allows for biometric authentication with ANSI 378 fingerprint templates stored on U.S. Government issued Personal Identity Verification (PIV) cards. The new TCEFx1 module leverages UPEK's certified TouchChip TCS1 sensor by adding a low profile finger guide, on-board memory for sensor calibration data, a USB controller and other features that deliver a self-contained USB module that is simple to integrate into devices including notebooks, keyboards, smartcard readers, mobile ID terminals and access control devices, where demand for certified fingerprint sensors is growing. UPEK's TCEFx1 is smaller and more power efficient than bulky and power hungry optical devices, making it ideal for portable devices.

About Avnet Memec

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