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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: New Product Introduction

New Fiber Optic Reel-Handling Accessories Makes Cable Placement and Storage Management More Productive

Summary

General Machine Products Company introduces four new reel-handling accessories that make fiber optic cable placement and cable storage safer and more productive.

March 2010; Trevoise, PA – General Machine Products Company, Inc. (GMP), Trevoise, PA, is pleased to introduce four new reel-handling accessories to its extensive line of aerial and underground cable placement tools and equipment. These components — the C Reel Payout Frame, the Pole Mount Spindle, the Reel Buck, and the Reel Caddy — are engineered to make fiber optic cable placement and storage management safer and more productive. All of the accessories feature durable steel construction for years of rugged use, and a bright yellow powder-coat finish for safe visibility and protection against corrosion. Plus all components are industry-tested, constructed for years of durability, and backed by the best warranty in the industry.

C Reel Payout Frame

Weighing 87 lbs. (39.4 kgs), the C Reel Payout Frame features a frame design that can support any reel up to 24 inches (63.5 cm) wide and 36 inches (91.4 cm) in diameter, including Corning FlexNap™ cable drums. The frame is constructed of two welded, rectangular members; one holds the reel and the other props the frame. The rear members are hinged near the top to allow the frame to fold flat for convenient, compact storage. The front members feature fluid-motion bearings and are connected with a removable spindle for fast reel changes and for easier, smoother payouts. A keeper on the spindle also prevents accidental disengagement.

Pole Mount Spindles

The Pole Mount Spindle features a tough ratchet binder for secure attachment to the pole. The binder employs a 2-inch (50.8 mm) wide web that provides a sturdy, yet temporary, attachment. The Pole Mount Spindle is engineered to accommodate the specific requirements of FIOS/VATS cable reels. Two sizes are available. The “small” Pole Mount Spindle can support reels up to 9 inches (22.8 cm) wide and a 1.5 inch (38 mm) spindle diameter. The “large” Pole Mount Spindle can support reels up to 24.5 inches (62 cm) wide and a 2.5 inch (63.5 mm) spindle diameter. The “small” Pole Mount Spindle weighs 11.3 lbs. (5.12 kgs), and the “large” Pole Mount Spindle weighs 24.2 lbs. (10.98 kgs).

Reel Buck

The Reel Buck can support any utility reel up to 36 in. (91.4 cm) wide and up to 50 in. (127 cm) in diameter. This includes the Corning line of FlexNap™ cable drums. It can also handle a load capacity of up to 1200 lbs. (544 kg). The Reel Buck’s frame is constructed of durable two-weld, rectangular steel members. It is designed to withstand the rigors of outdoor use and is treated to resist weather corrosion. The unique and versatile design of the GMP Reel Buck allows it to act as a reel transporter and a reel stand. To transport reels, stand the reel up on both flanges, and slide the spindle bar through the reel. Then attach both handles so that when they are lifted, the reel becomes the “wheel” similar to a wheelbarrow. The sturdy frame allows one person to easily maneuver reels around a job site. Once the reel is in place, flip the handles over the reel so that they serve as a sturdy base to support the reel above both flat and uneven ground. The raised base allows cable to be pulled off easily and securely in one direction.

Reel Caddy

The Reel Caddy can be used to support and dispense drop cable quickly and easily. The Reel Caddy is lightweight and folds flat for compact storage. It is fabricated from durable, painted steel tubing that will provide years of dependable service. The Reel Caddy supports reels up to 30 inches (76.2 cm) in diameter and easily accommodates Multiport™-type deployments using cardboard or plastic reels. The Reel Caddy is also quick and simple to use, requiring only one hand to set up.

More information is available online at

www.GMPtools.com/nf/07254.htm [C Reel Payout Frame],

www.GMPtools.com/nf/75984.htm [Pole Mount Spindle],

www.GMPtools.com/nf/71669.htm [Reel Buck],

www.GMPtools.com/nf/70403.htm [Reel Caddy],

or by contacting Ted Clemens at 215-357-5500; info@GMPtools.com

About General Machine Products Company

For more than 70 years, General Machine Products Company is a global provider of a wide range of products for the telecommunications, power utility and cable television industries, and the contractors who serve them. Product applications include the placement of fiber optic, copper conductor, and coaxial cable both aerially and underground.

GMP aerial cable lashing machines, Adams® continuous duty winches and fiber optic cable pullers are accepted as the industry standard. The complete line of GMP's 1,100+ products also includes cable reels and aerial blocks, cable cutters, unique RJ plug pressing tools, fiber optic cable blowing equipment, and other specially-designed tools for the data, telecommunications, and power utility markets.

Our facilities include a 100,000-square-foot manufacturing plant in Trevoze, PA, in suburban Philadelphia, and in Rutland, England (its CBS Products, Ltd. unit). Both facilities are equipped with a full complement of technologically advanced machine tools manned by a well-trained team of craftspeople.

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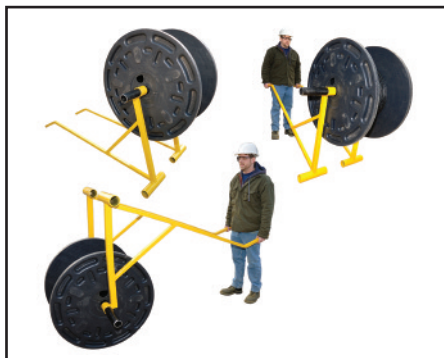
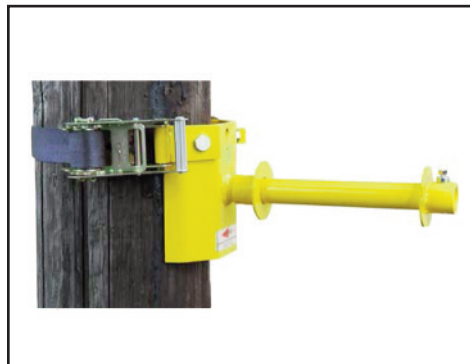


Photo Caption:

GMP introduces the C Reel Payout Frame [top left], the Pole Mount Spindle [top right], the Reel Buck [bottom left], and the Reel Caddy [bottom right] — four new reel handling accessories that make fiber optic cable placement and cable storage safer and more productive.