



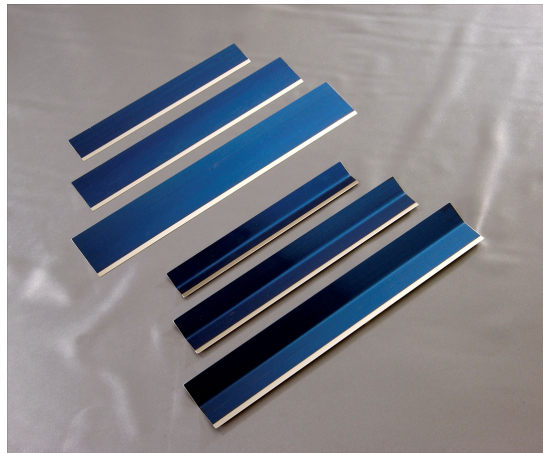
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Transition Automation Advances Squeegee Technology with “Sharp Edge” Enhancement



North Billerica, Massachusetts, USA, June 26, 2007 —Transition Automation, Inc. the worldwide leader in the manufacturing and distribution of Permalex® Edge metal squeegees, holder systems, and advanced self-cleaning squeegee systems, announces a new product enhancement: “Sharp Edge”, designed to deliver better SMT printing results with certain fine-sphere solder paste printing applications.

With “Sharp Edge”, the squeegee has a smaller tip radius than the traditional Permalex® Edge metal squeegee. The edge radius is a feature of the Permalex squeegee that contributes to long stable printing with minimal wear of both the stencil and squeegee edge. The standard radius of a Permalex squeegee is approximately 0.005 inches. The sharp edge option sets the radius closer to 0.003 inches. For certain

situations, with fine solder paste spheres, there is a possibility that the small spheres may “roll-under” the squeegee, resulting in non-perfect wiping. The Sharp Edge variation will prevent this possibility while maintaining a radius that will continue to extend the life of the squeegee product. To specify this variation, the customer may simply add the code “-SE” to any existing T/A squeegee part number. There is no additional charge for this product enhancement.

Transition Automation, Inc. is a worldwide leader in the manufacturing and distribution of Permalex® Edge Metal Squeegees, holder systems, and advanced self-cleaning squeegee systems. Founded in 1989, Transition Automation, Inc. continues to advance the state of the art in surface mount solder paste printing by innovating the critical and high-cycle squeegee component of the SMT assembly process. The company is located at 101 Billerica Avenue, Building 5, North Billerica, MA 01862. Phone: 978-670-5500; Toll-Free U.S.: 800-648-3338; Fax 978-670-2300, Web:

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