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Delcam updates CAM for SolidWorks

Delcam has launched the 2011 version of Delcam for SolidWorks, its integrated CAM system for



SolidWorks. This new release includes comprehensive options for the programming of turning and mill-turn equipment, alongside the company's industry-leading technology for drilling and two- through five-axis milling. This expanded range of strategies will allow users to program everything from lathes up to mill-turn equipment, more quickly, more reliably and more easily than with other integrated CAM systems.

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STHENO/PRO aids drawing management

CAD Schroer has released version 5.0 of STHENO/PRO. From advanced DXF/DWG integration and editing to the creation of



automated drawing routines, the powerful drafting system fits the bill in any Pro/ENGINEER-centric company needing to integrate, edit, generate or maintain 2D drawings.

With a focus on design productivity and usability, STHENO/PRO boasts a new UI and many functional enhancements to further speed up intelligent 2D drafting and editing in a Pro/ENGINEER environment

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Advice on adhesives

- What kind of surface preparation do we need for adhesives?
- For threadlocking and many sealing compounds, "as received" surfaces with thin films of oil are acceptable. Only the removal of heavy grease or contamination is necessary to achieve adequate adhesive performance. For structural adhesives and instant adhesives, surface treatment is more critical and testing must be run to determine the acceptable level required in order to withstand the environment and the loads being subjected to the bond.
- I've been told that I can use an adhesive with an interference fit. Just how does this work?
- Adhesives flow into all the surface irregularities no matter how minute and allow a full metal-tometal contact. However, one obvious question is how do you prevent the adhesive from being scraped off the surfaces when using an interference fit? Incorporating a chamfer into the design allows the product to flow into the surface irregularities over the bond area.
- How important is mix/ratio accuracy of two part epoxy adhesives?
- The mix ratio of two-part epoxy adhesives is more critical than with acrylic adhesives and is perhaps the single most important processing parameter in order to achieve the best results. In many

cases, 2-part epoxies are available in premeasured twin cartridge packaging. This arrangement helps eliminate the possibility of the 'incorrect mix' and produces consistent bond strengths.

- How should an adhesive be used on a bolt that is being inserted into a blind hole?
 - Fitting the well-machined component into a blind hole can cause a major issue. That's because as the bolt is torqued up, the air trapped in the cavity under the bolt becomes pressurised. This air will force its way up the bolt – the threads being the path of least resistance. If adhesive has been applied in the normal manner, then this, too, will be forced out. To overcome this problem, the adhesive should be applied to the base of the hole. Then, as the bolt is screwed down, the adhesive is forced up the threads providing a reliable lock



Even better threadlockers

Medium strength Loctite 243 and high strength Loctite 270 are now more oil tolerant than previous grades, enabling them to be used more readily



on 'as received' parts -including those contaminated with engine oils, corrosion prevention oils and cutting fluids. Their temperature resistance has been increased to 180°C and, just as important, the adhesives will cure on passive materials including Trivalent chrome, stainless steel, aluminium, nickel and zinc plated surfaces.

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Radically improved instant adhesive

Loctite 3090 is a new two-part cyanoacrylate that allows any exposed adhesive outside of the joint to harden



within minutes – removing the need for a postassembly activator. In addition, gap sizes up to 5mm can be readily accommodated and the gel viscosity means it is suitable for vertical or overhead application.

It can be used on plastic, rubber, wood, stone, leather, fabric or metal and can withstand a force of 20N/mm². 3090 comes in a pack containing a dual syringe with seven mixer nozzles

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Engineering adhesives from Techsil

Techsil has added ThreeBond's structural adhesives to its extensive range of adhesives, sealants and encapsulants. These products are part of Japan's best kept secrets in electronics and automotive sectors and offer real performance benefits for customers. Examples are:



TB1530 – a one-part, elastic moisture curing adhesive with excellent weather resistance, high adhesion strength, good peel strength, high initial strength and is environmentally friendly. TB7738 Cyanoacrylates – offer ultra high peel and impact resistance. Produced as semi-gel's they are used where conventional instant adhesives would not be considered.

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Double-sided filmic tapes

tesa double-sided filmic tapes are ideal for bonding smooth surfaces. The carriers have a high have a high tear strength, good electrical insulation and the thinner. PET film



based products, an ability to conform to irregular surfaces, ensuring a high surface contact to the substrate(s) thus improving adhesion. The tackified acrylic adhesive provides a high performance bond and holding power. Additional benefits are a temperature resistance range from -40°C up to 200°C, excellent resistance to humidity, chemicals and solvents, UV light as well as plasticisers.

