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Major Feintool presence at EURO-Blech 2000 in Hanover

EURO-Blech is the world's leading trade fair in the field of sheet metal processing technology. The fair – which is the most important for the Feintool Group – is usually held every other October, but this year, because of the Expo in Hanover, it is only taking place on 5-9 December. One of more than 1000 exhibitors from all over the world, Feintool Technology Ltd. Lyss will be demonstrating its leadership in fineblanking/forming technology by presenting a new generation of presses.

In Presses Hall 9, Feintool Technology Ltd. Lyss, which occupies a pole position in fineblanking/forming technology, will be presenting its latest HFA plus generation of presses in a full production configuration. Under the motto Always at the cutting edge, the new series of presses offers Feintool's customers decisive benefits and excellent value for money. Greater pressing force and a 50% increase in stroke rate, a new industrial PC-based control system for improved reliability and a halving of retooling times enable the new presses to meet the demand for a continual reduction in production costs for ready-to-install functional system parts. In producing these new presses, Feintool is creating demand for replacements for the 2000-plus presses currently in operation. It should therefore have no trouble meeting its sales targets over the coming financial years. The new press is evidently attracting a great deal of interest: almost all of Feintool's major customers around the world have announced that they will be visiting the stand in Hanover.