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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: New ADSS Cable Placement System Introduction

Cable Placement System Specifically Designed For Installation of All-Dielectric/Self-Support Cable in Tough Environmental and Electrical Conditions.

April 2012, Trevoese, PA – Known for rugged and dependable outside plant cable installation tools and equipment, the General Machine Products Company, Inc. (GMP), Trevoese, PA, is pleased to introduce the *All-Dielectric/Self-Support Cable Placement System* to its line of aerial cable placement solutions. The *All-Dielectric/Self-Support (ADSS) Cable Placement System* provides specialized equipment necessary for aerial installation of nonconductive, high-strength fiber optic ADSS cable over short, medium and long span distances.

As its name indicates, All-Dielectric/Self-Supporting cable requires no messenger wire for support. Therefore, placement is achieved in a single pass, making ADSS cable an easy and economical way to install a fiber optic network. This type of installation can also be a solution in an aerial environment where power cables are close by, or where a lashing operation is impossible due to the proximity of other cables on the poles.

Because ADSS cable can be deployed in a variety of tough environmental and electrical conditions, components that make up the *All-Dielectric/Self-Support Cable Placement System* are specifically designed to meet the challenges work crews face. GMP's *All-Dielectric/Self-Support Cable Placement System* includes the equipment you need to install ADSS cable efficiently and safely:

- In Line Blocks with Split Side Frames and Hooks
- Starting Blocks with Safety Gates and Steel Side Frames
- Ball Bearing Swivel
- Rope Connector
- Pulling Grip
- Storage Reel with Rope

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- Pay Out Stand
- Cable Pony Trailer Mounted Winch

The Cable Pony Trailer Mounted Winch uses grooved, double bull wheels to provide superior handling of the pulling rope, while providing a constant tension with a maximum capacity of up to 2,200 lbs. (1,000 kgs). The winch can offer line pulling speeds up to 130 ft. (40 M) per minute.

The ADSS Cable Placement System also includes a Payout Stand and Storage Reel. The Storage Reel has a capacity of 2,000 ft. (609.6 M) of 5/16 inch. (7.9 mm) diameter rope. It is uniquely designed to be compatible for mounting either on the Cable Pony Trailer Mounted Winch or the Payout Stand.

Two (2) sizes of In Line Blocks and three (3) sizes of Starter Blocks are also offered with our ADSS Cable Placement System. This variety of blocks will maintain the bending radius requirements for various cable diameters, load ratings, etc.

More information about GMP's *All-Dielectric/Self-Support Cable Placement System* is available online at: <http://gmptools.com/nf/adss.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) is recognized as a premier global supplier 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 Trevoise, 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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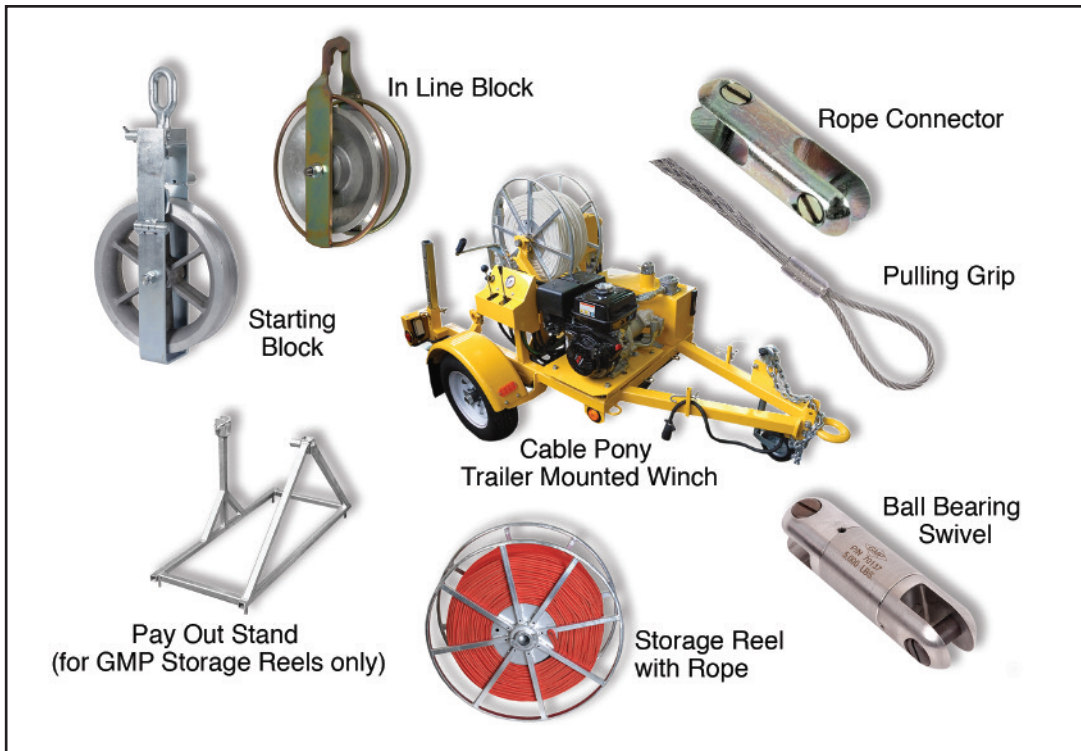


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All-Dielectric/Self-Support Cable Placement System, by General Machine Products Company, includes the equipment you need to install ADSS cable efficiently and safely.

Editor's Note:

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