



News Release

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Hitachi Projectors to be branded Maxell

Maxell and Hitachi Japan announced today that the current Hitachi branded projectors will be rebranded as Maxell. In Australia and New Zealand, the projector business will remain under the control of Hitachi Australia, and the company reassured that it would be business as usual, notwithstanding the transition of the branding from Hitachi to Maxell. The transition will see no change in products beyond the logo, nor in representation, warranty conditions, sales channels, repair agents or customer service.

This will be a progressive change starting from November 2018 onwards, and will not apply to Hitachi Australia's range of commercial flat panel displays, which will continue to be manufactured under the Hitachi brand.

Matt Hanna, Deputy General Manager, Hitachi Australia, commented, "Maxell is a brand well known for its strong investment in the development of new technologies in a commercial space. The move will allow Maxell to focus on enhancing its already broad range of business-to-business hardware, which in turn allows Hitachi to focus on key areas of its social innovation business.

"For a number of years, the distinctive imaging and optical technologies of Maxell, seen in the Hitachi projector products, have been trusted and valued by the market. By strengthening the value chain from design, to production and distribution, we can continue to meet the evolving needs of the market. Putting the Maxell brand on projectors is a logical change, as it places us in a better position to further strengthen and expand the business in the future."

The Maxell Group acquired the projector business from Hitachi in July 2013. Since then, the Group has continued the development and production of Hitachi brand projectors and has been selling them worldwide.

The first new addition to the Maxell product lineup will be the new maintenance-free Laser light sourced models.

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