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## Ripley Tools Seeing Double, Takes Home Two 2020 Pro Tool Innovation Awards

**Cromwell, Connecticut – Ripley Tools, LLC.** – Ripley Tools is proud to receive *two* Pro Tool Innovation Awards this year! Winning with both the ODM® VIS 500 Wireless Fiber Inspection Scope and the new Miller® MB04 FTTX Drop Cable Slitter. Judging for the 8th annual PTIA Awards wrapped up as a diverse panel of judges made up of contractors, construction business owners, tradesmen, and media professionals came together to vote on the most innovative construction and outdoor power equipment industry products in the world. This year saw a particularly diverse and competitive set of entries submitted by top manufacturers from around the world.

Here's what the Pro Tool Innovation Awards judges said about the new ODM® VIS 500: "Fiber technicians need a very different kind of inspection scope than building inspectors, electricians, and plumbers. It has to have a combination of precision and delicacy to see what's going on at the connection while allowing for a range of user environments from underground to the top of towers. Ripley Tools gets it, and the ODM VIS 500 has what you need to make your fiber inspections run more smoothly and identify any problem areas more easily. We're particularly drawn to the quick auto-focus and automated pass/fail functions of the probe. Connecting directly to your iOS, Android, or Windows device, it makes quick work of reports from the inSpec app as well."

The judges were equally impressed with the new Miller® MB04 FTTX Cable Slitter stating, "When you have to access fiber buffer tube mid-span, you can't afford mistakes from a blade accidentally slipping and cutting where it shouldn't. Ripley Tools solves that issue with its MB04 FTTX Drop Cable Slitter. By simply closing the tool where you want to start your access (including the ends), you pull the tool in the direction of the arrow for the distance you need. No surgeon-like hands are necessary! In addition to the FTTX ULW Drop Cable Slitter, there's also a Flat Drop Cable Slitter option available."

After pouring over literally hundreds of power tools, hand tools, fasteners, and accessories, winners were judged and chosen based on their leading innovation in the industry. Winners tended to demonstrate notability in any combination of the following: innovative features, advanced power delivery, groundbreaking ergonomics, technological advancements, and value. The 2020 Pro Tool Innovation Awards recognize best-in-class products that are truly ahead of their time.

"In our 8th year running the PTIA Awards, we continue to be amazed at the level of innovation and design manufacturers demonstrate with their newest products. Brands really innovated and improved their products this year to achieve improvements in job site efficiency, safety, and productivity. We're also seeing new features, more run-time in cordless, and greater advancements in materials. While average products see incremental advancements, Pro Tool Innovation Award winners truly distinguish themselves in the industry and deserve particular recognition. Business owners, builders, contractors, and tradespeople can look to the PTIA Awards to find new products that help them work more quickly, safely, and with greater efficiency," said Clint DeBoer, Executive Director of the Pro Tool Innovation Awards. "Many of these new products also save you money—either through a reduction in material costs or via efficiency on the jobsite. It's that kind of innovation that we want to highlight each year."

The ODM® VIS 500 and Miller® MB04 are just two of the many solutions launched by Ripley Labs the global research development and innovation center of Ripley Tools. Visit [www.ripley-tools.com](http://www.ripley-tools.com) for more information on these and other Ripley Tools products.



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