

### News Release

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## RPS Selective Soldering Systems to use Parker domnick hunter for Nitrogen Generation

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**Spokane Valley, WA, March, 12, 2009**— RPS Automation LLC, a global supplier of selective soldering, lead tinning and solder test equipment to the electronics manufacturing industry, today announced an integrated partnership with Parker domnick hunter, a global leader in gas generation, to supply N2 Generation equipment to RPS selective soldering customers.

"High purity nitrogen can greatly benefit the selective soldering process", said Reed Gaither, CEO of RPS Automation. "We are pleased to partner with a leader in the field of gas generation to provide our customers with nitrogen production that is reliable, high quality and cost effective."

As part of the partnership, domnick hunter is manufacturing nitrogen generators specifically for RPS selective soldering applications. These N2 generation systems provide high quality nitrogen on a 24x7 basis, long-term dependability and rapid ROI. RPS customers are achieving payback in as little 30 days with attractive leasing, and in 6-12 months when purchased in full.

"We worked hard with RPS to put together a partnership that produces meaningful benefits for their selective soldering customers", said Chris Bogenski, Market Development Manager for Parker domnick hunter. "RPS and their team of skilled field technicians are committed to this value-added effort and have proven their expertise at installing and supporting our mutual customers. We look forward to working with RPS as they continue to grow."

RPS customer Larry Rising of Tyco Automotive stated "the RPS / domnick hunter nitrogen generator greatly eliminates downtime. RPS selective soldering runs 24/7 and is critical to our success; we couldn't risk production downtime if we ran out of nitrogen."

RPS selective soldering systems require 30 CFH of high purity nitrogen to inert the soldering mini-wave nozzle. This volume of nitrogen usage is extremely efficient, but nitrogen remains a consumable item that is needed in a reliable and high quality format. Many selective soldering customers endure the cost, burden and undependability of nitrogen supplied via nitrogen tanks. These tanks need to be replaced on a weekly or bi-weekly basis. Tank replacement is time consuming, labor intensive and results in lost production time. Nitrogen generation systems provide a more dependable and productive alternative.

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In Québec, Canada, Luc Gélinas, Président of Synapse Électronique, commented, “the RPS technicians had us up and running right away. We considered N2 tanks, but the N2 generator from RPS / domnick hunter is easier to use, provides higher purity N2 and delivered rapid payback. We run our RPS selective soldering production worry-free.”

Unique highlights of the partnership include:

- Parker domnick hunter is producing a unique product line for RPS.
- RPS technicians have been certified by domnick hunter for N2 system installations and customer training.
- All N2 generator sales include installation, training and hook-up to the RPS selective soldering system.
- RPS N2 generators include 1 year full warranty and an optional 2 year warranty.

In Chicago, Illinois, Greg Biesiadecki, Vice President of Alpha Electronics International added, “RPS and domnick hunter are vendors who deliver high quality, durability and dependability. We can’t image running our selective soldering operation without an N2 generator from domnick hunter.”

### About Parker domnick hunter

Founded in 1963, the very successful domnick hunter filtration, purification and separation group recently became part of Parker Hannifin Corporation, the World leader in motion and control technologies.

### About RPS

RPS Automation LLC manufactures a complete line of advanced selective soldering, lead tinning and solder test equipment for the electronic assembly and manufacturing industry. Systems feature closed loop servo robotics, precision selective miniwave performance, and ease of programming. The company has delivered over 500 installations to more than 300 global customers. RPS is committed to high performance soldering, long term durability, and exceptional customer service. All RPS products and software are designed and manufactured by RPS in Spokane, Washington USA.

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