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MOTOMAN OFFERS VISION-GUIDED ROBOT SOLUTIONS; IDEAL FOR BIN-PICKING APPLICATIONS

Dayton, Ohio — Motoman robots have the capability to perform the most complex vision-guided applications, including bin-picking, despite confusing backgrounds. Motoman's booth at the 2005 International FabTech and AWS Welding Show (#6006) showcases a six-axis Motoman HP165 robot performing a demonstration of bin-picking of differential housings. This application of vision-guided bin-picking technology provides significant cost savings to manufacturers by eliminating the need for custom dunnage trays or locating devices to repeatedly position parts – as previously required for robotic applications.

Motoman's 3D machine vision guidance product combines industry-leading robot performance with industry-leading, high performance vision products: the powerful and highly flexible RELIABOT® 3D vision package from Shafi Inc. and the In-Sight®, CheckPoint®, or MVS-8100™ series products from Cognex. The Motoman robot controls the vision system and access to part positional information using either serial or Devicenet interfaces.

RELIABOT 3D™ supports true 3D (X, Y, Z, yaw, pitch, roll) with one, two or three cameras – without the use of range sensors or lasers. The single camera option requires a robot-mounted camera and multiple inspections. With the multiple camera option, the cameras can be mounted on the robot or at a fixed location. This allows greater flexibility and can accommodate irregular part shapes. This technology makes complex bin-picking applications with confusing backgrounds possible.

The customizable HMI allows the user to change system parameters, calibrate the system and see real-time inspection results.

Features:

The Motoman 3D vision package features an intuitive, easy-to-use operator interface and also offers customizable menus. It is compatible with Cognex In-Sight, CheckPoint and MVS-8100 series vision systems. The software supports fixed-mounted or arm-mounted off-the-shelf cameras. It features automatic, self-sensing arm-mounted camera calibration capability and wizard-guided, fixed-mounted camera calibration capability. The 3D vision software supports multiple coordinate systems and provides statistical production data support.

Requirements:

The software requires an IBM-compatible PC running Windows® 2000 or XP with: Intel® Pentium® 4 Processor with at least 256K RAM; a 10G hard disk drive; two available PCI slots; and available serial, parallel, Ethernet, and USB ports.

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