

# The Blast Shop

## Press Release

The Blast Shop, the UK's leading supplier of sandblast systems and memorial supplies, is taking some great products to the FSE 2003 exhibition, including the brand new Memorial Lockdown System and the Summa StoneMaster – the only cutter designed specifically for stonemasons.

In a promotion launching at the exhibition, a free Goodman's GDC 1388 digital camera will be included with every StoneMaster order placed before 9 May 2003.

### Summa StoneMaster

The StoneMaster, ideal for both lettering and designs on memorials, was developed in conjunction with distributor ArtSystems. It's set up specifically to deal with the thicker and more robust material needed by stonemasons for sandblast work. The blades are within a sealed unit, there's no pre-feed mechanism and the cutting speed has been reduced appropriately.



The Blast Shop's David Quinn said: "The StoneMaster wide format cutter requires no set up by the customer, and the sealed unit for the blades means there's no requirement for adjusting the depth of the blade, just the pressure. As well as saving on set-up time, this cuts down on the chance of error – very important when dealing with such expensive raw material. Costs are also kept down as dull blades can be sent back for resharpening, saving 50% on cost compared to buying new blades."

### Memorial Lockdown System

This is a unique concrete-free concept for fixing lawn-type materials to a foundation. It uses instead a stainless steel fixing which fits inside a standard flower container hole.

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The fixing is made up of a tubular, flanged sleeve and an expansion bolt which is inserted through a hole in its base, locking the memorial down on to the foundation.

This has two key benefits. Firstly, the memorial can be quickly and easily removed to carry out additional inscriptions and renovation work without the risk of having to break cement joints. Secondly, the joint achieves maximum strength immediately, no matter what the weather conditions on installation, and remains at full strength with no deterioration over time.

The system, available from June, meets both NAMM's Code of Working Practice standards and those laid down in the draft BS8415, the proposed British Standard for memorials. It can be used to easily upgrade existing memorials to meet the latest safety standards – all that's required is to drill a hole in the foundation in the centre of the vase hole and fit the expansion bolt and sleeve.

David Quinn said: "Burial authorities have been particularly receptive to the new system. They like the fact that it makes it easy to carry out random inspections to ensure that a memorial is fixed according to regulations and the strength of the lockdown system doesn't deteriorate over time."

The Blast Shop is offering installation training programmes for those interested in taking up the system, starting in May.

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### About ArtSystems

From its roots in 1987 ArtSystems, the Nottingham-based specialist systems distributor and service provider, has seen significant growth in the past six years. The company serves the CAD/GIS, graphics and signage markets (through specialist value added resellers) with large format scanning and ink jet printing solutions from market leading manufacturers such as HP, Mutoh, Onyx and Contex.

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