



**Manufacturing Supplier Innovation**

**AWARDS UK<sup>20</sup><sub>25</sub>**

# A Landmark Moment for Manufacturing Excellence

Introducing the Manufacturing Supplier Innovation Awards UK 2025

The UK's manufacturing sector is undergoing a profound transformation – driven by digitization, sustainability, advanced automation, and the constant need for resilience in uncertain times. At the heart of this evolution are the suppliers, technologies, and service providers delivering the tools and strategies manufacturers rely on to thrive.

It's in this spirit that *Manufacturing Today* launched the **Manufacturing Supplier Innovation Awards UK 2025** – to recognise the trailblazers behind the scenes. These awards celebrate excellence

in solutions, services, and partnerships that are reshaping how manufacturing is done, from smart factory technologies to document management, energy optimization, supply chain transparency, and beyond.

With the backing of *Manufacturing Today's* **160,000+ readers** and an expert Advisory Board, this inaugural awards program sets a new benchmark for recognizing supplier innovation – not just for what it promises, but for the measurable difference it delivers on shop floors, across operations, and within the wider industrial ecosystem.

“Innovation is the engine of progress in our sector – and it's often driven by the partners and providers working tirelessly behind the scenes. The **Manufacturing Supplier Innovation Awards UK 2025** celebrate those who are delivering not only new technologies, but real impact for manufacturers. We're proud to spotlight these achievements and continue our commitment to championing excellence across the manufacturing supply chain”

Libbie Hammond, Editor  
LH@finelightmediagroup.com



# Recognizing the Changemakers

Spotlighting Excellence, Innovation and Real-World Impact

This special edition is dedicated to the individuals, companies, and technologies making a tangible difference in manufacturing performance, innovation, and sustainability. From AI-driven systems to cloud-based platforms, from data-led decision-making tools to supplier collaboration models – the winners featured in this report exemplify forward-thinking and future-readiness.

The judging process was rigorous and guided by our independent Advisory Board alongside the editorial team at *Manufacturing Today*. Together, they assessed entries based on industry relevance and real-world impact – prioritizing solutions that demonstrated clear innovation, customer success, and the potential to scale or influence the broader manufacturing sector.



### 2025 Categories Recognized Include:

- Most Innovative Document Management Solution
- Most Innovative Data and AI Solution
- Most Innovative Manufacturing Execution System
- Most Innovative Supply Chain Sustainability Solution
- Sustainability Leadership in Manufacturing
- ...and many many more

Each winner listed in the pages that follow has been selected for their unique contribution to progress in the sector. Their stories reflect where the industry is heading – and how bold innovation is already at work.

Brought to you by  
**A-TEAM**GROUP  
part of  **Finelight**Group

The **Manufacturing Supplier Innovation Awards** are managed by **A-Team Group**, an award-winning media and events company with more than 20 years of experience delivering high-impact content and engagement across the global financial technology space. Having hosted successful industry events in the **UK, USA, and Singapore**, A-Team now brings its proven approach to the manufacturing community – providing

a platform that connects innovators with recognition, credibility, and visibility. A-Team Group is part of the **Finelight Group**, powering the events portfolio of **Finelight Media**, publisher of *Manufacturing Today*. Together, we're building a network that champions excellence, shares insight, and drives transformation across industries. For more on A-Team Group, visit [www.a-teamgroup.com](http://www.a-teamgroup.com)

## Driving Industry Forward Recognition, Reinforcement, and Responsibility

These awards are more than a recognition – they are a **call to action**. A reminder that the future of manufacturing depends on bold thinking, smarter systems, and meaningful collaboration across the supply chain. Whether it's a disruptive startup or a legacy provider innovating anew, these stories deserve to be seen – and celebrated.

To all our entrants: thank you for sharing your work and vision. To our winners: **congratulations**. You're shaping the future of UK manufacturing, and we're honored to showcase your achievements in this special edition of *Manufacturing Today*.

[manufacturing-today.com/awards](http://manufacturing-today.com/awards)

# SMART measurement, SMARTER manufacturing

HBK's digiBOX Edge Amplifier transforms how manufacturers use data to increase precision and automation

**F**rom underground trains to advanced assembly lines, the need for smarter, real-time data in industrial environments has never been greater. Hottinger Brüel & Kjær (HBK), a global leader in test and measurement solutions, has answered that call with its award-winning digiBOX Edge Amplifier – the 2025 winner of Most Innovative IoT Solution in the **Manufacturing Supplier Innovation Awards UK 2025**.

As manufacturers grapple with the complex demands of Industry 4.0 – data integration, predictive maintenance, and automation at scale – HBK's digiBOX offers a decisive edge. By delivering seamless IT/OT integration, intelligent diagnostics, and robust performance, it provides a modern solution for legacy challenges.

“We're proud to win the Manufacturing Innovation Award,” said Michael Guckes, Product Manager for Industrial Electronics at HBK. “This solution represents our deep commitment to driving smarter, more flexible, and more efficient production systems.”

