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MAKE: magazine names ShopBot Desktop Best Mid-Size CNC

Durham, NC, Nov. 4, 2015 *Make: magazine*, a leader of the Maker Movement and producer of the popular Maker Faire events, has recognized the ShopBot Desktop CNC tool as "Best Mid-Size CNC." The magazine put the current field of 3D printers, CNC mills, and resin printers through their paces to create the "Ultimate Guide to Desktop Fabrication 2016."

A team of 16 recognized experts in the digital fabrication field, led by Matt Stultz, *Make: magazine's* digital fabrication editor, made rigorous side-by-side comparisons of product attributes in order to identify the top performers. The buyers guide will be available on newsstands across the country by Nov. 26, 2015.

"The world of 3D printing has changed dramatically since 2012, when we first started this annual roundup devoted to showcasing the best machines in the industry," said Mike Senese, executive editor for *Make: magazine*. "The rapid evolution of the technology over the past three years has completely changed the landscape for 3D tools. Price has come down, product features such as auto bed-leveling are de rigueur, and the footprint has become smaller, especially for CNC mills. Now people—from home hobbyists to entrepreneurs—can use these tools for fun projects or for prototyping the next great invention."

Ted Hall, ShopBot Tools' President and CEO, said, "We're thrilled to have the ShopBot Desktop recognized in this way by *Make: magazine*. We have found that the tool is popular among a range of users, from classrooms teaching STEM curricula, to hobbyists, to what we like to call 'Maker Pros,' the people who are serious about taking product ideas and manufacturing them for real. The Desktop's power and precision, as well as its adaptability to new applications makes it all possible. "

ABOUT SHOPBOT

ShopBot Tools will be celebrating its 20th year in 2016, continuing to live their mission of making digital fabrication tools widely accessible and user-friendly. ShopBot's CNC routers deliver the power, precision, and reliability of tools traditionally costing thousands of dollars more.

ShopBot is one of the largest producers of digital fabrication equipment for small-to-mid sized manufacturing, DIY, and education markets. The company also provides unparalleled support for its user community, with forums, production support services and specialized training classes. All ShopBot tools are designed, built in and supported from ShopBot's Durham, NC, headquarters.