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Double-sided foam tapes

A range of high-performance, double-sided foam tapes with exceptional bonding characteristics, temperature and solvent resistance that



makes them suitable for exterior applications, is available from tesa UK. Gaps resulting from design tolerances and uneven surfaces can be accommodated by the closed cell foam backing, which also offers dampening and shock absorption. Additionally the foam compensates for the thermal expansion and contraction of dissimilar materials. Recently granted TÜV and UL 1703 certificates for this group of products confirm their suitability for use in solar panel construction and outdoor applications.

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Heat-activated films

Heat activated adhesive films are thermosetting products based on a phenolic resin and nitrile rubber. They are not tacky at



room temperature and require a combination of heat and pressure. After curing they offer a very high bond strength – up to 5 times that of normal pressure-sensitive, double-sided tapes, temperature resistance from -50°C to 500°C, excellent ageing, chemical and solvent resistance, as well as being both flexible and elastic due to the rubber component. tesa HAF films are suitable for bonding metal, glass, wood, textiles and plastics.

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New preferential series line-Q!

Line-Q drives from TOX offer the known advantages of the pneumo-hydraulic TOX-Powerpackages: power



supply and handling like a pneumatic cylinder, but also provide power and press force like a hydraulic cylinder; pure pneumatic operation but with reduced consumption and consequently utmost energy efficiency. Additionally they come with short delivery dates and attractive pricing of the preferential series. They are guaranteed for 10 million strokes within 12 months without shift limitation.10-277 kN Press force at 6 bar air pressure. Total stroke 100 and 200 mm, power stroke 12 to 52mm, Working air pressure is 2-6 bar.

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Tailored pressforces with standard components

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The simple way to make wheels safe

Wheel nuts loosen while driving. This unfortunate and long standing truth can lead to a wheel falling off, which can result in disastrous consequences.



Now there is a simple and cost-effective way to ensure that a vehicle has safe wheels – a solution that will increase the competitiveness of the vehicle and enhance your safety reputation.

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Lower costs for maintenance and repair

NORD-LOCK offers a safe bolt locking system that does not rely on traditional techniques to secure the fastener. This system uses tension instead of friction to



secure bolted joints. The proven wedge locking method, meeting DIN 25201, is superior to any traditional method.

The NORD-LOCK system in-corporates a pair of washers that have cam faces on one side with a cam angle ' α ' greater than the thread angle ' β '. In addition, there are radical teeth on the opposite side. The pre-assembled washers are installed in pairs, cam face to cam face.

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Adhesive has exceptionally high thermal conductivity

Master Bond EP21AN is a two-part epoxy resin system with a thermal conductivity >22Btu inch ft² hr°F. Its dielectric strength of >400 volts/mil and volume resistivity >1013 ohm cm make



it an outstanding electrical insulator. It has a non-critical one-to-one mix ratio by weight or volume and cures readily at ambient temperatures. Its coefficient of thermal expansion is 18-20 x 10-6 in/in/°C. http://masterbond.com/tds/ep21an.html

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Non-drip adhesive meets NASA specifications

Master Bond's EP21ND-LO is a versatile, two-component, room-temperature-curing epoxy adhesive. It offers superior durability, excellent dimensional



stability, and outstanding chemical resistance. EP21ND-LO has the unusual characteristic of being able to adjust the properties of the cured system if the mix ratio is altered. Adding more part A (e.g., 2:1 mix ratio) will give a more rigid cure, while adding more part B (e.g., 1:2 mix ratio) gives a more forgiving cure. Additionally, EP21ND-LO can be applied without sagging or dripping even on vertical surfaces. http://www.masterbond.com/lp/tabs/tp_pp_low

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Epoxy potting compound has low viscosity and high flexibility

Master Bond FP30FI is a two-component. flexibilized epoxy potting/encapsulation compound for high performance applications, EP30FL has superior electrical insulation properties



and resistance to impact. It is formulated to cure at room temperatures and has exceptionally low shrinkage after cure. EP30FL has high bond strength to similar and dissimilar substrates and will resist 4K to 250°F. Resistance to thermal cycling and shock is outstanding. http://masterbond.com/tds/ep30fl.html

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Epoxy Adhesive Meets 450°F Challenge

