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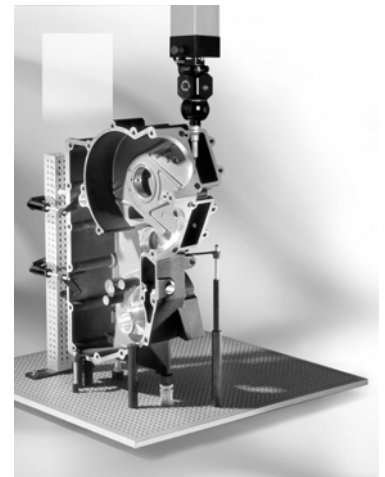
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## RAYCO CMM MODULAR FIXTURING INCREASES PRODUCTIVITY

The inspiration behind **Rayco** modular fixturing is the need for greater productivity on a CMM. No more wasting time and money on cumbersome part setups that can actually take more time than checking the part. With the **Rayco** fixture, setups are quick and easy. The increased productivity of the CMM means a short payback period. Traditional fixturing such as step clamps, glue, tape and dedicated fixtures are cumbersome, unrepeatable, costly and time consuming. The **Rayco**

modular fixturing system was designed to eliminate these problems. By the use of various components and base plate sizes, the **Rayco** fixture has the versatility to adapt to your application no matter what the part material, shape and size. Ask any of our sales representatives for additional information, quotes or a demonstration in your facility.



**Rayco** modular fixturing

## MITUTOYO SUMMER SALE

OVER 30 PAGES OF GOOD DEALS ON EVERYTHING FROM DIAL INDICATORS TO CMM'S. IF YOU DON'T HAVE ONE OF OUR SALES FLYERS, CALL TODAY, BECAUSE THESE PRICES WILL ONLY BE AVAILABLE UNTIL AUGUST 31, 2005.

## MAHR/FEDERAL INTRODUCES NEW DIGITAL HEIGHT GAGES

**Mahr/Federal** has made digital height gages for many years. The CX1 series is one of the best available. Their newest venture is the CX2 series. It is available in 14", 24" and 40" versions. The CX2 is extremely accurate. The motorized measuring

head simplifies the measuring task and minimizes the influence of the operator. **McNeal Tools Company** has represented **Mahr/Federal** high accuracy gaging equipment for a number of years. **Mahr/Federal** manufactures

everything from hand tools to gage lab quality calibration equipment. Ask any of our sales representatives for additional information, quotes, or a demonstration in your facility.

**YOUNG BLUE COLLAR WORKERS CALLED A POWERFUL ECONOMIC FACTOR IN THE U.S.**

He was 18 in the 1970's. He was too interested in other matters to study much. After graduation, he got a job on the factory "labor gang".

Doesn't sound too promising? Today, in his 50s, his home and swimming pool are paid for. His daughter has finished college, and he rides a new Harley Davidson that was bought for cash. He's still on the labor gang, still likes his job and his company, and he still likes to work overtime. According to economists, the 18-to 25-year-olds in 2005 have the same cheerful pros-

pects today as the young people in 1970.

More than half of today's 18-year-olds are working-class people with regular pay-checks and a good financial future, even though fewer of them are finding jobs in manufacturing.

Some have gone to trade school and work in jobs such as a plumber, electrician, machinist, or carpenter. Economists say these young blue collar workers reject status consumption. They buy last year's car instead of

new. They maintain their friendships, pastimes and hangouts over time.

They marry, buy houses, and have children. They save money. Economists say the 18 to 25 crowd will mostly succeed over the long haul.

One subset of their group is not doing so well.

They call them gold collar workers and they don't handle money well. They work hard, however, and may even hold two jobs at the same time.

A study by Synovate, an international research firm headquartered in Chicago, shows that young gold collar workers define their status with expensive clothes, jewelry, electronics, and cars. These 18- to 25-years olds often live with their parents.

**TECHNOLOGY AND YOU**

**Cell phone wallets**

That device that already does more than let you call home will probably become your credit card too. At least that is what some tech types hope. Cell phone financial management is already in use in Japan and some Middle Eastern countries. Cell phone credit cards are a

technology being helped along by the new wave-able credit card system where users pass a card in front of an electronic reader instead of handing it to a clerk.

**Google goes financial**

Google has announced that it will be offering a financial solution that will improve the way e-commerce is done. The service was rumored to be a competitor to eBay's PayPal system, but Google denied it will be competing directly with PayPal, according to PCWorld.

**THOUGHT FOR THE DAY**

**CHANGE IS THE LAW OF LIFE. AND THOSE WHO LOOK ONLY TO THE PAST OR PRESENT ARE CERTAIN TO MISS THE FUTURE.**

**JOHN F. KENNEDY**

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