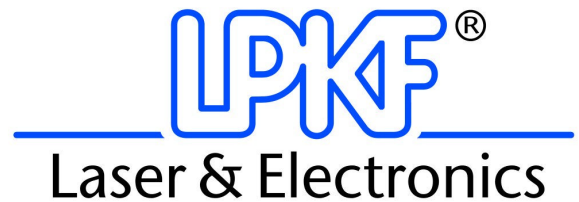


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LPKF Laser & Electronics Winner of SMT Vision Award In the Category of Assembly Tools

April 2009, Tualatin, OR – The 17th Annual SMT Vision Award has announced LPKF Laser & Electronics as the winner for innovation and excellence in products and service, within the Assembly Tools category. The ProtoLaser U is a UV laser for depaneling of flex, rigid, and rigid-flex material.

By utilizing its unique integrated UV laser technology the system's non-contact depaneling avoids damage to small sensitive components. With its innovative features the ProtoLaser U will cut arbitrary shapes without any mechanical impact to the circuit or its components, without any residue. PCB designers will enjoy the liberty to place components closer to the edge of the board or to utilize more intricate shapes to better fit the form factor of the final product. Stephan Schmidt, President LPKF Laser & Electronics noted, "UV Laser cutting is significantly more precise than other depaneling methods and works straight from CAD data, minimizing changeover time. The system is tool less and cost effective, ideal for any engineering driven environment."

The ProtoLaser U addresses current issues around yield loss in PCB assembly, especially depaneling due to high stress and tight tolerance needs. Through high productivity the superior cutting speed of the ProtoLaser U provides better overall productivity than traditional depaneling methods, especially when working with rigid, rigid-flex, and flex materials. The ProtoLaser U is a benchmark for modern vision in technology, representing new ideas and practices that achieve brand new capabilities.

About LPKF

LPKF Laser & Electronics is an ISO-9001 certified equipment manufacturer of equipment for the electronics industries; the worldwide headquarters is located in Garbsen, Germany with the North American headquarters located in Tualatin, Oregon. For more information about LPKF, visit <http://www.lpkfusa.com> or contact LPKF directly at 12555 SW Leveton Dr., Tualatin, OR 97062, Tel. 503-454-4200.



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