### Bridging the gap between IT and OT

The digiBOX Edge Amplifier is designed to enhance both measurement accuracy and data intelligence at the edge of the network. Unlike traditional amplifiers, digiBOX doesn't just transmit data – it interprets it, using built-in smart functions to perform real-time diagnostics and pre-calculations. This relieves the machine's control unit from extra load, allowing it to focus solely on running the process.

“Our solution allows control systems to receive health status data from machines directly,” Guckes explained. “This improves safety, reduces downtime, and makes the entire process more efficient.”

In short, digiBOX doesn't just measure – it thinks. For manufacturers, this means gaining deeper insight into equipment performance while streamlining production logic and enhancing system responsiveness.

### Designed for Industry 4.0 from the ground up

HBK's innovation was purpose-built for today's smart factory environments. Key features of the digiBOX Edge Amplifier include:

- Simultaneous IT/OT communication: It talks to both PLCs and cloud-based systems without interruption.

- Modern protocol support: Built with MQTT and openDAQ for easy cloud and analytics integration.
- Industrial-grade durability: IP67-rated, ruggedized to handle harsh conditions.
- Application versatility: Suitable for everything from precision weighing to large-scale industrial operations.

**“Measurement technology is a strategic enabler of smart production,” Guckes added. “You can't fully embrace Industry 4.0 without amplifiers and sensors that can keep up.”**

This approach ensures HBK's solution aligns with evolving needs in automation, predictive quality control, and flexible manufacturing.

### Built from real-world testing needs

The development of digiBOX didn't happen in a vacuum. HBK's roots in test and measurement provided critical insight into the challenges manufacturers face – especially around validating products in fast-paced development cycles.

With shorter product lifecycles and increasing customization, manufacturers need the ability to simulate years of wear and environmental conditions in a controlled environment. HBK's technology is designed to make that possible.

"Despite all the digital simulation tools available, you still need real-life testing with prototypes," Guckes explained. "That's where advanced measurement systems like digiBOX come in – they help bridge the gap between product development and production reality."

### Tangible results in the field

One HBK customer is using digiBOX to enable collision detection in driverless trains operating in mining environments – a high-stakes use case where system reliability and real-time diagnostics are critical. But this is just one example of its broad applicability.

In a more general sense, manufacturers using digiBOX have seen improvements in:

- Efficiency
- Cost-effectiveness
- Fault detection
- Automation of manual processes

Guckes likens the transition to adopting digiBOX to the way cloud-based navigation apps have transformed the way we travel – more visibility, more control, and smarter decision-making.

### Looking ahead: from smart sensors to AI integration

The team at HBK isn't stopping at edge-level intelligence. Their roadmap includes even more compact and cost-efficient amplifiers, with a focus on advancing digital capabilities and embedding smart algorithms.

Future HBK offerings will emphasize:

- AI-powered analytics
- Cloud-based data platforms
- Easier integration for operators at all levels of technical skill

"Our goal is to simplify the complexity of smart manufacturing," said Guckes. "Whether it's enabling condition-based maintenance or streamlining commissioning, we want to make it easy for our customers to use intelligence at every level."

### Advice for manufacturers new to IoT

For companies exploring IoT adoption, Guckes has clear advice: focus on increasing automation and flexibility by investing in sensors and amplifiers with built-in intelligence and communication memory.

"Look for components that can store fault histories, communicate with both machine control and cloud platforms, and be easily swapped out by minimally trained staff," he said. "That's where the real value lies – not just in data, but in what you do with it."

HBK's digiBOX proves that great innovation isn't just about creating new products – it's about redefining how manufacturing works. As industries evolve, tools like digiBOX will be critical to enabling a smarter, more sustainable future. ■



[www.hbkworld.com/en](http://www.hbkworld.com/en)



## Digitalise your industrial processes with HBK smart sensors

- Smart, domain-specific features across force, load and torque
- Easy, cost-efficient integration into your existing infrastructure
- Scalable and adaptable via IO-Link technology

LEARN MORE



# Precision unlocked

Hexagon's Geomagic Control X delivers faster, smarter, and more accessible 3D quality inspection

► Geomagic Control X integrates seamlessly with advanced 3D scanning technology to capture and automate the processing and inspection of data from 3D scanners and other devices

▼ Geomagic Control X's 3D Compare tool enables users to efficiently analyze deviations across a part and output to a comprehensive inspection report for communicating results



In today's fast-paced manufacturing world, getting quality right the first time is not just a competitive edge – it's a necessity. That's where Hexagon comes in with Geomagic Control X, a leading 3D metrology software solution that's transforming how manufacturers monitor, inspect, and refine product quality.

Named the Most Innovative Quality Control Solution at the **Manufacturing Supplier Innovation Awards UK 2025**, Geomagic Control X combines precision, speed, and usability – helping manufacturers catch problems earlier, eliminate costly errors, and bring better products to market, faster.

"We're honored to receive this recognition," said a Hexagon spokesperson. "It affirms our commitment to delivering powerful inspection tools that are intuitive enough to support quality teams across industries."

