

Midas wins UK's top toolmaker award for second straight year



Source: Midas Pattern

Midas Managing Director Alan Rance (c.) accepts the award at the London ceremony.

Bedford-based tool shop Midas Pattern Company has repeated as top toolmaker in the partnership supplier category of the UK's Plastics Industry Awards.

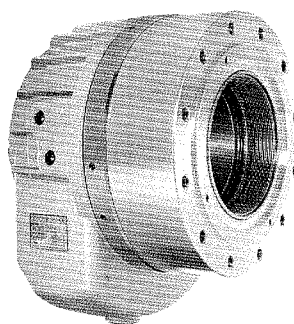
The company said this year's award was based on work for Randox Laboratories, producing mouldings to enclose the world's first fully automated random-access biochip testing plat-

form, which is expected to advance medical diagnostic testing. The instrument casing comprises 26 Reaction Injection Moulded (RIM) components, the largest of which was 1668 x 1191 x 403 mm, and all of which were produced within 12 weeks.

Midas Managing Director Alan Rance said, "We are absolutely delighted to have been awarded this prestigious accolade once again." He thanked the partner company, his staff and "particularly our toolmakers and moulders" whom he lauded for working hard every day to deliver the highest quality of customer service.

■ **Midas Pattern Company,**
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Leader Chuck to sell Autogrip products in UK



Source: Leader Chuck Systems

Autogrip power chucks and rotary cylinders are now available from Leader Chuck Systems.

Leader Chuck Systems, Tamworth, has announced the completion of an agreement with Taiwanese workholder manufacturer Autogrip Machinery to exclusively distribute that company's products in the UK

Leader said it will assume full responsibility for sales of Autogrip's range of power chucks and rotary cylinders as well as for pre-sales technical support, with stocks of popular items and spare parts being held by Leader at its logistics facility.

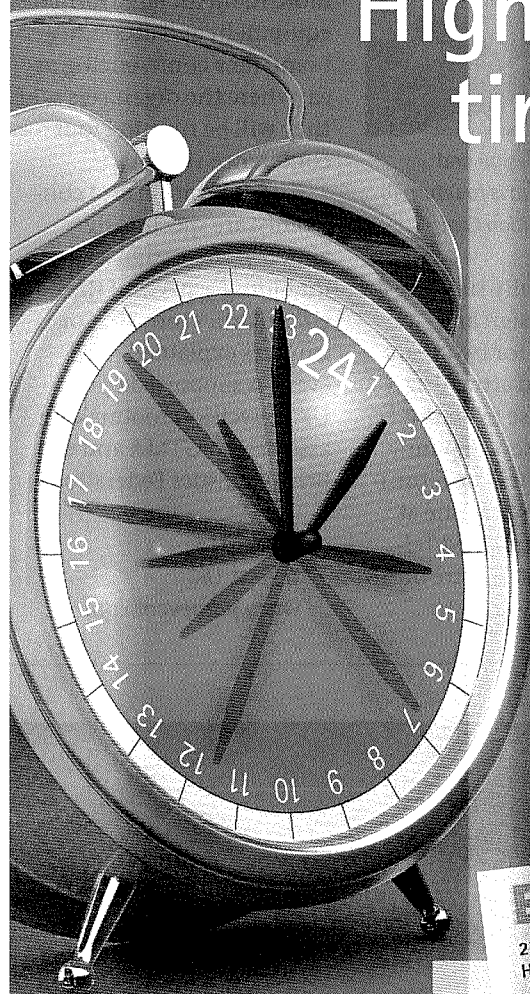
Autogrip offers through-bore and closed centre standard and long stroke 2-, 3- and 4-jaw power chucks for bar feed or billet loading precision turning applications up to 8,000 rpm. For drilling, milling, grinding and other machining operations, a range of 3-jaw stationary power chucks is available, the company said.

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