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From the November 2005 Review of Point-of-Sale Software

Denali Point of Sale is Cougar Mountain Software's newest product. It is designed as a complete financial solution for businesses with a high volume of transactions and multiple locations. Additional products in the Denali line will be available later this year.

### EASE OF USE — 4 Stars

The main Sales Register screen of Denali contains a drop-down menu with features such as Transactions, Tools, Window and Help. The Transaction view screen contains

an option for transaction type, and the detail information area contains lookup options in all relevant fields. The pullout tabs to the left of the entry screen provide additional options such as discount total (if a discount is given), the option to save the transaction without printing it, and the option to print any sale. Notes can also be attached to any register transaction, and if you have images attached to your inventory, you can access them by clicking on Pictures. When the sale is complete, you simply click on the Tender button in the lower, right-hand side of the register screen. This brings up a grid with a series of payment options such as Cash, Check, Credit Card, Debit, Alt Tender, AR Charge, and Foreign Currency. Choosing a method will bring up a more detailed screen where you can enter additional information. You can also use a scanner to enter sales transactions. Denali is used with your desktop versus a touch screen, so those who are familiar

with Windows-based software should have no problem with program navigation.

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which ensures system growth along with your company.

# FEATURES/FUNCTIONALITY — 4 Stars

Users can key in item information or use a barcode scanner. The Inventory module provides custom tracking of all inventory items. As noted earlier, you can attach images of your inventory items for quick reference. Denali also allows you to set up stock aliases. Various pricing options are available, including Multi-Pack, Promotional and Buy Down pricing as well as Coupon Acceptance. Inventory items can be changed or added on the fly. The Sales module lets you enter orders through sales rather than as a POS transaction. The program provides print status reports and edit reports in order to review sales activity prior to posting transactions. Invoices can be printed from the Sales module along with shipping labels. System security can be set up by user or by group via the Controller feature.

### **INTEGRATION** — 4.5 Stars

Denali is designed to be a completely integrated POS and accounting system. Currently, Denali POS integrates with the Inventory and Sales modules. It also integrates with the credit card authorization module and payment processing modules mentioned earlier. Once the balance of the accounting modules has been released, Denali POS will integrate with those as well. The program can also be used with hardware peripherals such as barcode scanners and weight scales. Importing and exporting options are excellent, with the ability to import data from another database or spreadsheet program. Denali will work with peer-to-peer networks and can be deployed in Local Area Networks (LAN) and Wide Area Networks

(WAN). Customers can choose to use Microsoft SQL Server 2000 Desktop Edition (MSDE), which ships with the software, or if they need to support a higher number of users, they can migrate to a full version of Microsoft SQL Server.

## TRACKING/REPORTING — 4.5 Stars

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tracking available.

### **RELATIVE VALUE** — 4 Stars

Denali is still a very new program, and as all of the modules are not yet available, it's difficult to determine the true value of the program. Denali's close integration to inventory makes it ideal for retailers with large inventories. Once the company has its link to AR, it will also be able track customer information and extend its market. Pricing for Denali starts at \$1,195 per module and \$395 for each user.

2005 Overall Rating: 4.5 Stars

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