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ICON Technologies' i8 Printer Offers Compact Automated Tooling

SHENZHEN, China — May 2010 — ICON Technologies, a leading screen printing company, announces that its i8 offers the option of automated tooling.

The automated tooling solution offers a more flexible and speedy alternative to existing manual and dedicated tooling systems. Where previously it could take a significant amount of time to configure a machine to suit a particular board, using this option, setup takes just a few seconds.

With boards becoming increasingly complicated and component density increasing, this removes the need for manual operator intervention and minimizes opportunities for human error. Additionally, it can automatically adjust to every board that is printed, minimizing costly machine downtime as well as offering effortless integration at product changeovers.

Additional benefits include:

Speed: The pin array conforms in seconds to each board as it enters the machine, offering the manufacturer a competitive edge on fast turnaround production requirements.

Efficiency: Minimal to no operator intervention is required. It is activated automatically or at the push of a button, thereby virtually eliminating human error in high changeover manufacturing environments.

Cost Effective Solutions: Eliminating costly machine downtime with its automatic support for every board that is printed, this productivity instantly reduces overheads.

Accuracy: Compensating for even the most densely populated boards, providing stable and repeatable support with pins automatically locked in position for excellent printing accuracy and paste volume repeatability.

Flexibility: Fully pneumatic system offers the flexibility to cope with a range of different boards by its automatic adjustment and removes the need for costly dedicated tooling fixtures.

Performance: Increased productivity without manual intervention means maximization of any machine's performance.

Value: ROI begins immediately

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