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Esys and 3M Finalists for PACE Award
Recognizes innovation that revolutionizes OEM wheel-balancing operations

Auburn Hills, MI, October 24, 2011 – [Esys Automation](#), a leading innovator of full service automation and software solutions for manufacturers, and [3M](#), a technology company known for innovation, have announced their selection as finalists for the prestigious PACE Award. The Automotive News' PACE Award honors superior innovation, technological advancement and business performance among automotive suppliers. This prestigious award, now in its eighteenth year, is recognized around the world as the industry benchmark for innovation. The joint submission by Esys and 3M was based on precision wheel balancing attained through automation of installing 3M™ Wheel Weights using the [AutoW8t™](#) equipment.

AutoW8t is Esys Automation's patent-pending technology for dispensing, cutting and robotic application of 3M's new adhesive wheel weight product. Together, the two companies helped initiate a leap forward in tire and wheel assembly technology, dramatically improving the speed, quality and cost of the OEM high-speed tire balancing processes. This innovation has made wheel balancing easier and faster than ever, while reducing inventory and freeing up valuable manufacturing floor space. The companies' entry is one of five finalists in the Manufacturing Process Category.

"We're very pleased to be considered for what is widely regarded as the most coveted award in the automotive industry," said Chris Marcus, Esys Automation CEO, "and the opportunity to partner with 3M on such a unique innovation was invaluable."

Greg Piserchia, U.S. sales and marketing director, 3M Automotive Division, stated, "We are thrilled to be finalists with Esys for this prestigious award, and we are excited about presenting our product and production automation innovations to the judging panel for consideration."

The PACE Awards are announced in April, after an extensive judging process that includes site visits and customer references.

For information about Esys and its products and services, visit www.esyscorp.com, e-mail info@esyscorp.com, or call 1.248.754.1900, extension 260.

For more information about the 3M Wheel Weight System, visit www.3M.com/wheelweights or contact the 3M Automotive Division at 877-266-1192 in Livonia, Mich.

About Esys Automation.

Esys Automation is a leading full service automation solutions and software provider to the automotive, construction vehicle, and complex assembly industries. Esys provides automation design, simulation, & prototyping, machine building and deployment, advanced robotic systems, integration, and industry-specific software solutions designed to automate and improve production processes. The company specializes in innovative manufacturing automation solutions designed to meet exacting tolerances, enhance operational efficiency, and improve visibility, tracking, and control of production processes. Headquartered in Auburn Hills, Michigan, Esys Automation operates across North America, including Canada and Mexico.

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About 3M

3M captures the spark of new ideas and transforms them into thousands of ingenious products. The company's culture of creative collaboration inspires a never-ending stream of powerful technologies that make life better. 3M is the innovation company that never stops inventing. With \$27 billion in sales, 3M employs about 80,000 people worldwide and has operations in more than 65 countries. For more information, visit www.3M.com or follow @3MNews on Twitter.

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