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## **UTILITY MANHOLE COVER LIFTER MAKES ONE-PERSON COVER REMOVAL AND REPLACEMENT BOTH EASY AND SAFE**

**April 2009; Trevoese, PA** – General Machine Products Company, Inc. (GMP), Trevoese, PA, is pleased to introduce the Utility Manhole Cover Lifter to its complement of safety tools & equipment. The GMP Utility Manhole Cover Lifter allows an individual to lift and remove heavy utility manhole covers quickly and safely, in a variety of work environments and applications. The tool securely attaches to and raises the most stubborn covers; with the lifter doing all the heavy work, instead of the technician's back. One Utility Manhole Cover Lifter can work on a wide range of cover types, as each lifting hook attachment (or key) is designed to accommodate a broad selection of manhole covers.

The long handle of the Utility Manhole Cover Lifter provides the precise leverage necessary to easily raise bulky manhole covers. The lifting process is simple. First, select the appropriate lifting key for the cover to be removed. Insert the key into the cover's hole or lifting pocket. Next, brace the lifter's foot with one of your own feet while having the handle pointing away from you. Then pull the lifter's handle backward toward you. Keep moving the foot of the lifter back to change the angle and allow for additional pulls of the handle to clear the manhole cover from its frame.

Added design features include rubber hand grips and a spiked foot for secure traction on unstable ground surfaces like sand, ice or snow. Plus, the lifter's durable, plated-steel tubular body is specifically engineered to lift the heaviest utility manhole covers.

GMP offers several key options, including a Small J-Hook, a Large J-Hook, and a Heavy L-Hook. All keys are made of heat-treated steel for added strength and durability. While stock keys can accommodate the majority of utility cover types in use worldwide today, GMP will also engineer custom key designs to fit unique applications.

More information is available online at [www.GMPtools.com/nf/70152.htm](http://www.GMPtools.com/nf/70152.htm) or by contacting Ted Clemens at 215-357-5500; [info@GMPtools.com](mailto:info@GMPtools.com).

### **ABOUT GENERAL MACHINE PRODUCTS COMPANY**

Preparing to celebrate 75 years of manufacturing and engineering excellence, General Machine Products Company, Inc., (GMP) 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:**

The Utility Manhole Cover Lifter, from General Machine Products Company, Inc., is for the individual faced with moving a wide variety of covers in different work environments.