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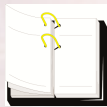
As demand for EMC testing for HSE compliance grows, a UK-based leader in the field is investing heavily in equipment and training – and has just employed another globally qualified test engineer to keep up with worldwide demand.



For manufacturers across every industry, the pressure to comply with increasing safety legislation is acute, adding to a company's costs yet often delivering compliance to the detriment of productivity. However, in dramatic contrast to this picture, the message from a leading automation supplier is that a holistic approach to machinery safety can actually help to increase productivity, and so deliver a defined return on investment while contributing to the safety of operators and the plant in general.

Although measurement of the torque applied to a bolt or other threaded fastener during tightening provides sufficient feedback in most applications, there are more specialised tasks where measurement of the fastener tension is essential to ensure the integrity of the mechanical joint. To address this requirement, a leading torque tool manufacture has introduced the USM-3 ultrasonic bolt meter – a compact, lightweight, field-portable unit that gives precise measurement of elongation and load in threaded fasteners.

Drug developers thrive on production speed to deliver an increasingly complex product portfolio to satisfy global demand. One trend having an impact on speed is the transformation of the IT landscape of drug development from disconnected, application-by-application efforts to a holistic, integrated systems approach. In the clinical trials process, for instance, clinical supply units are learning how to use valuable information derived from early development and testing to improve product quality.



What's Happening?

PPMA Show – NEC, Birmingham – September 30 – October 2

Northern Manufacturing Exhibition – Hallam FM Arena, Sheffield – October 1-2

The Electrical Industry awards – Grosvenor Marriot, London – October 29