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**Subject: ABMA Announces 2012 Innovation Award
Candidates**

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The American Brush Manufacturers Association (ABMA) is pleased to announce the following candidates for the coveted William Cordes Innovation Excellence Award, which is given to recognize outstanding innovation of manufactured products, components or services in the Broom, Brush, Mop and Roller Industry. The award is named after William Cordes, who served as the Association's first President from 1917-1928. This award serves as a constant reminder that all new and exciting endeavors have beginnings that connect with real people. The 2012 candidates are listed below:



Linzer Products Corp Everlok™ Extension Poles



The most recent innovation from Linzer Products Corporation is the Everlok ultra-lightweight group of extension poles developed using especially strong anodized aluminum. The Everlok poles have non-slip, non-stick surfaces that prevent paint build up, double grooves for variable positive locking, and a quick lock/quick release system. The poles also have soft comfortable foam grips and strong threaded aluminum tips to fit most paint roller frames. The Everlok pole system is an excellent tool for both professionals and do-it-yourselfers alike!



Zahoransky AG Z.Lynx 3

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Zahoransky's Z.LYNX3 Provides Fully-Automated Production Of Twisted In Nylon And Wire Brushes

Zahoransky AG, of Todtnau, Germany, now offers the Z.LYNX3. The fully-automated machine is designed to produce twisted-in-nylon and wire brushes with an end capped on one side or eyelets. According to Zahoransky, it offers a high degree of automation at consistently high quality and performance levels.

The Z.LYNX 3 is the first and only fully automated machine to produce twisted-in wire brushes with a loop handle.

All other machines are manually or semi-manually operated. That means a massive saving in staff costs. One operator can run up to 3 units Z.LYNX.

For production of same amount of brushes with former machines you have to consider 4-6 operators.

Additionally the machine is very flexible in terms of brush type, length, diameter, processed material. In short time you can switch over from loop handle brushes to closed-end or from nylon to wire bristles. All different samples are stored in a program and can be run via the HMI control system.

Facts:

- Brush lengths of 60mm to 800mm possible
- Different brush diameters of 6,0mm to 110mm can be trimmed according to the filling material being used.
- Process wire diameters of 1,0 to 3,4mm
- Selectable wire forming with or without eye formation, "hair pin".
- High precision contour trim with CNC controlled trimming device
- Cutting device for the cutting of the brushes to the desired length
- Ejection of the finished brushes via a conveyor belt
- Processing of wire or nylon filling material via spools or material presenter for material lengths of 30mm to 130mm

Advantages:

- Electronically secured protective housing
- For brush models with a closed end
- Different eye diameters of 6,0mm to a maximum of 40mm can be produced. Non-circular eye forms are also optionally possible
- Automatic feeding of filling material
- Programming of the filling material contour via touch-screen monitor
- Prepared for offline programming

Zahoransky says the Z.LYNX3 guarantees a consistently high product quality of twisted brushes. Due to its flexibility, eyelet diameters of between 6-40 millimeters can be manufactured. Non-rounded eyelets can also be produced. The full servo control offers operators a maximum of process stability including screw-in monitoring, wire feeding, wire straightening, wire shaping and wire cutting.

The CNC-controlled cutter device with HSS trimmer provides for an automatized finish. The electronically secured protective housing of the Z.LYNX3 offers operators safety.

The Z.LYNX3 is equipped with a screw-in machine that boasts an automatic feed of the handle wire. Coming from a wire coil, the wire is advanced at respective length via the servo drive, cut, and bent by the servo-controlled bending plate and the bending roll. The screw-in gripper removes the bent wire from the bending plate. A strip of material is pushed between the bent wire and turned between the screw-in rolls.

A CNC-controlled trimming device with HSS trimmer cuts the brushes during the screw-in process, and thus provides for a highly precise contour cut. The trimming device then cuts the brushes at the desired length. Ejection of the ready brushes takes place via a conveyor belt.

The Z.LYNX3 provides for the manufacture of wire tufting or nylon filaments via a spool or a material preparation unit for material lengths between 30 and 130 millimeters. The ZMI3 touchscreen control enhances operating smoothness and provides for a clearly arranged production data acquisition and recipe management.

Costs per unit of brushes manufactured with the Z.LYNX3 are comparable to costs of manually operated or semi-automated systems.

Purdy 2x Faster Wire Brushes



Product Description:

Remove Paint 2X Faster With Unique Criss Cross Bristle Pattern
Rust Resistant Stainless Steel Bristles
Removable Scraper for Tight Areas
Multiple Grip Positions for Less Fatigue
Ergonomic, Comfort Grip Handle
Patent Pending Design

Shur – Line Deck Stain Pad with Groove Tool



- 2-in-1 Tool stains flat surfaces and between boards at the same time
 - Pad design helps prevent ripping due to screws, nails or rough wood
 - Designed to prevent dripping, pooling and streaking for even coverage and Accuracy
 - Pivoting handle – simply flip the handle to engage the groove tool
 - Attaches to an extension pole for a comfortable staining position
 - Threaded handle for use with most standard extension poles
 - Comes as a part of a complete Stain System including dispenser
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A Richard Fat Boy Roller Covers



Roller Covers

FAT-BOY



9 1/2" - 240 mm

Features & Benefits:

- Lint Free
- Easy to clean
- Bigger outside diameter 2"
- Exceptional smooth finish
- Save time and improve productivity
- Made with microfiber fabric (Ultra Touch)
- Fits with all standard roller cages and trays in the market
- Reduces muscle fatigue

Recommended for:

- Large surfaces
- Industrial & commercial paint contractors



**Superior paint pick up
Holds 25% more paint**



A Richard Goose Neck Flexible Paint Brush



Prevents back problems and ladder accidents
Apply paint in hard to reach areas
Perfect for trimming high ceilings and high walls
Trim or paint baseboards
Ideal for painting trim at a higher level than a conventional brush
Polyester-nylon filaments for a smooth finish

These unique and innovative products will be on display at the 95th Annual ABMA Convention, March 7-10 at the PGA National Resort in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. Please visit: <http://www.abma.org/> for additional membership and convention information.

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