Engineers have steadily pushed the performance requirements for adhesives to even higher service temperatures. To meet this challenge. Master Bond has successfully formulated a high-



temperature resistant, two-part epoxy adhesive system called EP45HT. This product has been extensively tested and is capable of withstanding long-term exposures at temperatures as high as 400-450°F. Furthermore, it can successfully withstand shorter exposures up to 500-550°F. It also offers a very high glass transition temperature and excellent long-term strength retention at 450°F. http://masterbond.com/tds/ep45ht.html

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Exceptionally fast epoxy adhesive resists 4K to 400°F

New Master Bond FP51HT is a two-component, room temperature curing epoxy adhesive with a noncritical one-to-one mix ratio by weight or volume. EP51HT has a 5-minute gel time at ambient



temperatures. It exhibits excellent bond strength to similar and dissimilar substrates and resists. from 4K to 400°F. It offers long-term durability, dimensional stability and resistance to many chemicals. EP51HT does not contain any solvents or diluents and can be applied on vertical surfaces without sagging or dripping. http://www.masterbond.com/tds/ep51ht.html

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UV curable adhesive/sealant is easily removable

Disassembly just got easier with Master Bond UV14-3 one-component bonding/sealing compound. It removes easily upon exposure to most



conventional solvents such as acetone, MEK. etc. It cures rapidly upon exposure to UV light at room temperatures. Maximum absorption of UV energy takes place in the 250-365 nanometer range. It requires no mixing, and its low viscosity of 8000 cps makes for ease of application. Environmentally friendly, no solvents or other volatiles are released during cure.

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New range of A2 & A4 Stainless Steel Fasteners

Anixter Component Solutions has launched a new range of metric Stainless Steel male and female threaded fasteners in A2 and A4 grades; ideal for applications where



enhanced corrosion resistance is paramount. The range covers drive styles including Slotted, Pozi and hexagon socket, as well as Tamper Torx® drive for tamper proof fixing. Head styles include Hexagon, Pan, Countersunk, Button and Cap head. Stainless steel threaded rod (Allthread) is also available in sizes from M3 to M20.

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Fastener family extended

The family of Atlas Plus+Tite blind threaded steel inserts has expanded with a newly introduced version featuring a straight shank design.



This fastener joins Plus+Tite pre-bulbed inserts in offering superior pullout resistance when installed permanently in plastics or thin sheet metal. Both types provide reliable and reusable threads for "blind" attachment applications, including tubing and extrusions, where only one side is accessible for fastener installation and component assembly. A single mating screw completes the final attachment process.

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Sealant Protects Zinc Tri-Chrome Surfaces

Clearlok Polyurethane Sealant from Birchwood Casey provides a clear, hard, high gloss protective finish over trivalent zinc chromate finishes without significant dimensional change.

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EcoStud solves the problem of critical bolting

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combats fastener fatigue failures and leaking joints by combining a high-quality fastener and an accurate tension controller within a single integral unit.

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Latches meet range of closure needs

The FMKA 6000 range of toggle latches offers a solution to a wide range of closure needs on boxes, cases. cabinets, access



panels, cladding panels and light assemblies. These toggle latches feature spring (wire) or rigid closure as well as spring loaded vibration resistant mechanisms and may be secured by key locks, padlocks (in various formats). pushbutton release mechanisms or by a simple 180° wing knob. Adjustable claw link operation is also available to aid fitment

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The realities of adhesive curing with LEDs

Throughout the evolution of LED curing systems, inaccurate information has led to performance shortfalls in the marketplace and has sometimes cost early



adopters both time and money. These misapplications of LED technology have spawned misinformation and an apprehension to embrace the technology. A newly authored white paper available from Intertronics by technology partner DYMAX called 'LED Curing of Light-Curable Materials – Unraveling the Myths and Realities' reviews common misconceptions and realities about LED curing technology.

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Careful and efficient cleaning

Weber Ultrasonics has developed an innovative 250 kHz ultrasonic generator with a power output of 250 and 500 Watt as well as transducers matched for these applications. The new ultrasonic system allows the realisation of highly efficient.



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Ultrasound allows parts to be cleaned within short cleaning cycles and in line with demands in an economical, reproducible and environmentally friendly manner for coarse, fine and superfine cleaning.

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System solution with RIVTEX

The RIVTEX system solution from Arnold Umformtechnik and Arnold & Shinio is a highquality alternative to conventional welding. It cuts parts assembly costs whilst assuring every quality requirement.



With the RIVTEX system studs and nuts are pressed into the ready-to-assemble sheet metal parts such that they do not fall out and are characterised by high twisting moments and press-out forces. The fastening process, controlled by intelligent tool technology. remains integrated in the press process and replaces at least one complete operation.

