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RIDGID® Celebrates 50 Years of Drain Cleaning at Orange, Virginia Plant

ELYRIA, OHIO – October 24, 2017 – RIDGID® drain cleaning machines have stood by professionals for decades, getting more plumbers from apprenticeships to retirement than any other brand. This year the line of drain cleaning tools produced at the Orange, Va., plant marks 50 years of helping contractors face the toughest blockages with confidence.

RIDGID began selling its first drain cleaning products in 1967 when it acquired the Kollmann brand and has since developed a full line of products that includes over 110 variations of machines and tools. From the first products that included the K-1500 Machine to our newest product in the line, the K-400, each has been proudly made in the U.S.A. Every cable that goes into these machines is also produced in the plant.

A team of 130 employees in Orange, Va., builds the highest quality drain cleaning equipment. Four employees have worked on the line since 1976 and 32 of the employees have more than 25 years.

“Since RIDGID entered into drain cleaning, our team has continuously looked for new ways to bring innovation to the product line, whether that’s been through intuitive operation, more powerful motors or a lighter model,” said Mike Rutkowski, RIDGID Plant Manager in Orange, Va. “Our dedication to evolving the drain cleaning line continues with some exciting new products and enhancements coming in 2018 and the next 50 years.”

The drain cleaning line includes hand tools, sink machines, drum/sectional machines and jetters. Each is backed by the RIDGID Full Lifetime Warranty.

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RIDGID is a global manufacturer of more than 300 dependable and innovative tools, trusted by the professional trades in over 140 countries. RIDGID products are designed to help professionals in the demanding commercial, industrial and energy markets install and maintain the world's infrastructure with greater certainty and efficiency. Headquartered in Elyria, Ohio, RIDGID is a business unit of Emerson™, a global innovator in technology and engineering.

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