

Thousands flock to FABTECH & AWS Show

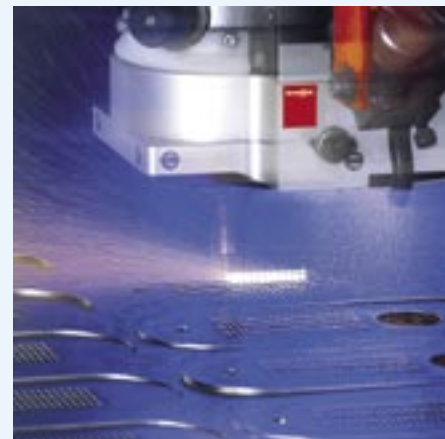
More than 24,000 people made the rounds at the 2005 FABTECH & AWS Show in Chicago last November, with more than a few of the attendees buying machinery right on the floor of McCormick Place.

People with welding and metal fabricating on the mind weren't disappointed. There were more than 500 new products displayed, and the 800 exhibiting companies appreciated the fact that attendance was up 30 percent over the 2003 FABTECH in The Windy City.

What follows is a show floor view of what attendees saw. This year's show is scheduled for October 31 through November 2 at the Georgia World Congress Center in Atlanta. More than 85 percent of the exhibit space is already taken. The show is sponsored by the American Welding Society, the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, and the Fabricators & Manufacturers Association. AWS, www.rsleads.com/601tp-154 SME, www.rsleads.com/601tp-155 FMA, www.rsleads.com/601tp-156



New, optional automated material stations enable Trumatic L 2510 to automatically load and unload different material types and thicknesses using a hydraulic cart. Trumpf, www.rsleads.com/601tp-173



Bystronic introduced the Byspeed 4020 laser cutting system with the 5200 ARC resonator. Bystronic, www.rsleads.com/601tp-175



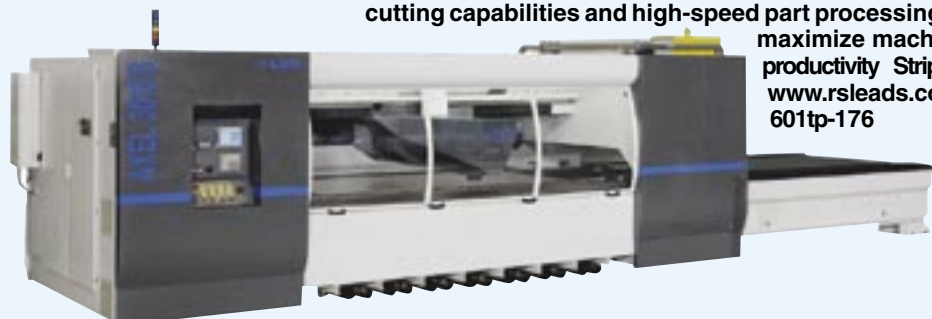
The newest member of the PerformArc family of arc welding robotic works cells is the 212S. Panasonic Factory Solutions, www.rsleads.com/601tp-177



The marketing hit of FABTECH was Finn-Power's reality-ride theater that featured the Shear Genius Flexible Manufacturing Cell. On the big screen is actor Gary Kroeger, an alumnus of NBC's *Saturday Night Live*. Finn-Power www.rsleads.com/601tp-178



The 2006 Salvagnini S4N punching and shearing machine dramatically reduces the distance of sheet travel required to punch parts. Salvagnini, www.rsleads.com/601tp-174



Strippit/LVD's Axel 3015 S Linear laser cutting system with 5kW laser source provides advanced laser cutting capabilities and high-speed part processing to maximize machine productivity Strippit, www.rsleads.com/601tp-176