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BUCK & HICKMAN LAUNCHES NEW POINT-OF-USE VMI VENDING SOLUTION

Buck & Hickman, the UK's leading distributor of tools, maintenance and health and safety products, has launched a new VMI point-of-use vending solution capable of managing up to 560 individual products.

The ProStock 560 carousel vending machine, which has been described as the most flexible and efficient vending machine currently on the market, is a high security vending machine which aims to reduce tool usage on production lines by at least 10-30 per cent, in the process saving manufacturers tens of thousands of pounds every year.

The ProStock 560, which is available for less than £5 per day, is capable of carrying a wide variety of tools, gauges and expendables. The machine can also issue test and measurement equipment on 24 hour issue and return or manage and control the life cycle of calibrated tooling

The new VMI solution, which has a footprint of less than 1m², is also equipped with an easy to use touchscreen interface and bar code scanner. Item issue security is assured with limited access to prevent unauthorised tool usage. In addition, the ProStock 560 also has full tracking with multi-category usage and accounting.

Mark Peers, Head of Value Added Services at Buck & Hickman, commented: "The ProStock 560 will aid stock control and operational performance by minimising production downtime, reducing 'walk and wait' to central stores and bringing an end to 'stockouts', all of which impact on operational efficiency. This is a state-of-the-art vending machine solution that can help UK manufacturers get control of their indirect materials."

For further information log on to www.buckandhickman.com or call 08450 510150 for further information. Buck & Hickman is part of The BSS Group plc, a market leading distributor to specialist trades.



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The BSS Group plc

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Buck & Hickman

Buck & Hickman is the UK's leading supplier of tools, maintenance and health and safety products offering 60,000 products to order today and use tomorrow.

The Roebuck brand is exclusive to Buck & Hickman and offers a comprehensive range of over 23,000 tools, maintenance and health and safety products. Roebuck products are designed specifically for professional users working in demanding industrial environments.