## Raising the bar in inspection

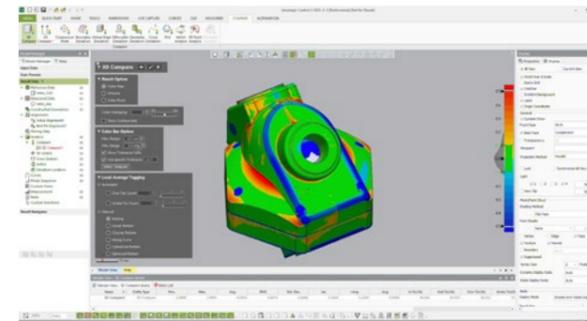
Geomagic Control X is a powerhouse of 3D inspection. It enables manufacturers to compare scanned data directly with CAD

models, analyze deviations, and generate detailed reports in a fraction of the time required by traditional methods.

Designed to tackle the toughest quality assurance challenges – from subtle warping to missing features or dimensional drift – the software delivers fast, accurate insights into what's really happening on the shop floor. And because it works with a wide variety of 3D scanners and devices, manufacturers can seamlessly integrate it into their existing workflows.

"Conventional methods like manual checks or basic CAD comparisons can be slow, error-prone, and limited," Hexagon explains. "Geomagic Control X enables teams to pinpoint defects early, saving time, costs, and reputational risk."

The solution's 3D Compare tool is particularly popular with users, offering intuitive heatmaps and deviation reports that communicate inspection results clearly – whether it's for process improvement, compliance, or customer documentation.



## Solving real-world manufacturing pain points

One of the key challenges in modern manufacturing is identifying issues early enough to prevent downstream impact. With its real-time deviation analysis, Geomagic Control X empowers teams to inspect faster and act sooner – before flaws become failures.

This level of agility is especially valuable for companies producing custom parts, working with complex geometries, or managing tight production timelines. For example, manufacturers using molding or casting processes rely on the software to detect post-process deformation that might not be visible with basic inspection.

"By embedding quality earlier in the process, companies can reduce scrap, shorten lead times, and avoid costly rework," said Hexagon.

## Built from industry roots, evolving with user needs

Originally developed to help manufacturers fully leverage the power of 3D scanning, Geomagic Control X has been refined over two decades to meet the evolving demands of modern metrology. Its user-friendly interface, broad device compatibility, and real-time analytics make it suitable for both expert quality engineers and new users alike.

The software supports everything from small-scale structured light scanning to large-scale LIDAR scans, enabling use cases in automotive, aerospace, electronics, and beyond.

Hexagon acquired the Geomagic portfolio earlier in 2025. The development team is focused on enhancing interoperability, integrating more extensive GD&T (Geometric Dimensioning and Tolerancing) libraries, and ensuring full support for global inspection standard.

# WINNER

## Customer success: 70 percent time savings in reporting

For German startup air up GmbH, which manufactures innovative hydration products, Geomagic Control X is a game changer.

“Doing reports can be very painful,” said Hazim Abueideh, Quality Control Analyst at air up. “Geomagic Control X reduced the time I spend on reporting by around 70 percent. Before, I needed about eight hours to make a report. Now, it takes just three.”

The ability to quickly inspect and report on part conformance has helped air up maintain quality while scaling its operations – a common challenge for growth-stage manufacturers.

## What's next: smarter, faster, more inclusive metrology

As the manufacturing landscape evolves, Hexagon is positioning Geomagic Control X to lead in accessibility, automation, and AI-driven decision-making.

Three key trends are shaping the next chapter:

1. More accessible hardware – Advanced scanning tools that were once cost-prohibitive are now more widely available, enabling more manufacturers to integrate 3D inspection earlier in their processes.
2. Ease of use – Hexagon is continuously improving the software experience to empower less-experienced users to achieve high-quality results.
3. AI-assisted insights – The future of inspection lies in AI turning raw measurement data into actionable feedback – helping teams adapt quickly and reduce dependency on specialized skill sets.



▲ German startup air up GmbH uses Geomagic Control X to generate inspection reports and run deviation analysis to ensure its innovative hydration products meet specification

“The skill gap in manufacturing is growing,” said the Hexagon team. “By automating more of the analysis and guidance, we help broaden access to high-level quality control and empower more people to do great work.”

