

## **New product – Want to know where your tools are? Ask your toolbox.** Snap-on Industrial's automated tool control system works to help end Foreign Object Damage

### **For immediate release:**

**18th March 2014 | SYD:** Foreign Object Damage (FOD) is a well recognised and serious threat in every manufacturing and repair environment – from mining and aviation right across to food production. FOD occurs when tools and repair equipment are accidentally left within machinery, with a high risk of causing harm. Snap-on Industrial's latest product release, the **Level 5™ Automated Tool Control (ATC) System Toolbox** combines networked tool storage and inventory management software into a fully integrated and automated system – and is helping to combat FOD on the frontline.

This is a tool storage and control system used to automatically track individual tools by user without bar codes, scanners, RFIS tags or other add-ons.

Level 5 ATC toolboxes start with keyless entry, where each technician's identification key card is uniquely coded, enabling the system to record exactly who has entered the specially designed cabinet to remove or return tools and exactly when. The system automatically scans the contents of each of the cabinet's robust tool drawers, using Snap-on's technology to detect which tools have been issued or replaced, removing the requirement for technicians to rely on memory, or manually account for tools in and out of a storage system.

The boxes are network-ready, either through Ethernet or wireless connection. This means all activity within the Level 5 ATC boxes can be reviewed centrally. The powerful and easy-to-use software permits an administrator to view the status of every box – including the number of tools issues, the active users and all of the history. System alerts – either through email or SMS – can be customised for lost or broken tools, as well as tracking calibration requirements.



“Snap-on Tools Australia and New Zealand is pleased to be launching the Level 5 ATC boxes into the market, with several aviation companies already installing the technology into their operations,” said Snap-on Tools Industrial Manager, Peter Marinovic, “We know from experiences across our network that the correct use of the Level 5 ATC constitutes best practice in countering FOD in a wide variety of manufacturing and repair environments.

“ Snap-on Industrial's Level 5 ATC makes workplaces safer and more productive,” he said.

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Platforms available:

- 35" single bank roll cab, holding approximately 450 tools
- 54" single bank roll cab, holding approximately 750 tools

Features and specifications

- 1 year electronics warranty
- extended warranty available
- 230V AC power required
- battery version providing 16 hours of use on one charged cycle.
- unlimited number of assigned users
- networking through Ethernet or wireless

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High resolution imagery available.

#### **About Snap-on Tools Australia**

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