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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: New Product Introduction

**The New Ramrod, a Trailer-Mounted, Powered Duct Rod Pusher,
Makes Placing Pulling Lines or Fiber Optic Cables into New,
Old or Crowded Conduits Faster and Easier**

October 2011, Trevoese, PA – General Machine Products Company, Inc. (GMP), Trevoese, PA, introduces the Ramrod, a trailer-mounted, powered duct rod pusher. The Ramrod offers a mechanized method for working with GMP's 1/2 in. (12.7 mm) duct rods. It provides an alternative to expensive rodding trucks, which can cause damage to existing cable due to their immense power. The Ramrod is hydraulically powered, providing precise control, and can push and pull forces up to 300 lbs. (136.1 kg); all the while moving at speeds of up to 130 ft. (39.6 m) per minute.

The Ramrod is trailer-mounted for convenient maneuverability and transportability. It features a gasoline-driven power pack, hoses, and a locking waterproof storage box for accessories. The unit accurately measures rod-pushing footage and speed with an electronic monitoring system that works in either direction. The readout can be scaled to feet or meters.

After a conduit has been rodded, the Ramrod retrieves the rod using its bi-directional drive track. As the rod is retrieved, a wiping window located at the front end of the machine allows the rod to be wiped clean prior to storing back on the cassette. A package of rod wiper pads is provided. The complete Ramrod unit weighs 1400 lbs. (635 Kg).

GMP's 1/2 in. (12.7 mm) duct rods are available in lengths of 200–1,200 ft (61–366 m) and can also be sold separately. GMP duct rods are also available in 1/4 in. (6.35 mm) and 3/8 in. (9.40 mm) diameter. Finally, GMP also offers equivalent toneable duct rodders.

More information about this product is available online at: <http://gmptools.com/nf/88900.htm>, or by contacting Ted Clemens at 215-357-5500; info@GMPtools.com.

About General Machine Products Company

For more than 75 years, General Machine Products Company, Inc., (GMP) has been 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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Editor's Note:

A high-resolution photo is available to accompany this release. Please go to <http://gmptools.com/images/Ramrod.jpg>

Photo Caption:

The Ramrod, a trailer-mounted, powered duct rod pusher, is available from General Machine Products Company, Inc.