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PurePulse waterjet technology is a versatile coating removal service for a variety of applications. It saves time and minimizes maintenance and energy costs and down time associated with other high-pressure systems. See article on page 2

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ratt & Whitney Automation, Inc., a wholly owned subsidiary of United Technologies Corporation, is changing the game with PurePulseTM waterjet technology and customers will see a number of benefits Removal of chrome plating and other hard coatings has been a significant challenge for businesses with those needs. Cost, imprecision and the threat of hazardous debris have made coatings stripping a perilous process. That's why Pratt & Whitney Automation offers the marketplace this revolutionary forced pulse waterjet service.



Pratt & Whitney Automation's new waterjet technology provides large companies with an innovative way to remove chrome and other hard coatings quickly while putting less stress on equipment thereby lowering operational cost.

This technology ends the need for toxic dipping and grinding by stripping parts quickly and efficiently. Highfrequency electrical pulses are converted into mechanical vibrations that transform high-pressure streams of water into pulsed jets of individual water slugs. The technology creates a pulse wave effect, which in turn fractures the coating through water-eroding fracture. Despite the sophistication of this technology, it gives our customers a simple, easy to use solution that did not exist in this form before.

Pratt & Whitney's new waterjet service was developed with three key focuses in mind: raising the bar for technology and innovation, saving time and money, and respecting and protecting the environment.

This next-generation waterjet technology is designed as a safe, efficient, sustainable alternative for chemical stripping, grit blasting and machining. Without PurePulse, it would be very difficult to remove the toxic coatings when needed without potentially damaging the part.

Specific to saving time and money, Pratt & Whitney Automation developed PurePulse with an eye toward customization for a variety of applications. This technology improves turnaround time and reduces costs by decreasing maintenance and energy expenses – as well as the downtime associated with other high-pressure waterjet systems that are more complicated.

PurePulse technology is an environmentally friendly removal method for hard coatings. Customers can trust this technology for its environmental impact because it is a safer alternative to toxic chemical dipping and grinding – PurePulse has a closed-loop system that reuses filtered water. This technology does not require the use of abrasives or chemicals to remove hard and soft coatings.

Previously, some hard coated flanges on jet engine parts were unable to be stripped and repaired due to a combination of how the parts are built and mechanical or chemical process limitations. Through Pratt & Whitney's PurePulse technology, these repairs are now achievable and able to be completed in a fraction of time – and with less damage to the substrate of the part or equipment.

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European Researchers Work on Control Systems for 3D Waterjet Milling

By: Peter Wright, WJTA-IMCA

A multidisciplinary European research team, ConforM-Jet, led by Prof. Dragos Axinte from the University of Nottingham is developing a selfcorrecting control system for 3D waterjet milling to work at high degree of accuracies without any additional part masking. Milling 3D parts would provide similar benefits to waterjet cutting, including the ability to work on hard materials, no heat affected zone and low cutting forces on the part. Controlled-depth waterjet milling has long been possible using the same principles as waterjet cutting but the researchers expect that with their advanced control system the process will be valuable in fields such as aerospace, medical devices, optics and more.



The ConforM-Jet research team uses 5-axis waterjet cutting machines operating at pressures ranging from 20-30 kpsi. So far the team has machined 3D parts in various workpiece materials including titanium and nickel based superalloys, engineered ceramics and optical glasses.

The ConforM-Jet system uses acoustic emissions monitoring to correct the waterjet as it mills the part. Basically, acoustic emissions sensors work by measuring the high frequency waves produced when the waterjet impinges on the surface of the material being machined. A major goal of the research has been to create a model connecting the jet penetration and the acoustic emissions.

Prof. Axinte explains, "The acoustic emission (AE) signal captured by a sensor mounted on the workpiece,



depends on energy parameters of the jet (such as pump pressure and mass flow of the abrasives) but not on the jet travel speed (that also influences the jet penetration). To unify these aspects, a new parameter, Transfer Rate of Energy (TRE) has been introduced, linking AE energy, jet feed speed and area of abraded footprint. As TRE should remain constant for particular parameters, any deviation on AE signal can be regarded as a disruption of the process and, hence, the jet feed speed is adjusted to keep the jet footprint at the required values."

The self-learning control system, based on jet footprint models and monitoring techniques, allows the process to be corrected in real time using a control loop so it adjusts the kinematic parameters of the jet when deviations from the expected pattern are detected.

The European ConforM-Jet research team aims to use this radically novel control strategy for high energy fluid jet milling that, supported by adequate machine learning algorithms, will lead to the development of next-generation production systems capable of freeform generation in various working scenarios and with little human intervention.

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Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton Visits Jet Edge

Jet Edge, Inc. was honored on March 22, 2012, by Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton, who presented the St. Michael, Minnesota waterjet manufacturer with a 27th Annual Governor's International Trade Award during a ceremony in Minneapolis.

Each year, Minnesota's governor honors a select group of Minnesota businesses that have shown exceptional progress and success in international trade by conferring the Governor's International Trade Award. In addition to honoring individual recipients, the award also recognizes the tremendous positive effect that exports and trade have on the state's economy and job growth.

