

## One-stop Bridon



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across Europe, Africa and Middle East explains: "It makes good sense for a customer of Bridon Ropes to be able to deal with one area manager and one customer support team, regardless of what Bridon Ropes product

Bridon Ropes has totally restructured and re-organised its business divisions to give its customers a one-stop service. Whereas customers previously spoke to different staff for the different divisions, they will now have one point of contact.

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they want to purchase. A Bridon Ropes customer in Scandinavia, for example, can now deal with one person for all their wire rope requirements, whether it be Industrial, Cranes, Fishing, Marine, Mining or Oilfield rope applications they're interested in".

## Worm gears

A brand new worm or shaft mounted gearbox delivered in as little as two days and at a price that can often undercut the cost of a repair is the promise of a newly launched service from Birmingham based Gearbox Direct Ltd. The new service is designed to drive down costs by providing gearboxes that are interchangeable and of equivalent quality to market leading brands – but without the price premium.



The company also supports gearbox repairers and rebuilders who benefit from ex-stock "versatile" worm gear sets that can be easily modified to suit virtually all gearboxes, thus cutting the time for repairs from anything between 4-6 weeks to virtually zero says the company.



## Remote control

The new TC 100 Series of remote controllers from Cattron-Theimeg includes the TC 100 Quadro. This is designed for use with small, two motion hoists. It uses the latest technology and has been designed with ease of use as a priority.

The unit is described as "extremely lightweight" and is equipped with four dual pressure push-buttons, one mushroom switch for stop functions and one signal push-button.

A flexible choice of frequency and receiver designs adds to the units flexibility.

## Noise assessment

Lloyd's Register Quality Assurance (LQRA) has been appointed as a notified body to help organisations needing to comply with the Noise Emission Directive (2000/14/EC). The directive will affect manufacturers of equipment for use outdoors

who will need to comply with new requirements regarding noise emission limits and labelling requirements at the manufacturing stage.

Equipment covered by the new directive includes cranes and mobile access equipment.

## Belts and hoses

Roulunds Codan has made its comprehensive range of belts and hoses available through the Independent Authorised Distribution Alliance

(IADA). The organisation has 60 branches nationwide.

Roulunds Codan is based in Corby and supplies parts and equipment to the UK automotive and industrial markets. Its product range includes rubber products such as V-belts, timing belts, ribbed belts, radiator, brake, fuel hoses and other tailored equipment.



## 100t air hoist

A 100 tonne capacity pneumatic hoist for use on an offshore drilling rig being built in Texas has been delivered by JD Neuhaus of Coventry. The air driven monorail unit is two hoists which are used in tandem to provide handling for a 200 tonne BOP (blow out prevention) system for lowering a cap on to the wellhead of an offshore drilling rig. With headroom space at a premium, Neuhaus were able to exceed specifications by achieving an ultra low headroom of only 700 millimetres.

Air driven hoists are particularly suitable for environments such as oil exploration where electric powered units can be hazardous.