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HYDE TOOLS CELEBRATES 140 YEARS WITH COMMEMORATIVE TOOLS

SOUTHBRIDGE, MA – In 1875, the telephone was invented, the internal combustion engine was patented and Thomas Edison figured out how to make duplicate copies of documents. It was an industrious year.

That was also the year that that Isaac P. Hyde founded Hyde Manufacturing Company, which became a well-known name in cutlery and industrial knives and went on to become a leader in hand tools. Today, that company is Hyde Tools, still of Southbridge, and celebrating its 140th year in business.

Now part of the Hyde Group with a sister company in Canada (A. Richard Tools), Hyde manufactures a wide range of products marketed throughout the world under the HYDE® brand name. Key Hyde offerings include patented items that have helped transform how jobs are completed in paint, drywall and several other industries. The company's newest innovations range from PivotPro™ Water Wands, being brought to market this year, to innovative spray-painting systems, dust-free sanding tools and problem-solving drywall tools and taping products. The retail categories Hyde now supports include surface and paint preparation; wall repair; paint accessories; drywall and masonry tools; airless spray equipment; hose and pressure washer accessories and more.

Among the earliest and most ubiquitous Hyde Tools were the company's trademark putty and joint knives, well known for outlasting their owners. "All kinds of

people send us photos of old, well-worn tools that were in their father's tool box," said Corey Talbot, Hyde's Vice President of Marketing and Product Development.

"Sometimes it's just a favorite old joint knife. Other times it's a mystery tool, and they want to know what it is."

It was Hyde that worked with US Gypsum to develop the first drywall taping knife for professionals, and Hyde that mass produced the industry's first multi-tool. Today, multi-tools comprise about a third of the putty knife market.

In celebration of the140th year, Hyde issued a commemorative version of its classic Black & Silver® putty knife, now available at home and hardware stores throughout the country.

For more information on HYDE® brand products, go to www.hydetools.com.

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