

Klein Tools<sup>®</sup> Wins Two 2017 Pro Tool Innovation Awards Two additional products featured as finalists

**Nov. XX, 2017 (LincoInshire, III.)** – Klein Tools (<u>www.kleintools.com</u>), for professionals since 1857, received four <u>Pro Tool Innovation Awards</u> for products that launched this past year. The winning tools include the <u>Torpedo Billet Level</u> (Cat. No. 935RB) and the <u>HVAC 8-in-1 Slide Driver</u> (Cat. No. 32596). Two additional products, the <u>Tradesman Pro Tough Box Cooler</u> (Cat. No. 55600) and the <u>Wireless Jobsite Speaker</u> (Cat. No. AEPJS1), were recognized as finalists.

"When manufacturers build tools and accessories that break the mold, they deserve recognition. Professional consumers need to know which tools are a cutabove and breaking new ground," said Clint DeBoer, Executive Director of the Pro Tool Innovation Awards. "Klein Tools should really be in every tradesman's toolbox. They can save you time, money, and even make the job easier or more ergonomic."

A panel of judges made up of tool and media professionals from across the United States and Canada weighed in on over 260 entries from 50 different global manufacturers. Here's what the Pro Tool Innovative Awards judges had to say about Klein Tools:

Several things stand out on <u>Klein's Torpedo Billet Level</u>, starting with the color. Sure, that might not seem like a big deal, but it helps you quickly see where it is in your tool bag. It also helps you not walk away when it's stuck to conduit. Unless you're one of those people that never leave anything behind, it's pretty useful.

The magnets are also worth talking about. Not because they're stronger rareearth magnets (and they are), but because they lock into a track rather than just being stuck on with glue. They'll stay put long after other magnets leave the housing. You also get excellent visibility on the vials, a V-groove channel for pipe, and a tapered nose that slides more easily into a pocket. All in all, Klein's latest redesign is a big win for small levels.

Klein's Hex Head Slide Driver<sup>™</sup> in either its 8-in-1 HVAC form or just as a nut driver is a really brilliant way to keep two of the most common nut driver sizes on

one tool. The slide action and locking function work flawlessly, and the magnetic tips keep nuts secure so you can keep your second hand free. The HVAC 8-in-1 Slide Driver Screwdriver/Nut Driver saves space by keeping many of the same tools electricians need on board with the addition of a Schrader valve tip not typically found on multi-drivers like this.

The Tradesman Pro Tough Box Cooler was recognized as a finalist in the <u>Tool Bags & Storage</u> category, and the Wireless Jobsite Speaker was recognized among other <u>Cordless Power Tools</u>.

"Klein Tools is proud to have received four Pro Tool Innovation Awards for our new hand tools and jobsite accessories," says Greg Palese, vice president of marketing at Klein Tools. "This recognition confirms the rising demand for products designed to help professional tradespeople work efficiently on any job."

## About the Pro Tool Innovation Awards

The Pro Tool Innovation Awards (PTIA) are an annual awards program judged by a panel of professional tradesmen and media representatives in the electrical, plumbing, MRO and concrete fields as well as general contractors and builders. The Pro Tool Innovation Awards seek to discover and recognize the most innovative tools in the residential and commercial construction industry across a wide variety of categories. The Awards are backed by over a dozen print and online media sponsors, including its founding member, Pro Tool Reviews. Visit www.protoolinnovationawards.com for more information.











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Since 1857 Klein Tools, a family-owned and operated company, has been designing, developing and manufacturing premium-quality, professional-grade hand tools. The majority of Klein tools are manufactured in plants throughout the United States and are the No. 1 choice among professional electricians and other tradespeople. For more information, visit www.kleintools.com.

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