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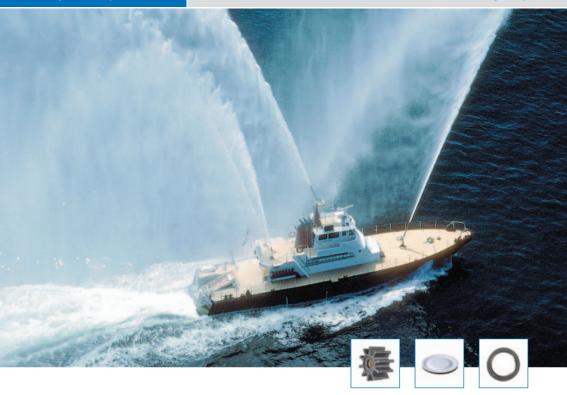
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a piston accumulator which offers a very high specific performance with a maximum operating pressure of 350 bar.

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Surface treatment eliminates sticking

RFN (Reduced Friction by Nanotechnology) is able to modify elastomer materials in a way



that not only drastically reduces the coefficient of friction and, consequently, sticking effects, but also keeps it virtually constant over the entire service life of the component.

The majority of armatures in modern solenoid valves are elastomer composite parts. The contact area, contact pressure force, material, chemistry of the surface, and the lubricating media all have a direct influence on the sticking effect, which RFN minimises.

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Sealing elements meet high requirements

Simrit's Forseal range of PTFE U-packings is a range of piston rod seals and rod seals that can be pressurised on one side, are made of PTFE, and



feature metallic pretension springs. PTFE's all-round properties mean that Forseal U-packings are highly resistant to aggressive media, thermal influences, friction, and wear. These seal rings seal both statically and dynamically at temperatures ranging from minus 200 °C to 260 °C. In the event of thermal expansion, optimum contact pressure is ensured.

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Damping of pneumatic cylinders optimised

VDMA and ISO pneumatic cylinders with pneumatic end-of-stroke damping generally come with a cylinder cover structure that is relatively difficult to



manufacture and comprises between 2 and 3 seals. Problems associated with this can be overcome using Damp and Seal, a seal that was recently developed by Simrit. Damp & Seal damps the piston thrust, statically seals the cylinder cover and dynamically seals the inner diameter of the damping pin that is connected to the piston. A buffer that faces the pressure chamber damps the mechanical thrust of the piston at the end of the stroke.

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Condensate Discharge Made Simple

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but each model incorporates similar advanced design features: These include fast installation and even faster maintenance, as the complete replacement of all wearing and pressurised parts is achieved with just one quick-release connection.

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ARO-Flo Series clears the air for any tool and any application

The ARO Fluid Technologies business of Ingersoll Rand is releasing an expanded and improved ARO-Flo Series of filters, regulators and lubricators to clean and lubricate air for use with pneumatic tools. The



upgraded line includes a new size and a new completely modular design that provides easier assembly and maintenance of the units and allows for more customisation to meet specifications of various applications. The products come in four series, varying in port size and maximum flow for optimal fit to the application and tools used.

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Valves prevent wasteful venting

Developed for use in the food, beverage and pharmaceutical industries, Burkert's Type 8690 EEx valve control heads provide a decentralised method of opening and closing of process valves automatically, eliminating the need for the



wasteful venting of control air normally associated with pneumatic tubing between the process valve and its related control solenoid valve. The control heads integrate electrical and pneumatic control components as well as position feedback units and, optionally, field bus interfaces for AS-Interface or DeviceNet.

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MISUMI offers additional thread design

MISUMI Europa has expanded its range of hydraulic and pneumatic manifold blocks to include a new thread design. The company's new



brochure introduces G-manifolds, manifold blocks with the new 'G' type designation that are compatible with ISO 228 parallel threads (ISO 228: Pipe threads where pressure-tight joints are not made on the threads). The new cylindrical pipe thread allows a non-sealing connection to be made when used with sealing components such as O-rings.

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When considering material choice, you must understand the expectations of the end user and the key performance criteria of the part. The more questions and the earlier you ask them the better, ensuring correct polymer selection from the beginning. Common considerations include the cost of the finished product, the mechanical performance required (loading, stress, rigidity), environmental exposure (chemicals, extreme temperatures or weathering) and service life. Then you need to consider colour, assembly techniques and any approvals required (e.g. food, medical or flammability).

