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### Simmons Tool Announces Expansion of *The Striker*<sup>®</sup> Family of Tools

#### *Three New Tools Expand Options for Construction Productivity and Safety*

**WAURIKA, OKLAHOMA — March 29, 2010** — Simmons Tool, the creator of *The Striker*<sup>®</sup> tools is proud to announce the introduction of three new stake driving tools to *The Striker*<sup>®</sup> family of stake driving tools. The four original tools won the World of Concrete Most Innovative Product award in 2008 and the introduction of these three additional tools expands on that innovation and excellence. These new tools bring the number of tools in *The Striker*<sup>®</sup> family to seven, offering contractors and construction companies even more ways to increase productivity and improve worker safety resulting in lower risk management costs.

#### Three New Models

The following three new models of stake driving tools are being added:

**Model # H100:** Designed for driving hub stake (2x2) into the ground. This tool allows anyone to drive hub stakes flush, if needed. The curved safety handle, with shock absorbing grip, controls the stake until the proper elevation is achieved.

- Tool Weight: 3.2 lbs
- Strike Plate Size: 4x4 inches (16 si)
- Handle Length: 11 inches
- Shaft Size: 2 inch x 2inch x 1inch x 3/16 thick (this will accept any 2x2 stake)

**Model # FM100:** Designed for driving 1x2 stakes next to forms. The offset striking plate allows the tool to drive stakes next to the forms. The full length gusset (on the tool) reduces shock and keeps stake in place while driving it.

- Tool Weight: 3.5 lbs
- Strike Plate: 3x3 inches (9si)
- Handle Length: 10 inches
- Shaft Size: 6 inch x 1x2 11 gauge tubing (will accept any 1x2 stake or small rebar)

**Model # R300:** Designed for driving any steel rod or pipe up to 3 inches in size. The round shaft has gussets on the handle & striking plate, for added strength. Requested by tent manufacturers.

- Tool Weight: 10 lbs.
- Striking Plate: 4x6 inches (24 si)
- Handle Length: 12 inches
- Shaft Size: 8 inches x 3 inches x 1/4 inch thick (ID is 3 inches-OD is 3 1/2 inches)



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### Lower Risk Management Costs

According to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, the National Safety Council & the CDC:

- In 2007 alone, the construction industry allocated \$400 million to disability spending for hand injury!
- Hand injuries account for over 1,080,000 emergency department visits by workers per year.
- Hand injury accounts for one third of all occupational injuries.
- Costs for these injuries averaged \$17,000 each, with 5 days downtime per injured worker.

*The Striker*® line of stake driving tools was designed by an excavating contractor for his own crew. Used properly, these tools eliminate injury to the worker. No matter what the ground condition, stakes can be driven safely, quickly and in perfect condition.

### New Tool Availability

The newest tools will be available for order on November 29, 2010.

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