"We are truly honored to be recognized by Governor Dayton for our international business efforts," Nancy Lauseng, Jet Edge marketing manager, says. "During the past several years, Jet Edge has worked tirelessly to increase our international sales and enter new markets, including Asia, Eastern Europe and the Middle East. We have



Nancy Lauseng accepts the award from Governor Mark Dayton on Jet Edge's behalf.

benefitted tremendously through our participation in Governor's trade missions to Japan, China and Israel, and through the outstanding support of the Minnesota Trade Office and U.S. Commercial Service."

Jet Edge has sales offices throughout the United States and in Shanghai, China, as well as distributors in Canada, Mexico, Europe, Asia/Pacific, South America and the Middle East/ Africa. The company derives approximately 26% of its total revenue from international sales and has seen three consecutive years of growth in machine tool export sales. The waterjet manufacturer broke an all-time record month for shipments in June 2011, including first-time shipments to new export markets in China and Poland.

Jet Edge's recent international endeavors include opening a sales, service and training office in China, establishing an R&D partnership with waterjet manufacturer Tecnocut S.p.A. in Italy and establishing new export sales for Jet Edge in Japan, China, South Korea, Poland, Italy, and the Middle East. The company also has established a rigorous training program for all international distributors to ensure they are equipped to provide optimum service and support to Jet Edge's overseas customers.

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Another example of where this technology is essential is when removing coatings from circular or cylinder-shaped parts such as drive shafts. The geometry of these parts creates an even more difficult threshold for removing coatings for necessary servicing. These types of parts would have been discarded at a relatively early stage in their life cycle in the past without this revolutionary technology.

Customers from all across the industry spectrum including aerospace, marine, oil and gas, mining, land-based power and heavy industry may benefit from PurePulse technology.

Visit www.pwpurepulse.com to view a video about Pratt & Whitney Automation and learn more about PurePulse waterjet technology.



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Parker Brothers Concepts Selects FlowJet

Flow International Corporation announces that Parker Brothers Concepts, featured on Syfy's high-octane reality series Dream Machines, has added a Flow Mach 3 abrasive waterjet machine tool as a key element in their fabricating process.

"The FlowJet gives us outstanding flexibility in both design and materials.

And Flow's Dynamic Waterjet allows us to cut parts very accurately, saving us a lot of time because we rarely need to do any secondary processing," states Marc Parker.



Shanon Parker, Marc Parker, and Jon Conner

The 4 meter by 2 meter system includes Flow's patented Dynamic Waterjet® cutting technology and a HyperJet® pump rated at 94,000 psi. Flow invented Dynamic Waterjet to eliminate stream lag and taper errors, bringing accuracy and speed to 2D cutting. By incorporating Smart-Stream[™] technology, mathematical models that predict jet behavior and compensate for taper and stream lag, cut speed is increased 2 to 4 times faster than conventional abrasive waterjets while producing parts with far higher precision.

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Jet Edge Ships Equipment to South Korea Following Free Trade Agreement

J et Edge, Inc. recently became one of the first U.S. companies to take advantage of the United States' new free trade agreement with South Korea, shipping two containers of industrial ultra-high pressure waterjet equipment valued at more than \$700,000 USD to the Republic of Korea.

Under the United States-Korea Free Trade Agreement (KORUS FTA), which went into effect March 15, 2012, some 80 percent of U.S. industrial and commercial exports to Korea are now duty free, nearly 95 percent of trade will become duty free within five years, and most remaining tariffs will be eliminated within 10 years. The KORUS FTA is the United States' most significant trade deal since the North American Free Trade Agreement with Mexico and Canada in 1994. It is expected to add \$10-12 billion to the annual U.S. Gross Domestic Product

Jet Edge estimates that under the FTA's stepped tariff reduction schedule for waterjet systems, its Korean customer will save almost \$19,000 USD. By year three of the agreement, the same size order would make Jet Edge's Americanmade equipment approximately \$56,000 USD more competitive than similar goods imported from Europe or other Asian counties without similar free trade agreements between the two countries.

"The U.S.-Korea FTA is a tremendous opportunity for Jet Edge and other U.S. manufacturers to be





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more competitive and increase industrial manufacturing exports to South Korea," says David Anderson, Jet Edge international sales manager. "As you may recall, Gov. Mark Dayton's first trade mission as Minnesota's governor was to South Korea, and Jet Edge was awarded the Korean contract at the same time as the governor's trade mission, so Jet Edge's export is a significant milestone for our state's economy. The FTA also is a huge success story for the U.S. Commercial Service and President Obama's 5-year National Export Initiative." Just how easily and precisely does PurePulse[™] waterjet technology strip chrome plating and other hard coatings?

Until now, removal of chrome plating and other hard coatings has been a costly, imprecise and potentially hazardous process. Pratt & Whitney Automation's revolutionary PurePulse™ waterjet technology ends the need for toxic dipping and grinding by stripping parts quickly, effectively and without damaging the substrate. Discover the appeal of next-generation precision at PWPurePulse.com. PurePulse waterjet technology – **Unparalleled power. Pure precision**.