## Quality control beyond the factory floor

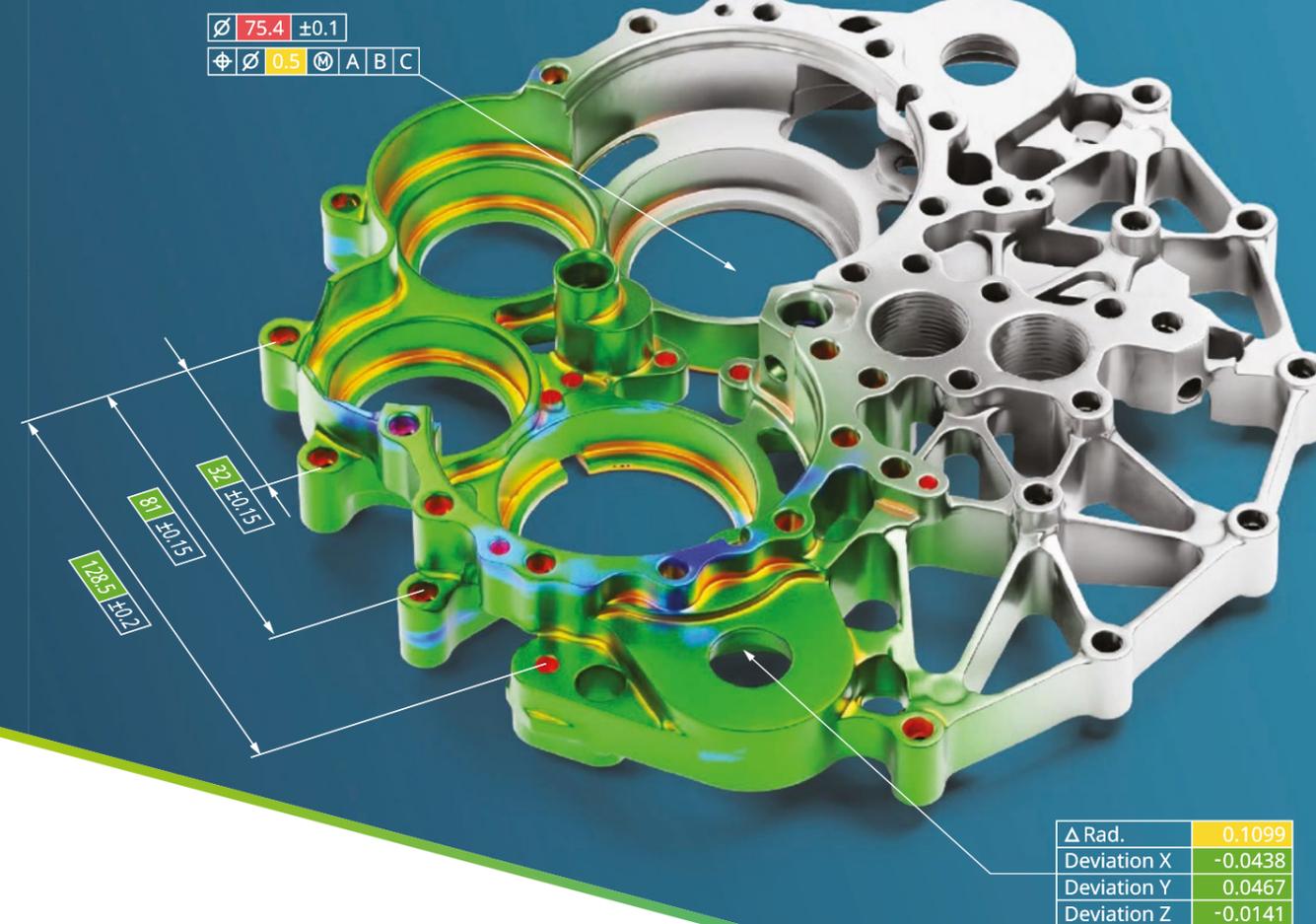
From aftermarket automotive components to large-scale industrial machinery and civil infrastructure, Geomagic Control X is helping organizations around the world extend inspection into new domains.

Whether it's analyzing wear in mining equipment, monitoring bridge safety, or creating custom-fit car parts, the software gives manufacturers the agility to respond faster, improve processes, and deliver consistent quality at scale.

“Scanning has been a game-changer,” Hexagon notes. “Geomagic Control X ensures manufacturers can capitalize on it – with tools that make inspection faster, more intelligent, and more productive for everyone involved.” ■

[www.geomagic.com](http://www.geomagic.com)

## Cx Geomagic Control X



## Award Winning 3D Inspection and Metrology Software

Make 3D scan-based inspection easier with Geomagic Control X. Voted the Most Innovative Quality Control Solution 2025 by Manufacturing Today readers.

| [www.geomagic.com](http://www.geomagic.com)



# Winners' Report

## The Manufacturing Supplier Innovation Awards UK 2025

It has been a privilege to shine a spotlight on the incredible innovations shaping the UK's manufacturing landscape. The Manufacturing Supplier Innovation Awards UK 2025 celebrate the people, solutions, and partnerships powering real progress — from digital transformation to smarter supply chains, sustainability breakthroughs, and automation at scale.

We were overwhelmed by the standard of entries and inspired by the stories shared. These winners reflect what's possible when deep expertise meets bold ambition — not just in the largest firms but also from agile disruptors and niche specialists rising to the moment.

While this is the inaugural year of these awards, it already feels like an essential addition to *Manufacturing Today's* mission: to inform, champion, and connect the sector. Our editorial team, in collaboration with our independent Advisory Board, approached this program with care — seeking out not just innovation in name, but innovation with **impact**.

Whether you're a winner, nominee, or simply reading this report for inspiration — I encourage you to explore these stories and celebrate what they represent: excellence, resilience, and a shared commitment to the future of manufacturing in the UK.



*Libbie Hammond*

**Libbie Hammond**  
Editor  
Manufacturing Today

I'd personally like to thank our advisory board for their time and valuable input.

