

Press Release
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ITW Buildex, Itasca, IL is pleased to announce the acquisition of Speedy Products, Inc., North Saint Paul, MN, effective January 31, 2002. The transaction complements the existing product lines offered by Buildex while expanding their traditional markets to include the fire protection, HVAC, electrical, plumbing and cabling trades. Ramunas Venclovas, General Manager, praised the combination of product lines as “an excellent strategic fit for our business as we continue to provide innovative and labor saving products to the construction market.” Known to the trades as “SAMMYS™”, the threaded rod anchoring system offers labor efficiencies to contractors for vertical and horizontal installation in wood, steel, concrete and drywall. Dennis Wiles, National Sales and Marketing Manager anticipates “deeper market penetration within existing Buildex channels, as well as within the fire protection market, based on the excellent reputation of the SAMMY products.” The SAMMYS are patented and comply with all requirements of NFPA-13. Several of the anchors are FM approved and/or UL Listed. Venclovas forecasts the newest product in the Sammy Super Screw™ family, the Swivel Head™, introduced at the National Industrial Fastener Show in November 2001 will be enthusiastically received in the market place.

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