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## **JBL® COMES READY TO PLAY WITH INTRODUCTION OF GTi COMPETITION SPEAKER SYSTEMS**

**LAS VEGAS (Jan. 8, 2007)** – JBL pushes the envelope of engineering and audio technology with the introduction of the JBL GTi Competition Speaker Systems. Building on the superior sound quality and high power handling delivered by previous generations of JBL GTi Series speakers, the JBL GTi Competition Speaker Systems were designed for the serious car audio enthusiast, and will set a new standard for competition-level mobile audio equipment.

The hallmark of the 560 GTi and 660 GTi systems is a new Elliptical Oblate Spheroidal™ (EOS) tweeter waveguide designed to optimize the tweeter's directivity. Optimum directivity ensures a seamless transition from midrange to high frequencies, and improves the uniformity of the frequency response, no matter the tweeter's mounting location.

“There's nothing better than being asked to develop cutting-edge products,” said Jason Wehner, project manager, JBL Mobile Systems. “These systems incorporate the newest and best technology available from all the divisions of JBL – car, consumer and, even, professional. Car interiors pose huge acoustic challenges, and we're confident that these new systems featuring EOS waveguides will help solve the longstanding problems of tweeter directionality and reflections from nearby boundaries.”

In addition to the EOS waveguides, which provide uniform frequency response over a wide listening window, the GTi Competition Speaker Systems include low-distortion, wide-bandwidth midrange/mid-bass drivers. Woven Kevlar® cones ensure maximum rigidity and low modal distortion. Two-inch edge-wound aluminum voice coils provide superior power handling and low moving mass for high sensitivity. The completely redesigned motor uses a powerful space-saving neodymium magnet that's surrounded by a steel structure contoured to maintain uniform magnetic fields above and below the gap, to absorb the heat generated at high power and to minimize turbulence in the vented polepiece.

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No ultrahigh-end component system would be complete without a state-of-the-art outboard crossover. The GTi Competition Speaker Systems' crossovers include polypropylene capacitors for low saturation at high power. Air core inductors arranged at critical right angles minimize magnetic interaction and the distortion it causes. Wire-wound resistors with integral heatsinks ensure uniform filtering at all input power levels. The crossovers feature fourth-order Linkwitz-Riley acoustic alignment and include adjustments for tweeter-mounting configuration and tweeter-output level.

- **560 GTi** – 5-1/4-Inch two-way component system; sensitivity: 91dB; power handling, RMS: 125 watts; power handling, peak: 500 watts (MAP pricing: \$2,000 per pair)
- **660 GTi** – 6-1/2-Inch two-way component system; sensitivity: 91dB; power handling, RMS: 150 watts; power handling, peak: 600 watts (MAP pricing: \$2,000 per pair)

The JBL GTi Competition Component Systems will be available at authorized JBL retailers worldwide in the spring of 2007.

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