**Adrian Pinder**  
Head, Digital and Data  
DS Smith UK

**Nikolay Burlutskiy**  
Senior Manager GenAI Platforms  
Mars

**Phill Elston**  
Operations Director  
Brompton Bicycle

**Ioana Hera**  
Head of Improvement  
Rolls-Royce

**Sudesh Jog**  
Vice President,  
Data & Analytics,  
UK & North America  
Apetito UK

**Paul Knight**  
VP, IT & CISO  
Turntide Technologies

**Filip Nowak**  
Global Head of Cyber Defense  
Ferrero

**Malgorzata Samuel**  
Operations Data  
Standards Manager  
McCormick & Company

**Mike Wilson**  
Chief Automation Officer  
MTC – Manufacturing  
Technology Centre

**Karol Herta**  
Head of Group IT/OT  
Convergence Strategy  
Merck

**Navin Rauniar**  
Non Executive Director  
PRMIA UK

**Christina Finlay**  
Global Head of Data & Analytics  
Volvo Cars

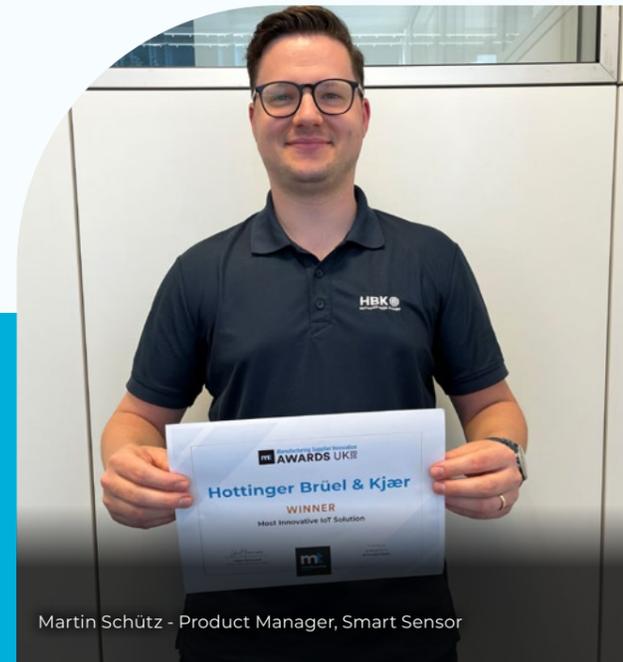
**Emma Verhagen**  
Global Technology &  
Demand Director  
Unilever

**Mahendra Jape**  
Co-founder and CEO  
Data Angles

**Mohammad Hassan Khalid**  
Senior Engineer, Machine  
Learning and Data Science  
AstraZeneca

**Dr Mostafizur Rahman**  
Chief Technologist for  
Artificial Intelligence  
MTC – Manufacturing  
Technology Centre

**Ravi Jay**  
Head of Agile Delivery  
Jaguar Land Rover



Martin Schütz - Product Manager, Smart Sensor

Most Innovative IoT Solution



**digiBOX Industrial:  
Next-generation  
edge amplifier**

- Engineered for Industry 4.0
- Unlock smarter, more efficient, and sustainable industrial processes
- Winner: "Most Innovative IoT Solution" – Manufacturing Supplier Innovation Awards 2025

LEARN MORE



**Hottinger Brüel & Kjaer**

Digitize your industrial processes, boost accuracy, efficiency, and reliability, and start innovating with HBK's IO-Link smart sensors.

