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### **Sepro ‘My Gripper’ System Makes Creating End-of-Arm Tooling Easier**

Sepro Group now gives molders one-stop access to over 700 components selected to make it easy to design and build robotic end-of-arm tooling (EOAT). My Gripper, as it is called, represents a unique approach to sourcing structural parts, vacuum cups, cutting elements and a whole range of tooling accessories made by Sepro and two other leading suppliers: Gimatic and AGS. My Gripper is being introduced to plastics injection molders at K 2019, the world’s largest plastics show being held October 16 – 23 at Messe Dusseldorf in Germany. Sepro is exhibiting in Hall 12, Stand A49.

EOAT is the mechanism that customizes a robot to handle a specific part or family of injection-molded parts. Not only is it used to remove parts from a mold but, using myriad specialized components, it can also perform other functions inside and outside the mold space. Tooling may be custom designed and built in special situations, but in many applications it can be assembled with standard components such as those offered by My Gripper.

In addition to the components themselves, Sepro is also offering advice and assistance to molders through its existing service outlets worldwide. This support includes guidance on using items made by any of the three partners. My Gripper is being launched in Europe at this time and will be deployed worldwide as soon as possible..

Sepro has offered EOAT components for many years under the KIT Tooling brand name. However, Xavier Lucas, Chief Sales Officer, says, with the innovative, partner-based and customer-focused My Gripper approach, Sepro now offers more options. “The added value of My Gripper is rooted in Sepro’s knowledge of the plastic injection-molding process,” he says. “By selecting components adapted to the needs of plastic processors, we make it easy and efficient to design and manufacture end-of-arm tooling. We are very

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happy to be working with the two leading component providers, Gimatic and AGS, to provide a one stop-shopping for our customers .”

The 66-page My Gripper catalog gives molders easy access to more components from a single source than ever before. Sections of the catalog cover:

- Mounting plates and related parts
- Structural elements (extrusions) and mounting accessories
- Component holders, arms, cylinders and adapters
- Mechanical grippers, fingers and needles
- Cutting nippers, blades and bodies
- Vacuum cups, flat and bellows designs
- Electronic accessories, including splitter boxes, connectors, sensors
- Pneumatic valves, hoses, connectors and other elements

All components have been selected for compatibility and ease of assembly. A two-page chart lists best-selling products and all items that can be used with them, regardless of manufacturer.

### **About Sepro**

Sepro was one of the first companies in the world to develop Cartesian beam robots for injection-molding machines, introducing its first CNC controlled “manipulator” in 1981. Today, Sepro Group is one of the largest independent sellers of robots in the world, offering a wider choice of robots than any supplier in the plastics industry. Three-, five-, and six-axis servo robots; special-purpose units; and complete automation systems, are all supported by the Visual control platform developed by Sepro especially for injection molders. This unique controller is a key component in what the company refers to as ‘open integration’ – a collaborative approach to equipment connectivity and interoperability that can be tailored to exactly suit the specific needs processors and injection-molding OEMs. At Sepro, customers “Experience Full Control.”

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