



## Industry News

### Festo actively supports London WorldSkills

Mechatronics duo Chris Downey and Mark Maginty from Northern Regional College in Northern Ireland have set their sights on selection for Team UK to go forward and compete in the 41st WorldSkills Competition in London later this year. Festo, as founding global partner of WorldSkills and official sponsor of the Mechatronics and Mobile Robotics competitions, is supplying the equipment, as well as assisting in the competition organisation for both these skills categories. [read more](#)

### Heidenhain service exchange makes sound economic sense

An increasing number of users of Heidenhain CNC systems and DROs are cashing in on the benefits of the Heidenhain Service Exchange concept. This market-leading product warranty scheme is unbeatable for its cost-effectiveness and reliability in helping users minimise machine downtimes while at the same time eradicate the headaches often associated with machine and equipment repair. [read more](#)

### HepcoMotion forms alliance with SmartDrive

Linear motion packages, complete with drives and controls, have been available from HepcoMotion for many years. However with the growing need and demand for driven systems the company and its motion control

## Will Carbon Budget decision prove a bad move for UK manufacturing

*Mark Simms - Editor*

**News that the Government has decided to sign us up to even more ambitious targets to reduce carbon emissions is unlikely to sit well with the UK's manufacturers.**

Many have already questioned the CRC scheme. Now they face the prospect of being hit with ever greater costs. There is the very real risk that UK manufacturers will move their operations elsewhere in the world where legislative requirements are less stringent.

At a time when the success of the UK manufacturing sector is pretty much the only post-recession good news, you would think Government would be doing everything in its power to ensure it did nothing to jeopardise that growth.

Instead it seems to be more focused on grabbing its own international headlines.

## Product and News Announcements



### Intelligent microstepping drives

Mclennan Servo Supplies has launched a new range of cost effective intelligent microstepping drives. They feature advanced algorithms and flexible motion control options including a choice of step and direction, PC or PLC host control. [read more](#)



### Nano motion technology guide

Aerotech's new nano Motion Technology resource guide provides design considerations and full specifications across its recently released range of ANT series linear and rotary nanopositioning stages and advanced motion control. [read more](#)

associate, SmartDrive, have now chosen to put their relationship on a more formal footing.

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### **Eaton and Phoenix Contact sign cooperation agreement**

Phoenix Contact and Eaton have concluded a cooperation agreement on the electronic Contactron motor starter with SmartWire-DT communications.

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### **Centa appointed agent for CYLKRO range**

Centa Transmissions is now the UK agent for the CYLKRO range of precision gears and components by ASSAG of Switzerland. ASSAG produce a range of precision face gears that provide designers and engineers with a wide range of specification options.

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### **Yuasa steps up sponsorship of Honda Racing**

Yuasa Battery Sales (UK) Ltd has announced that the company is significantly boosting its sponsorship of Honda Racing's 2011 Dunlop MSA British Touring Car Championship (BTCC) team.

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### **Cutting the cost of maintenance**

Standardising on Control Techniques Undrives has enabled Meltech Engineering to eliminate the need for a costly separate PLC and the intermediate wiring, cutting build time and eliminating an area of potential weakness, enhancing reliability.

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### **Drives bring clean air to car park**

ABB standard drives for HVAC are providing greater fan control for the system providing ventilation and fire safety for a new car park in Sheffield. As well as saving energy, the drives also provide a soft start so that the fans minimise current draw on starting.

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### **Maxon Motor turns the tables**

The multi-millionaire president of one of the world's leading online poker companies can now eat dinner, hold meetings and play poker at the same, state-of-the-art penthouse table... thanks to some clever engineering and a concealed Maxon Motor.

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