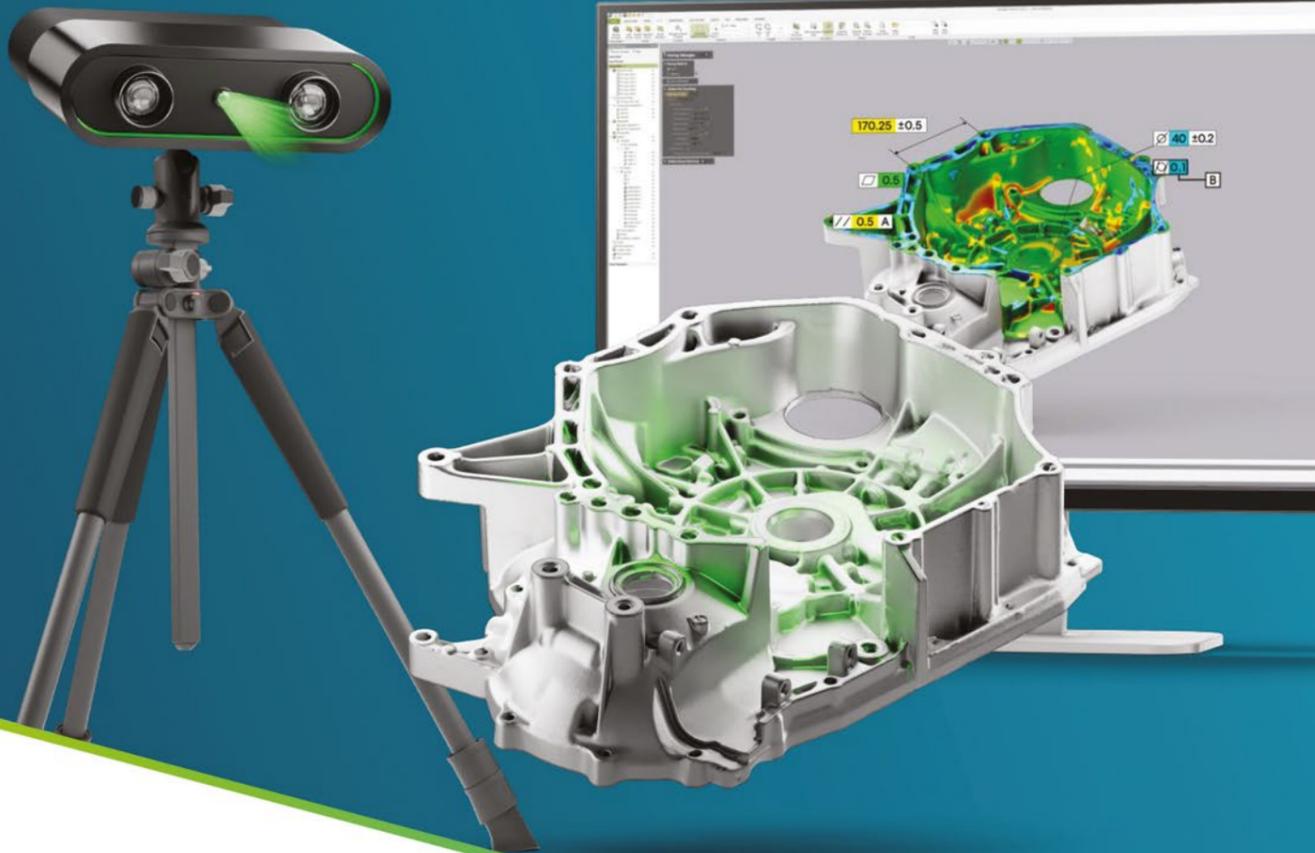
With their integrated signal-processing capabilities and standardized, intuitive, bidirectional communication interfaces, our IO-Link sensors enable a range of exciting new possibilities for smart manufacturing, monitoring processes, and machine digitization.

Built-in microprocessors, complete with signal preprocessing functions, offer reliable ways to analyze and interpret data. Linearization and compensation algorithms greatly reduce uncertainty in your measurements, enhancing precision. You can make swift, domain-specific calculations, advancing business-critical, data-driven decision-making.

HBK's expertise encompasses mechanical sensor types like strain, force, torque, sound, and vibration. Our deep knowledge of domain-specific signal processing has helped us develop smart sensors capable of impressive application-specific calculations and monitoring tasks. These smart sensors allow you to decentralize, adopting exciting new system architectures, testing processes and types of monitoring – unlocking a new era of production and testing.

We support you through the entire product life cycle, ensuring exceptional quality while furthering your mission for a cleaner, healthier, more productive world – sustainable in every sense of the word.

Cx Geomagic Control X



## Automate Your Inspection Routines

Automate repetitive and complex tasks easily with Geomagic Control X using any portable 3D scanner. Winner of the Manufacturing Today awards for Most Innovative Quality Control Solution.

| [www.geomagic.com](http://www.geomagic.com)



mt Manufacturing Supplier Innovation  
**AWARDS UK<sup>20</sup><sub>25</sub>**  
**WINNER**

Most Innovative Quality Control Solution



Sean Parker, Product Manager, Geomagic Control X

## Hexagon: Geomagic Control X

Hexagon Manufacturing Intelligence recently acquired Geomagic Control X, industry-leading professional metrology software that transforms how you measure, inspect, and ensure quality. Bringing the power of 3D scan-based inspection to more people in more places, Geomagic Control X makes it easy to interpret scan data and report results. With strong workflow automation capabilities, Control X provides validated accuracy with NIST, PBT and NPL standards organizations, which Hexagon plans to build upon by integrating its exceptional Hexagon GD&T libraries. Geomagic Control X integrates seamlessly with advanced 3D scanning technology, enabling manufacturers to monitor, analyze, and improve product quality throughout production, reducing costs and enhancing overall operational efficiency.



[www.geomagic.com](http://www.geomagic.com)





# Energising Manufacturing Excellence with SEFE Energy

SEFE Energy supports manufacturing businesses of all sizes with tailored gas, electricity, and low carbon solutions.

From high consuming single sites to complex multi-sites, we act as your strategic partner in energy management.

Our specialists understand that energy is a strategic commodity, not just a utility. Partner with SEFE Energy to manage your energy efficiently and keep your operations running smoothly.

mt Manufacturing Supplier Innovation AWARDS UK 2025

# WINNER

## Most Innovative Energy Management Solution



Sam Sherlock, Head of Corporate UK

## SEFE

SEFE Energy is a leading energy supplier, providing a comprehensive range of natural gas, electricity and low carbon energy solutions to over 50,000 customers within the European wholesale and retail energy markets.

Our pan-European team of energy specialists, strategically located in the UK, Germany, France, the Netherlands and Belgium, work collaboratively to meet the evolving needs of our customers.

