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**FANUC Robotics M-1*i*A Robot
Handles Batteries at High
Speeds at 2010 ATX South Show**

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ROCHESTER HILLS, Mich., April 28, 2010 – FANUC Robotics America Inc. will demonstrate high-speed handling of batteries with the M-1*i*A parallel-link robot during the 2010 Automation Technology Expo South (ATX), April 28-29, at the Charlotte Convention Center, booth #2121.

At the show, a four-axis M-1*i*A robot picks and packs AA batteries at 108 picks per minute to demonstrate the robot's high speed operation and range of motion.

M-1*i*A Intelligent Robot

The M-1*i*A is a lightweight and compact six-axis, parallel-link robot designed for small part handling, high-speed picking, packing, and assembly applications. The unique parallel-link structure provides higher speeds and accuracy compared to traditional handling robots. The robot can be installed in a variety of orientations, and has a three-axis wrist, making it extremely flexible.

The M-1*i*A also offers a four-axis model for simple operations such as part picking or kitting. A single-axis wrist offers speeds up to 3000 degrees per second.

“Our customers require higher speeds and accuracy to meet their production goals,” said Raad Asmaro, product manager, FANUC Robotics America, Inc. “The M-1*i*A’s flexibility and speed far exceed the capabilities of other vertically-articulated or SCARA-type robots.”

The M-1*i*A, like all FANUC robots, operates with the company’s latest R-30*i*A controller with integrated intelligent functions such as *i*RVision[®], and Robot Link.

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The M-1*i*A offers a wide range of benefits, including:

- Lightweight (14kg for 4-axis model; 17kg for 6-axis model), compact size allows operation in small spaces.
- Six-axis design enables part feeding from the sides of a work zone, increasing the useable workspace.
- Multiple installation orientations accommodate a wide range of work areas.
- Unique parallel-link design maximizes speed.
- Supports a multiple arm configuration of up to four robots.
- A camera for *i*RVision (built-in) can be integrated into the robot.
- New R-30*i*A Mate rack-style controller provides intelligent robot functions.
- Robot Link controls and coordinates up to ten robots through a network exchange of robot positional data.

Integrated (built-in) Vision

The FANUC *i*RVision system is a ready-to-use robotic vision package, available on all FANUC robots, requiring only a camera and cable – no additional processing hardware. It has a 2D robot guidance tool to accomplish part location, error proofing, and other operations that normally require special sensors or custom fixtures. For robotic vision processes that exceed the capability of 2D vision systems, FANUC Robotics offers an integrated 3D vision system.

FANUC Robotics America, Inc. designs, engineers and manufactures industrial robots and robotic systems for a wide range of applications including arc and spot welding, material handling (machine tending, picking, packing, palletizing), material removal, assembly, paint finishing and dispensing. The company also provides application-specific software, controls, vision products, and complete support services. After 27 years of success, FANUC Robotics maintains its position as the leading robotics company in the Americas. A subsidiary of FANUC LTD in Japan, the company is headquartered in Detroit, and has facilities in Chicago; Los Angeles; Charlotte; Cincinnati; Toronto; Aguascalientes, Mexico; and Sao Paulo, Brazil. Over 220,000 FANUC robots are installed worldwide. Contact FANUC Robotics at www.fanucrobotics.com or by calling 1-800-iQ-ROBOT, option 5.

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