3M Announces Channel Distribution of StrongArm ErgoSkeleton Devices

3M bolsters presence in industrial ergonomic safety equipment

3M Personal Safety Division announces that StrongArm® Technologies ErgoSkeleton™ personal performance equipment will now be available for purchase through 3M's distribution channels within the United States.

StrongArm's ErgoSkeleton line includes the V22 ErgoSkeleton™ and the FLx ErgoSkeleton™, designed to help protect industrial workers from back injuries, referred to by StrongArm as "Industrial Athletes." Both products are ergonomically designed exoskeletons that, under certain lifting scenarios, have potential to deliver a significant return on investment through injury risk reduction.

The V22 ErgoSkeleton™ is a lift assist device, that is designed to automatically remind users to follow the NIOSH and OSHA lifting guidelines in every lift to promote pivoting, knee bending and better body mechanics every day for safer, more energetic and more productive work.

The FLx ErgoSkeleton™ is a postural support device that is designed to provide feedback to users and remind them to maintain proper posture and to help ensure proper lifting techniques.

"We are redesigning the future for Industrial Athletes with our FLx and V22 ErgoSkeletons. Helping our wearers go home in less pain and fatigue is what inspires us to push the boundaries of human centered design," says Sean Petterson, CEO of StrongArm.

The founders of StrongArm created the company after seeing the grueling effect of manual labor on their own family members. They saw that their fathers, Industrial Athletes, were similar to sports athletes - they were expected to perform their job with strength, agility and endurance. Day after day, they watched their fathers come home injured and tired after strenuous workdays, because they didn't have the equipment they needed. As a result, they decided to put forth the same level of design intent and research as you would find in professional sporting equipment and created safety equipment for Industrial Workers.

"We are impressed with the worker-focused ergonomic solutions developed by StrongArm, especially in the area of load-redistribution ErgoSkeletons for lifting," added Dan Chen, Business Manager in 3M Personal Safety Division. "The StrongArm team combines a dynamic innovative spirit with a great industrial design ethos. We look forward to our work together to help employers advance worker safety."

For more information about StrongArm's ErgoSkeleton™ personal performance equipment products or trial inquiries, please contact 3M Technical Service at 1-800-243-4630 or visit <u>3M.com/StrongArm</u>.

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About StrongArm Technologies

Headquartered in New York City, StrongArm Technologies Inc. develops leading safety solutions for injury prevention and peak performance for the industrial workforce. Through scientifically-informed and ergonomic

design, StrongArm's flagship products, the V22 and FLx ErgoSkeleton™ personal performance equipment, help unlock human potential with an emphasis on safety, strength and endurance through injury prevention. The founders of StrongArm were driven to create the company because of their personal experiences with their fathers, who worked strenuous blue collar jobs, and faced the negative physical consequences from their work in the latter part of their lives. This inspired the founders to create safety performance gear for the tens of millions of people who use their physical strength to perform their jobs. Industrial Athlete™ and ErgoSkeleton™ are registered trademarks of StrongArm Technologies, Inc. For more information, visit www.strongarmtech.com or on Twitter @StrongArmTech.

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