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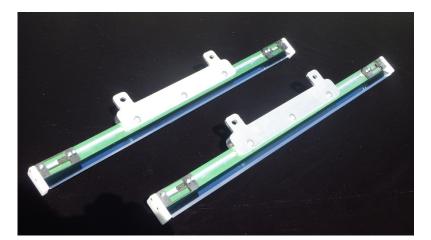
Transition Automation (TA) Upgrades Squeegee Offering for Panasonic SPG and SPV model SMT printers

New squeegees feature the latest paste retainer innovation and multiple holder improvements

Tyngsborough, Massachusetts, USA -- Transition Automation, Inc. announces the availability of two new and advanced SMT squeegee assemblies for Panasonic SPG and SPV SMT printers. The new designs

include a stronger blade holder assembly with a streamlined front clamp bar with fewer holes, and a fourth generation paste retainer design that enables easy paste retainer detachment for cleaning and maintenance.

The new squeegee holders are compatible and drop-in ready for both the Panasonic SPG and SPV SMT printers and are thus



designated PLX-PAN-U-xx-PR and PLX-PAN-V-xx-PR respectively. The holders maintain a weight advantage in that they are more than 50 percent lighter than typical OEM holders.

When combined with TA's highly durable Permalex[®] Edge metal squeegees, these blade and holder systems give the end user a tough package that is much less likely to suffer a ding, dent or nick from handling. They are available for delivery in 1-2 weeks A.R.O. and Ship F.O.B. from Transition Automation Headquarters in Tyngsborough, Massachusetts, USA.

Transition Automation Permalex squeegee blades and holder systems are designed for high performance and longevity for mission-critical electronics production. TA products are used worldwide for Aerospace, Automotive, Communications, Industrial control, Government and Satellite Systems applications. Transition Automation, Inc. enhances electronics manufacturing production yield and efficiency by reducing machine interruption while maintaining high performance output for lengthy production cycles. Transition Automation strives for production consistency between orders, and across various machine platforms and squeegee styles.

Transition Automation, Inc. is a worldwide leader in the manufacturing and distribution of Permalex[®] Edge Metal Squeegees, holder systems, and advanced SMT printing systems. Founded in 1989, Transition Automation, Inc. continues to advance the state of the art in surface mount solder paste printing by innovating the critical and high-cycle squeegee component of the SMT assembly process. The PrinTEK Series of SMT benchtop printers is renowned for their ability to produce high quality results for ultra-fine pitch SMT in high-mix production situations. The company is located at 5 Trader Circle, Building D, Tyngsborough, Massachusetts, USA, 01879. Phone: 978-649-2400; Fax 978-649-2402, Web: www.transitionautomation.com

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