As strategic partners, we help organizations overcome their most significant challenges – from navigating the complexities of today’s dynamic energy market to taking their next steps toward decarbonization.

SEFE Energy is part of SEFE group. As an international energy company, SEFE ensures security of supply and drives the decarbonization of its customers. Together, we as SEFE are committed to securing energy, now and for the future.



<https://www.sefe-energy.co.uk/>



[www.sefe-energy.com](http://www.sefe-energy.com)

@ SEFE Energy UK



# M-Files®

## Achieve Operational Excellence with Knowledge Work Automation

*Leverage automation: Optimize your information flows across systems, processes, departments, and vendors.*



### Connect Systems and Drive Process Efficiency

Integrate all systems to manage information and automate processes with a flexible and scalable solution.



### Organize Your Data across Departments and Vendors

Facilitate the use of business information across any context - internally and externally.



### Ensure Quality and Compliance

Embed quality and compliance controls: Automate permissions and audit trails.



m-files.com



Manufacturing Supplier Innovation  
**AWARDS UK<sup>20</sup><sub>25</sub>**

# WINNER

## M-Files

Most Innovative Document Management Solution

Powered by  
**A-TEAMGROUP**

Manufacturing Supplier Innovation  
**AWARDS UK<sup>20</sup><sub>25</sub>**

# WINNER

## Most Innovative Document Management Solution



From left to right: Samppa Lahtinen, Senior Industry Solutions Manager and Ville Somppi, Sr. Vice President, Industry Solutions

## M-Files

M-Files is the leading platform for knowledge work automation. With the M-Files platform, knowledge workers can find information faster, work smarter, and achieve more. M-Files features an innovative metadata-driven architecture, embedded workflow engine, and advanced artificial intelligence. This enables customers to eliminate information chaos, improve process efficiency, and automate security and compliance.

In today's competitive manufacturing landscape, achieving operational excellence is paramount for driving growth and profitability. However, manufacturers often face significant challenges such as inefficient manual processes, fragmented information management, and limited quality and compliance controls.

Digital transformation, particularly through the integration of knowledge work automation and artificial intelligence (AI), can address these challenges. By leveraging advanced technologies, manufacturers can streamline workflows, optimize resources, and make data-driven decisions, ultimately enhancing productivity, reducing costs, and improving quality control.

This comprehensive approach highlights the importance of digital transformation, the role of AI, and the benefits of automating knowledge work, offering a roadmap for manufacturers to achieve organizational excellence.

## M-Files®

The Smarter Way to Work.

<https://www.m-files.com/>





If your factory data looks like The Matrix...

YOU MIGHT NEED A NEW MES



[criticalmanufacturing.com](http://criticalmanufacturing.com)



Most Innovative Manufacturing Execution System



Augusto Vilarinho, Head of Global Sales

## Critical Manufacturing



Critical Manufacturing delivers a highly sophisticated, fully integrated, modular MES solution with strong data management and analytical capabilities to accommodate the needs of the semiconductor, medical devices, electronics and industrial equipment industries.

[www.criticalmanufacturing.com/](http://www.criticalmanufacturing.com/)



Critical Manufacturing MES helps manufacturers stay ahead of stringent product traceability and compliance requirements; reduce risk with inherent closed-loop quality; integrate seamlessly with enterprise systems and factory automation and provide deep intelligence and visibility of global production operations. It ensures a modular, yet fully integrated management of shop-floor resources. The 30+ product capabilities are fully interoperable and provide real-time visibility and control across global manufacturing operations.

As a result, manufacturers can achieve connected, automated and knowledge intensive production with a system that:

- Provides broadest functionality for efficiency
- Ensures full material traceability
- Ensures process integrity with recipe management
- Performs advanced reticle and tooling management
- Enables complete equipment tracking
- Increases speed of learning with experiments management
- Integrates equipment seamlessly
- Ensures connectivity and full automation
- Deploys easily on cloud, on-prem or hybrid

Critical Manufacturing has been recognized as a Leader by top analysts such as Gartner, IDC and Frost & Sullivan.

# Meet the Industrial Intelligence generation

Are you ready to join Generation i?



**AVEVA**  
Industrial Intelligence

Manufacturing Supplier Innovation  
**AWARDS UK<sup>2025</sup>**  
**WINNER**

Most Innovative Master Data Management Platform



Caspar Herzberg, CEO

## AVEVA

AVEVA is a global leader in industrial software, sparking ingenuity to drive responsible use of the world's resources. The company's secure industrial cloud platform and applications enable businesses to harness the power of their information and improve collaboration with customers, suppliers, and partners. Over 20,000 enterprises in over 100 countries rely on AVEVA to help them deliver life's essentials: safe and reliable energy, food, medicines, infrastructure and more. By connecting people with trusted information and AI-enriched insights, AVEVA enables teams to engineer efficiently and optimize operations, driving growth and sustainability.