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Pratt & Whitney Automation, Inc.

MultiCam[®] Value Vision System Makes Router Registration Affordable

ocusing on economy, MultiCam® Inc. introduces the manual Value Vision system for low-volume digital finishing without the cost of registration equipment designed for major industrial users. The global CNC cutting machine manufacturer created this innovative new product offering to facilitate router registration without a camera. (Router registration aligns the target with the cutting jet so that the cutting occurs exactly where desired.)

"MultiCam continues to develop products that help customers maximize value and production in their shops," says President and General Manager Kris Hanchette. "We're excited to

offer this high-value product at a low price."

Value Vision prompts the operator to locate at least the first two fiducials, using the laser pointer. Then it extrapolates the position of the remaining fiducials based on the orientation and distances between the initial few. The image of the cut file appears on the graphical keypad before the operator starts the cutting sequence.

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OMAX® Appoints New Regional Manager for China to Support Growth

OMAX Corporation, a global leader in abrasivejet machining, recently appointed James Fikse to the position of regional manager for China. Fikse will use

his more than 30 years of project management experience to further enhance OMAX's market position in China.

According to Steve Ulmer, vice president of international sales for OMAX, the company has seen increased demand for its precision-engineered multi-axis abrasive systems in China since first entering this



James Fikse

marketplace four years ago, making it critical to increase its support network within the country.

The OMAX distribution partner for China, Simeco Limited/Cowin Welding Equipment & Consumable Co., Limited, which has demo centers in Shanghai and Nanjing, is providing excellent support to hundreds of OMAX customers, but in order to keep up with demand and maintain high levels of service in China, OMAX is strategically adding more employees to its global support team, including Fikse. In addition to the Simeco/Cowin demo centers, manufacturers in China can also experience OMAX machines at the Association of Manufacturing Technology demo center in Pudong.

Fikse, a graduate of Western Washington University, has spent his entire professional career specializing in project management, which includes participation in functions such as sales and marketing as well as product design and development. He has a high level of understanding when it comes to various manufacturing processes, including waterjet cutting, casting, forging, flowforming, CNC milling, liquid and powder coating and metallurgy. Additionally, he has experience working with CAD/CAM technology, lean manufacturing principles, manufacturing optimization processes and quality control disciplines.

Over the years, Fikse has been involved in the design and development of products that have secured U.S. patents, including an automotive wheel (D376,125), a manual resin extruder for effecting glass repair (5,407,338), a glass crack repair tool (D351,543) and a log yarding skyline carriage (4,238,038). "We are thrilled to have Jim join the OMAX team," says Ulmer. "With his proven project management experience, solid manufacturing background and strong communication skills, he will most definitely be able to increase our presence in China, expand distributor knowledge and grow our company's overall market share."

Prior to joining OMAX, Fikse worked as a technical consultant for Formula 43 Company in Detroit, Michigan, where he completed several design and development projects involving a line of high-performance forged aluminum automotive wheel products. He was also the co-founder of USA Wheel Technology Inc. where he created a high-performance motorsport brand and world championship winning product line.

In addition to its growth in China, OMAX is experiencing increased demand all over the world, prompting the company to add more technical support employees

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Wednesday, September 12, 2012 8:00-10:00 a.m. Live Demonstrations 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Exhibit Hall Open 12:00 Noon-3:00 p.m. Boot Camp Sessions





Clean Harbors Receives Syncrude Safety Award

Clean Harbors, one of North America's leading providers of environmental, energy and industrial services, has received the President's Award for Top Safety Performance by a Small Contractor (<400,000 hours) from Syncrude Canada Ltd.

Awarded to the Clean Harbors InSite Team deployed to the Syncrude operations at the Mildred Lake and Aurora North mines, the award recognizes the Team's outstanding safety record in 2011 resulting from:

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Clean Harbors, a leading provider of services to the energy sector in Western Canada, has approximately 150 employees who support Syncrude's operations with steamer, hydrovac, potable water and septic systems, mine dewatering, wash bay services for cleaning heavy transport and mining equipment, wash cart rentals, and other support services.

"Safety is a core value at Syncrude, for both employees and the contractor workforce on site. Our award program is intended to recognize sustained good performance as well as improvements in safety management on site," says Murray Jamieson, Syncrude vice president of maintenance. "We are pleased to recognize our contractors who demonstrate the commitment to safety that Syncrude expects across our operations." "This is an outstanding achievement for our team at Syncrude," says Brian Adams, Clean Harbors director, insite operations, oil sands. "It is gratifying to have our rigorous programs and constant attention to safety receive this kind of recognition from a partner that places such importance on the daily attention to safety programs that encourage and support this kind of workplace performance."

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Don Nixon

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Mike Drott

been with Super Products for more than 20 years in various product sales and support roles.

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2009 and worked closely with OEMs and many end users during that time.

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