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Introducing PHD Optimax™ and a New Economical Thruster Slide Product Line

FORT WAYNE, Indiana (Jan. 20, 2014) - PHD, Inc. revolutionized pneumatic actuators with the innovative Tom Thumb® Cylinder over 55 years ago. Today, PHD is setting the standard in industrial automation with a new product line that broadens its range of product offerings and provides customers even more choices.

Built on the foundation of long-life products for industrial automation, PHD Optimax™ products are actuators designed to meet machine builders' performance requirements at a competitive price. These economical, efficient, and reliable actuators provide customers with an alternative choice to PHD's standard "built-to-order" product line, delivering even more solutions to meet industrial application needs.

To introduce the Optimax product line, PHD proudly presents the Optimax Series OSD Pneumatic Thruster Slide. The Series OSD is a robust linear actuator designed for precision and is ideal for a variety of applications. It is the lower price alternative to the PHD Series SD Pneumatic Thruster Slide, which has more options and longer cycle life. The Series OSD is available in 3/4, 1-1/8, and 2 in bore sizes, and offers standard travel lengths ranging from 1 in to 10 in.

The Series OSD features oversized guide shafts to provide maximum rigidity with minimum deflection. Urethane shock pads on extend and retract directions provide vibrational damping and minimize impact forces. To simplify installation and provide for interchangeability, the OSD features a tool plate for mounting of tooling or other actuators.

To learn more and download/order catalogs, visit www.phdinc.com/OSD. For immediate assistance, call (800) 624-8511.

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About PHD

PHD, Inc. is a leading manufacturer of pneumatic and electric actuators for assembly, packaging, robotics, and industrial automation. PHD's product line includes cylinders, escapements, grippers, linear slides, rotary actuators, clamps, blow molding equipment and more. Known for performance, flexibility, and extremely long life, PHD actuators welcome the challenge of many different types of operating environments. PHD's fast delivery reduces inventory costs and keeps production schedules on track. Finding a solution for specific automation needs has never been easier or faster than it is with PHD.

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