Named as one of the world's most innovative companies, AVEVA's open solutions draw on the expertise of more than 7,000 employees, 5,000 partners and 5,700 certified developers. AVEVA helps accelerate smart manufacturing and a connected ecosystem, bringing data from plant systems, processes and assets together in the cloud to create an operational and scalable digital twin. AVEVA PI System offers an integrated portfolio of solutions that enables industrial operations to collect, cleanse, store, enrich and visualize real-time operations data—with full IT compliance. This makes it easier for operators, plant managers, data analysts and executives to optimize efficiency, ensure resilience and drive sustainability.

**AVEVA**

<https://www.aveva.com/>



## Most Innovative Supply Chain Sustainability Solution

### Digital Catapult

Trialled in the consumer goods sector, the solution has demonstrated the potential to cut CO<sub>2</sub>e emissions by 15-30 per cent through a reduction in empty running by enabling industry-scalable transport collaboration.

L3's solution combines algorithmic matchmaking with Digital Catapult's Sequence, a privacy preserving, interoperable and decentralized data sharing infrastructure, to match typically unused vehicle capacity with orders across multiple organizations.

To learn how the solution can benefit your business, visit [digicatapult.org.uk/L3](https://www.digicatapult.org.uk/L3)

[in https://www.digicatapult.org.uk/](https://www.digicatapult.org.uk/)



Amar Dhokia, Senior Product Manager



## Special Editors Award: Most Innovative Executive in Manufacturing

### Barry Leahey

Barry is President of Playdale who are the UK's leading manufacturer of children's playground equipment, and has distributors in over 50 countries. Playdale have won national Manufacturing and export awards, Barry personally receiving an MBE for services to International Trade in 2017. In addition Barry has been named IoD 'Global Director of the Year' and 'Cumbria Business Person of the Year', featuring in the 'Telegraph's Top 50 Most Ambitious Business Leaders' and 'The Manufacturer Top 100 people in Manufacturing'. He is currently Vice Chair of Make UK North West regional Advisory Board, a Honorary Professor at Lancaster and Cumbria Universities and Non Exec Director for the Chamber of Commerce.

[in https://www.playdale.co.uk/](https://www.playdale.co.uk/)



Barry Leahey MBE - CEO

## Special Editors Award: Factory of the Future

### Agratas

Agratas is a global battery business within the Tata Group. We will design, develop and manufacture high-quality, high performance, sustainable battery solutions for multiple applications to match our customers' requirements. Derived from the Sanskrit word 'Agra', the world's oldest language, our name stands for leadership and moving forward. Combined with 'Gravitas', it reflects our ambition to be purpose driven, pioneering power for future generations.

[in https://agratas.net/](https://agratas.net/)

**MORE  
WINNERS**

Most Innovative Automation Solution  
**Adaptix Ltd**

---

Most Innovative Supply Chain  
Workflow Simulation Solution  
**AnyLogic**

---

Most Innovative Big Data and Analytics Solution  
**AstroNova**

---

Most Innovative Water Management Solution  
**Castle Water**

---

Most Innovative SCADA Solution  
**Design & Technical Services (UK) Ltd**

---

Most Innovative Provider of Sustainable Materials  
**Econic Technologies**

---

Most Innovative Renewables Solution  
**Enspec Power**

---

Most Innovative ERP Solution  
**Epicor**

---

Most Innovative Predictive Maintenance Solution  
**GE Digital**

---

Most Innovative Solution for  
Managing Supplier Relations  
**H Foster 1875 & Co Limited**

---

Most Innovative AI Solution for Manufacturing  
**IFS**

---

Most Innovative Plant Recycling Solution  
**Just Recycling**

---

Most Innovative Production Planning Solution  
**Katana**

---

Most Innovative Demand Forecasting Solution  
**Kinaxis**

---

Most Innovative Robotics Solution  
**KUKA Robotics**

---

Most Innovative Use of Reverse Engineering  
Techniques in a Manufacturing Solution  
**KVS - QUICKSURFACE**

---

Most Innovative Carbon Capture Solution  
**LanzaTech**

---

Most Innovative Digital Transformation Solution  
**LK Metrology**

---

Most Innovative Cybersecurity Solution  
**NCC Group**

---

Most Innovative Digital Twin Solution  
**NVIDIA**

---

Most Innovative Connectivity Solution  
**Optimal Drive Technology**

---

Most Innovative Machine Tool Solution  
**RivRite**

---

Most Innovative Solution for Process Automation  
**Schneider Electric**

---

Most Innovative Factory Value  
Stream Mapping Solution  
**Siemens**

---

Most Innovative Cloud Computing Solution  
**Snowflake**

---

Most Innovative Materials Handling Solution  
**Toyota**

---

Most Innovative Additive Manufacturing Solution  
**Ultimaker**

---

Most Innovative Solution for  
Just-in-Time Manufacturing  
**Unleashed Software**

---

Most Innovative Solution for Waste Reduction  
**Veolia UK**

---

Most Innovative Procurement  
Management Solution  
**Wesco Anixter**

---

Most Innovative Circular Economy Solution  
**Wrapex Ltd**

---

Most Innovative Sustainable Packaging Solution  
**WZ Packaging**

---

Most Innovative Augmented Reality Solution  
**Zebra Technologies**

---

Most Innovative Inventory Management Solution  
**Zoho**

---