With thousands of polymer grades available, a huge range of products can be manufactured using plastics and the good news is that you are not alone. Material experts are available to help simplify the decision making process and ensure that your product is ultimately fit for function.

Where can I go for impartial advice on material selection?

A Distrupol is completely independent so is well placed to offer truly unbiased support. As a European leader in the distribution of polymers, Distrupol can boast a large portfolio of materials ranging from commodity polyolefins to more exotic engineering thermoplastics, rubbers & elastomers.

What other technical support is available?

Distrupol offers assistance in conceptual design, part & material flow analysis, tooling design, sampling & process optimisation as well as technical training.

What resources are available?

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This is supplemented by online resources based around the website www.distrupol.com.

The Product Information Centre (PIC) is one of the most comprehensive online technical resources in the plastics industry, allowing users to select datasheets, compare data on up to 5 products and select grades by generic type or material properties.

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PVL launches 'all-plastic' level and flow switches

A comprehensive new range of 'all-plastic' level and flow switches is available from Pressure



Manufactured in either PVC or ABS plastic, and designed for controlling the level or flow of corrosive acids, alkaline fluids or wherever a chemically inert switch is essential, the Kelco range includes in-line flow switches, paddle flow switches and level switches suitable for various pipe sizes and flow rates.

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New ABS material from BASF

BASF has introduced a new member of its ABS product line (acrylonitrile butadiene styrene copolymer) specifically developed



for the requirements made by electroplating. Called Terluran BX 13074, it is designed for plumbing fixtures, the household sector and automotive construction.

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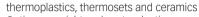
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New design increases operating life at lower cost

Converting a complex, three-piece assembly into a single moulded part of high-performance PEI plastic has increased operating



life while lowering costs for a radiator sight gauge. Custom-moulded by Minnesota Rubber and Plastic (MR&P), these new sight gauges have significant operating advantages over the previous design. The gauges show coolant level without having to uncap and check the level or use a dipstick. With a threaded base, the single component gauge locks tightly into position and is less prone to leakage.

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Stanyl for LED lighting applications

Stanyl PA46 from DSM Engineering Plastics has been selected by AVX Corporation for a new robust and reliable connection



system for use in high reliability and harsh environments for wire-to-board applications. The connector system provides a 'gas tight' termination of a discrete wire to the PCB. The insulator housing provides the necessary strain relief on the wire to protect it from extreme mechanical and environment conditions. The insulators for the 9176 Series devices are made from UL94-V0 Stanyl PA 46 from DSM Engineering Plastics.

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Ariel specifies Zircotec's coloured ceramic coating

Ariel's new Atom V8 supercar is the first OEM application of Zircotec's Performance ColoursM ceramic exhaust coating, which offers both a highly



aesthetic and effective thermal barrier. Specified by Ariel to ensure the exposed and visible exhaust system maintains its beauty, the plasma-sprayed coating also prevents heat transfer generated by the 500bhp, three litre V8 engine. Unlike many 'high temperature' paint finishes, Zircotec's coatings offer a long-lasting and zero maintenance solution that has been tested to OEM lifetime standards.

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Compact connectors offer low-cost alternative

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Made from polyamide, these compact, lightweight and high-performance circular connectors are waterproof to IP67 and shielded with excellent EMI protection and are a viable, low-cost alternative to the traditional and very expensive metal push-pull connectors. Binder push-pull technology offers simple, fast and convenient mating, even in areas of restricted access, while ensuring against accidental disconnection.

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Components cater for food industry

Elesa (UK) offers a full range of standard components for the food processing industry. These range from specialist levelling feet through digital shaft position indicators and digital-analogue position



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New options for Harting connectors

Three new bellows-type surface-mount (SMC) female right-angled connectors have been added to the Harting harmik(R) family of miniature



D 1.27 mm pitch connectors.

Designed for cable-to-board applications where space saving and high data transfer rates are demanded, the new variants complete the harmik(R) bellows SMC portfolio by offering 20, 50 and 68 poles, respectively.

Availability of these new connectors will ease automated assembly, since they can be terminated in the same solder reflow process as all other board-mounted SMC components.

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Pressure is off with new valve

A versatile new pressure relief valve for low pressure instrumentation applications up to 400 PSI (27.6 bar) has been launched by the Instrumentation Products Division of Parker Hannifin. CE marked and certified to the highest Category-IV level of the Pressure Equipment



Directive (PED) the new HPRV valve is supplied pre-set to any of six pressure ranges from 10 to 400 PSI (0.7 to 27.6 bar). The chosen cracking pressure is laser etched onto the valve body at the factory. Another variant is available for higher pressure applications.

