

## News Release

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### New McElroy Stub End Holders Make Fusions Easier

#### *Advanced design introduced for several jaw and insert sizes*

**TULSA, Okla. (March 30, 2009)** – One aspect of the fusion of thermoplastic pipe just got easier. McElroy recently introduced a new Stub End Holder that firmly holds stub end fittings in place during the fusion process. The new holders are designed for 8-, 12- and 18-inch jaws or inserts.

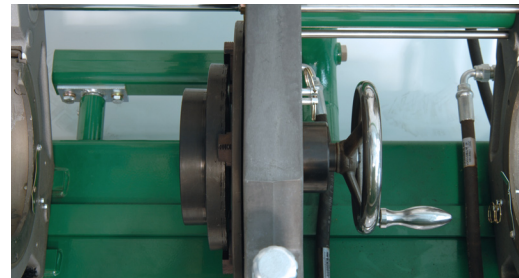
Each unit features a single adjustment point that adjusts all four jaws of the stub end holder simultaneously, while automatically self-centering to ensure that the stub end is held concentric to the pipe. Previous designs required the user to tighten four holder clamps separately.

“Engineering a better Stub End Holder is just one part of McElroy’s commitment to making pipe fusion jobs easier and more productive,” said Chip McElroy, president and chief executive officer of McElroy. “We want the end user to have every advantage possible; we want them to be able to treat stub end fusion like any other fusion process that can be performed with equipment from the pipe fusion experts at McElroy.”

The serrated jaws of the new Stub End Holders offer improved gripping ability over previous designs and hold the stub end fitting securely throughout the fusion process. All three of the holders weigh less than 30 pounds, making it a simple accessory to carry to the jobsite.

Between the three new holder models, operators will have the capability to clamp fittings with outer diameters between 2.37 (60mm) and 21.27 inches (540mm). The 12- and 18-inch designs are capable of clamping on the inner diameter of the stub end to accommodate larger fitting sizes.

For more information or to find a distributor, visit [www.mcelroy.com](http://www.mcelroy.com).



*McElroy's new Stub End Holders will make a tricky aspect of the fusion process much easier for fusion operators.*

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### **100-Word Product Description for Product Spotlights/Reviews**

Forget about wrenching down four different clamps to make sure your stub end fitting is firmly in place and centered. McElroy's new Stub End Holders have serrated jaws that securely hold a stub end, with a single adjustment point that adjusts all four jaws simultaneously. The holder also automatically self-centers to ensure the stub end is held concentric to the pipe. Available for 8-, 12- and 18-inch jaws or inserts, the new holders boost productivity and give you the freedom to accomplish a wider range of fusion operations. For more information on McElroy and the new Stub End Holders, visit [www.mcelroy.com](http://www.mcelroy.com).

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### **About Pipe Fusion:**

Pipe fusion is a widely accepted process that joins two pieces of thermoplastic pipe together with heat and pressure. Commonly associated with high-density polyethylene pipe (HDPE), the butt fusion process starts by "facing" or shaving the pipe ends simultaneously so that they can be joined together with heat to create a continuous, sealed pipeline. The welding of the pipes is accomplished by using a hot plate in contact with the pipe ends, which heats the plastic to a molten state. Then, after its removal, the ends are pressed together under a controlled force to form a weld that is stronger than the pipe itself. Third-party industry research indicates that HDPE pipe and joints can have a lifespan of more than 100 years.

### **About McElroy Manufacturing, Inc.:**

Founded in 1954, McElroy Manufacturing has grown from a two-person start-up in an Oklahoma garage, to the industry leader in the science of joining thermoplastic pipe. The name McElroy is recognized worldwide as the most reliable, efficient, rugged and technically advanced fusion equipment in the world. McElroy holds dozens of U.S. and foreign patents on fusion-related equipment. The company credits its marketplace leadership to an unyielding focus toward excellence. For additional information, please visit the McElroy website at [www.mcelroy.com](http://www.mcelroy.com).

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