



PacTool International Joins General Tools Family

PacTool International, a Seattle-based manufacturer of siding tools and gauges, specialty hand tools, cutting tools and blades, was acquired by General Tools & Instruments (General Tools), a portfolio company of High Road Capital Partners.

PacTool is known for leading products in the construction, renovation and remodeling segments. Their products include the **Gecko Gauge**, which holds fiber cement siding in place during installation and can reduce labor requirements by half; **Snapper Shears**, a collection of dust-free cutting tools; and the **Roof Snake** nail puller and shingle replacers.

With PacTool's cutting edge product line of *exterior* construction tools, it is a natural fit to General Tools' collection of precision hand & digital tools used primarily for *interior* home improvement projects including the innovative 2-in-1 Laser Tape Measure, the social media star 836 ANGLE-IZER template tool and a wide range of home health, safety and inspection tools like moisture meters and infrared thermometers.

"The acquisition of PacTool strengthens General Tools' market position as a leading provider of specialty tools and instruments. PacTool's innovative niche exterior construction tools are an ideal complement to General Tools' portfolio of precision hand tools and instruments, which are used by DIYers, tradesmen, and craftsmen, almost exclusively for interior applications" said Jeffrey Goodrich, Partner, High Road Capital Partners. "In addition, fiber cement siding has several advantages over competing products and sales are growing faster than the overall exterior coverings market."

General Tools has wide ranging distribution channels, best-in-class sales & marketing efforts, seasoned customer service personnel and technical experts who understand that the customer is the core of any successful business. Now that PacTool International is part of the General Tools family, we can effectively serve our customer base of both interior and exterior home improvement professionals and DIYers with state-of-the-art, unparalleled distribution, service and premium quality, best-selling tools.

General Tools and PacTool are in the process of contacting all current PacTool customers to share with them the news of the acquisition and our plans for how to help them grow. General Tools will continue the PacTool legacy of product innovation and look forward to introducing PacTool products into our extensive distribution channels. In the meantime, the same PacTool team is available to answer any questions and will continue to manufacture and sell their entire product line. More information about PacTool's products can be found on the web at pactool.us.