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Quick anchoring connector allows fitting without rear access

Hylec-APL has introduced a new design of weatherproof plug-socket. The TeePlug cable connector is a



quick anchoring plug designed for mounting on flat or curved surfaces. The plug can be fitted and anchored without access to the rear of the panel and offers IP67 ingress protection. The TeePlug looks like a conventional plug and socket but can be inserted through a bulkhead or pole outer skin, installed and clamped

without access to the back of the connector.

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Cannon Connector Guide available

PEI-Genesis has produced Version 4.1 of its ITT Cannon Connector Solutions Guide, containing nearly 300 pages of comprehensive technical information on 23 of ITT's most popular series of connectors. This new catalogue



covers circular, rectangular and D-subminiature connectors for use in commercial, industrial, harsh-environment and military applications. A detailed description of each series is followed by a summary of applications and features, together with technical specifications, photographs, dimensioned line diagrams, ordering information and assembly instructions.

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New linear drives from Parker-Origa combine power, accuracy and flexibility

The Parker-Origa Division of Parker Hannifin has launched a new range of magnetically coupled pneumatic



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Phase adjusting gearboxes regain popularity

Vogel phase shifting gearboxes provide mechanical adjustment to the phase angle of two rotating shafts.

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its customers. Negating the need for expensive tooling, DMLS produces lighter weight components with higher performance in shorter leadtimes, opening up new opportunities to many industry sectors. Priding itself on consistently supplying the highest quality parts, 3T continues to offer the fastest possible delivery of not only metal parts but also plastic prototypes, as it has the UK's largest Selective Laser Sintering (SLS) capability.

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Tribrid modelling produces phone first

Korean manufacturing giant LG Electronics has recently introduced its first mobile phone designed with Delcam's Tribrid Modelling software. The Waffle phone features a surface texture created in the ArtCAM artistic CADCAM program,



wrapped around the body of a phone design produced with the PowerSHAPE CAD software. It is expected to be the first of a number of new models that will use the Delcam software to create the distinctive designs needed to build market share in the highly competitive and fashion-conscious mobile phone market.

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RAPID PROTOTYPING

Objet exhibits at K 2010

Objet's rapid prototyping technologies were demonstrated at K 2010 in the form of its Objet Alaris30 and Objet Connex350 printers. The



Objet Alaris30™ desktop 3D printer excels in printing fine detail with layers as fine as 28 µm with a very small drop size and a high resolution of 600 x 600 dpi. Small enough to fit onto a desk, the printer is also network-enabled to support multiple users and requires no special electricity.

Printing ultra-fine 16-micron layers, the Objet Connex family of 3D printers have the unique ability to simultaneously print multiple materials.

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RP Support partners with ALM

RP Support has signed an agreement to work in partnership with Advanced Laser Materials LLC (ALM), an industry leader in the development and manufacture of performance



engineered powders for Laser Sintering. This new partnership will provide RP Support access to the complete range of ALM Laser Sintering powders for sole distribution into UK and Ireland and general sale into other European markets. The innovative portfolio of sintering powders is a highly complementary addition to RP Support's current product line and business model for future growth.

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Proto Labs offers design tool

Proto Labs has created The Protomold Torus: a new colourful, educational tool, available to designers and engineers, providing them with a handy and instant



reference to the most commonly used features in injection-moulding.

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DMLS gains importance

An increasing number of applications involving series production and customised manufacture of parts from titanium powder is reported



by EOS, which manufactures additive layer, laser sintering systems.

Since the introduction of the material in 2006 for processing in company's EOSINT M 270 system, both the machine technology and the titanium building process have been significantly advanced, leading to higher productivity and improved surface quality of the parts. This has led to increased interest in and use of the technology in a range of industrial and consumer applications.

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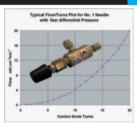
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Sick ColorRanger enables 3D colour imaging

Sick (UK) has enabled high-speed 3D scanning and colour imaging in parallel, with the launch of the cutting-edge ColorRanger E. The newest addition to Sick's range of 3D sensors, the ColorRanger E offers the



functionality of a 3D camera with a line-scan colour camera, to provide two modes of quality inspection within a single unit. The new camera can significantly improve the ease, reliability and speed of the quality control process, can measure colour, shape, contrast, volume and height, to ensure product quality.

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