



## **Universal Achieves QS-9000 Certification**

BUTLER, Ind., Sept. 24 /PRNewswire/ -- Universal Tool & Stamping Company, Inc., a leading producer of automotive and light truck lifting equipment and a subsidiary of Acme Metals Incorporated (NYSE: AMI), announced today the quality system at its Butler, Indiana, facility has received ISO9001/QS9000 certification from A.G.A. Quality, a third-party registrar which is RAB and RVA accredited.

Certification is a validation of the quality system Universal has implemented for all aspects of its business including design, manufacture, and assembly of products.

"I want to congratulate and thank all Universal Tool & Stamping employees for the effort and dedication that made certification possible," said Steve Bennett, President and CEO of Acme Metals Incorporated. "Their efforts will strengthen our position as a strong supplier of auto and light truck jacks."

Larry Kipp, President of Universal Tool & Stamping, added, "We're obviously pleased to have accomplished our goal of certification. This is the culmination of a lot of hard work and perseverance by all our employees." Larry Kipp continued, "Underlying the ISO/QS foundation is the concept of continuous improvement. This is a never-ending process which we have been doing all along. Meeting and maintaining the ISO/QS requirements will help us to continue to improve in every area of our business to provide our customers with the best products and services."

Universal Tool & Stamping Company, Inc. is a subsidiary of Acme Metals Incorporated which is a fully integrated producer of steel, steel strapping and strapping products, welded steel tubing and auto and light truck jacks. Its common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol AMI and on the Toronto Stock Exchange under the symbol AMK.

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