Top Products of 2012

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These are the winners in our nineth annual article on the top Wire Harness & Cable Connector products of the year.* Results are based on selection by the Editorial Staff.

 * to be eligible, products must have appeared editorially in WCC in 2012

Laser-Stripper Ensures Quality for Aerospace & Medical Applications

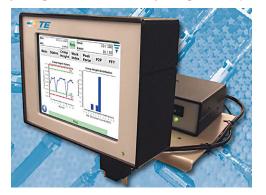
The WireMaster[™] benchtop wire and cable stripper from **IDEAL Industries**, **Inc.**, Sycamore, IL, USA, employs CO₂ laser-light technology for fast, highly precise and repeatable stripping and slitting. The system is suitable for mission-critical aerospace and medical equipment as well as PC interconnects, automotive and defense applications. **www.idealindustries.com**



Crimp Quality-Control System Focuses on Crimp Height

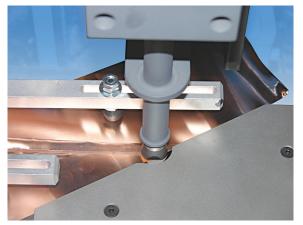
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Accurate crimp height measurement ensures stringent mechanical and electrical crimp properties. Crimp height is one of five process analysis methods featured in the Crimp Quality Monitor II (CQM II), from **TE Connectivity**, Harrisburg, PA, USA. CQM II analysis methods ensure quality crimps and eliminate faulty crimps. **tooling.te.com**



Ultrasonic Spot Welder

Sonobond Ultrasonics, West Chester, PA, USA, custom tooled the SonoWeld[®] 1600 Ultrasonic Spot Welder to satisfy a user's needs. The custom anvil slide assembly and modified frame allows 4-1/2" wide material to traverse in/out of the machine on an angle. The slide assembly moves the metal strip under the welding tip and a series of line-spot welds are made across the overlapped ends of the two pieces of sheet metal. **www.SonobondUltrasonics.com**



Close-up of custom-tooled SonoWeld® 1600.

High-Efficiency Industrial Label Printer

The BBP®33 industrial label printer from **Brady Corpora**tion, Milwaukee, WI, USA, features "drop-in" supplies for complete changeovers in under 20 seconds with no adjustments or calibrations. System prints on the first label to save costs and improve productivity. **www.bradycorp.com**



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