Optech Insight: Voting System Fact Sheet

The Optech Insight® is the successor to the popular Optech III-P Eagle® optical scan voting machine. Voters are provided a 1, 2 or 3 column ballot which they mark with a pen or pencil. The Insight recognizes virtually any marking device. Voters record their selections by completing the arrow opposite the candidate of issue of their choice.

After voting at a polling location the voter feeds his or her ballot into the Optech Insight®, where it is tabulated and automatically stored in the locked ballot box. Incorrectly marked ballots can be returned to the voter for review and correction. The Optech Insight® handles absentee ballots as a central count device for small to medium jurisdictions.

Election results are stored on the memory of the machine and on a proprietary Optech MemoryPack. Precinct results can be transmitted to an election center via a built-in cellular or land-line modem, or by simply removing the MemoryPack and transporting it to a tabulation center where it is read within a matter of seconds.

The Optech Insight works interchangeably with existing Optech III-P Eagles and other Sequoia optical scan systems or as part of an integrated system with the Sequoia AVC Edge® Touchscreen Voting System.

- Lightweight and portable, the Insight weighs only 24 lbs
- Visible light read heads record virtually any pen or pencil mark
- The expanded memory pack allows for processing an unlimited number of precincts and contains the electronic audit log
- Provides quick, jurisdiction-wide election results
- Allows voters to review and correct their mistakes when used in the precinct
- Designed to accurately tabulate ballots with less than one error per million votes

The locking ballot box has removable, sealable storage bins and contains the optional 18-hour backup battery.