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SHOPBOT'S NEW RETRO Z INCREASES PERFORMANCE OF OLDER SHOPBOT CNCs

Durham, NC (March 11, 2009) – ShopBot Tools, a world leader in the design, manufacture and sale of affordable CNC systems, introduces the PRS Retro Z Axis. Comprised of an extruded aluminum Z beam and a captured bearing system, the Retro Z allows owners of older ShopBot PR and PRT machines to upgrade to a newer PRS-style Z axis. The PRS Retro Z Axis increases rigidity and tool accuracy in the older-model ShopBots and is a great way to rejuvenate a ShopBot's performance after years of dependable use. The Retro Z is one of many after-market accessories available from ShopBot to improve tool function or help ShopBotters get the highest level of performance from their used or new ShopBots.

The PRS Retro Z Axis permits eight inches (203 mm) of stop-to-stop vertical travel and will not limit a tools' current travel in the X or Y axes. Multiple hole locations on the mounting plate allow for the Retro Z to be fastened at variable heights, and a corresponding motor plate is included to allow for the mounting of a customer's existing Z motors to the Retro Z Axis. At this time, dual Z configurations are not available.

When calling to order the PRS Retro Z Axis, customers should have the model number of their current Z motors and know the style – strut or single piece – of their Y car. PR & PRT Customers may also need a spindle or router adapter kit. ShopBot sales staff can answer any questions about Retro Z upgrades.

About ShopBot Tools, Inc

ShopBot Tools, based in Durham, N.C., designs and manufactures low-cost, high-value Computer Numerically Controlled (CNC) cutting machines. ShopBot was founded by CEO Ted Hall, Ph.D., a Duke University professor of neuroscience, who developed the tool while building plywood boats as a hobby. After several years of development, the company began shipping tools in 1996. With more than 6,000 ShopBots in 54 countries, ShopBot is one of the largest producers of CNC routers for woodworking and plastics in North America. The company employs 25 people in the Durham, N.C. area. For more information, visit www.shopbottools.com.



**PRS Retro Z Axis on PRT
with strut-style Y car**



**PRS Retro Z Axis with
2.2hp spindle on PRT with
single-piece Y car**

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