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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: New Product Introduction

## **NEW SIDEWINDER TRAILER-MOUNTED F.O. PULLER PROVIDES A CONTROLLED FORCE TO PLACE TELECOMMUNICATION CABLES OVER LONGER DISTANCES**

**June 2009: Trevoise, PA** – General Machine Products Company, Inc. (GMP), Trevoise, PA, is pleased to introduce the “Sidewinder” Trailer-Mounted Fiber Optic Puller. The Sidewinder has been designed to exceed the requirements of installing telecommunication cables, employing a single 32 inch (813 mm) diameter capstan to provide a controlled force to the pulling of rope or tape. The unit can be used as an end-puller, or it can be placed at the mid-point of a section to assist the pull, thus enabling longer pulls to be achieved.

The Sidewinder has a rope/tape take-up drum, which is driven independently by a hydraulic motor. The take-up drum has a detachable side, which allows rope or tape to be removed from the drum in a tidy coil. The drum can be declutched from the drive to allow rope or tape to be pulled out manually when threading into a duct system.

The Sidewinder weighs 1,400 lbs. (635 kg) and is powered by a commercial-grade Honda GX390 gasoline engine which drives fixed displacement, tandem mounted, hydraulic pumps. The pumps are attached to the engine via a bell housing and flexible coupling. One pump powers the hydraulic motor through an in-line, planetary gearbox connected to the capstan. The second pump drives the rope take-up drum through a hydraulic motor. The hydraulic oil tank is fitted with double filtration protection, sight glass and filler/breather.

The pulling tension is displayed on a dial gauge, allowing the operator to monitor the pull. Tension is adjustable from 0 — 1100 lbs. (500 kg), with maximum pulling speeds up to 200 feet per minute

(60 meters per minute). The winch will stop pulling at the selected tension without stopping the engine, thereby protecting the cable. The device is built on a robust steel chassis. The trailer equipment complies with D.O.T. standards, and features a single axle and telescopic jockey wheel. The unit can be easily pulled by a standard pickup truck.

More information is available online at [http://www.gmptools.com/nf/pull\\_and\\_assist.htm](http://www.gmptools.com/nf/pull_and_assist.htm). You can also contact Ted Clemens at 215-357-5500 or [info@GMPtools.com](mailto:info@GMPtools.com).

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

For more than 75 years, 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 Sidewinder Trailer-Mounted Fiber Optic Puller, from General Machine Products Company, is designed to exceed the requirements of installing telecommunication cables over long distances.