




RE4800A Update
Selling and Supporting the IBM SurePOS 720, 740, and 780 Update

New IBM SurePorts option

In September of 2003, IBM announced the SurePOS 720, 740, and 780 POS systems with powered USB and RS-485/powered USB I/O SurePorts options. On January 13, 2004, IBM extended the flexibility of the IBM SurePOS 720, 740, and 780 systems by announcing a third SurePorts option: the new RS-232/powered USB option.

With choice and exchangeability of SurePorts options, retailers can keep their investment in existing peripherals. IBM SurePorts gives the retailer the option of selecting POS I/O ports based on their needs, as well as the flexibility to exchange ports later as their needs change.

IBM SurePorts								
I/O Ports	Cash drawer	Powered USB (24V)*	Powered USB (12V)	RS-485 port 7 (38V)** printer	RS-485 port 5 keyboard	RS-485 port 4 customer display	RS-485 port 9 customer display/ scanner	Powered RS-232 (12V or 15V)
Powered USB** 	2	1	7	-	-	-	-	-
RS-485/powered USB 	2	1	2	1	1	1	2	-
RS-232/powered USB 	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	4

* 24V available in Japan.
 * A single POS printer can be plugged in and operational.
 ** Default connectivity selection unless otherwise indicated at the time of order.

Linux support

IBM has announced support for IBM Retail Environment for SuSE Linux on the SurePOS 720, 740, and 780 POS systems.

Previously announced support for Red Hat Linux V7.3 will be provided through year end 2004.