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SHMUSA Edge Prep Tools

2, 3, 4 or 6 mm radius round-over edge for paint prep of steel plate sections

Covington, KY (November 12, 2009) – Many marine shipyard facilities throughout North America have recently commissioned Saar-Hartmetall USA's Gerima SMA hand-held edge-prep tools for use by its shipfitters. The main application for this tool is for **radius cutting** steel plate **for paint preparation**. The SMA series is capable of milling a radius edge of 2, 3, 4, or 6 mm. The advantages of this hand-held tool are its ease of use and its ability to save time in processing plate for assembly. The tool is versatile and capable of milling contoured profiles, straight plate or cutouts. The tool requires no technical background to operate making it very easy for the shipyards to train new workers. The SMA portable tools have been tested to show average increase of 50% in productivity when compared to grinding. The SMA series is cost efficient by utilizing indexable carbide tooling which have multiple cutting edges. They can be rotated multiple times before a complete tooling change-over is needed.

Our Shipbuilding and Offshore Rigging customers include Atlantic Marine, McDermott, Signal International, General Dynamics, Halifax Shipyard, Keiwit Corporation and the US Navy.

For more information on Saar-Hartmetall's Gerima beveling tools & Edge Prep tools and educational demonstration videos of similar applications please visit our website www.shmusa.com/beveling.html

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