

Press Release

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Oxford Instruments wins second place at the 2009 British Engineering Excellence Awards ceremony.

Oxford Instruments NanoScience Ultra Low Temperature engineering team achieved "highly commended" runners up place at the 2009 British Engineering Excellence Awards ceremony held at the Globe Theatre in London on Oct 1st, 2009. The award was made in the New Product of the Year (Mechanical) category for a Cryogen-free integrated dilution refrigerator Triton™200 with magnet in recognition of the product design enhancements, cost reduction, first time pass rate and market growth achieved since the radical redesign project was implemented in July 2008.

Dr Graham Batey, Consultant Engineer, commented "We are absolutely delighted to receive this commendation. This achievement is the result of a fantastic team effort from all areas of the company. We are very proud to have delivered a 'cutting edge' product that we can manufacture in volume into our marketplace."

Dr. Michael Cuthbert, Business Group Manager, said "This a brilliant achievement, everyone involved has worked exceptionally hard on this product. It is particularly satisfying to see the technical team achieving not just excellent product enhancement but also driving down cost and improving customer experience."

The British Engineering Excellence Awards aim to demonstrate and promote the quality of engineering design within the UK; to emphasise innovation and effectiveness in order to allow smaller companies to compete on an equal footing with larger ones; to act as an incentive to the design engineering industry to create world-class businesses; to provide a benchmark of excellence from which the industry can learn and from which it can build; and to demonstrate the power of engineering design innovation within the UK to the world.

Harry Tee CBE, Chairman of the Judging Panel wrote, "This awards program presents UK companies with a unique showcase and an opportunity to demonstrate that UK engineering is alive and well, innovative and thriving. The Awards will show that our businesses are among the best in the world."

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About Oxford Instruments NanoScience and Oxford Instruments plc.

Internationally recognised as world leaders in superconductivity and ultra low temperature cryogenic environments, Oxford Instruments NanoScience is driving innovation in these fields. The company's leading-edge technologies support research in nanotechnology, solid state and condensed matter physics. Combining outstanding technical expertise, original thinking and a commitment to meeting customers' needs, Oxford Instruments NanoScience enables real advances both in research and commercial applications by providing the high quality technological environments needed to meet demanding experimental requirements. Oxford Instruments NanoScience is part of the Oxford Instruments plc group.

The Oxford Instruments plc group designs, supplies and supports high technology tools, processes and solutions with a focus on physical science, bioscience, environmental and industrial research and applications. It provides solutions needed to advance fundamental nanoscience research and its transfer into commercial nanotechnology applications. Innovation has been the driving force behind Oxford Instruments' growth and success for 50 years, and its strategy is to effect the successful commercialisation of these ideas by bringing them to market in a timely and customer-focused fashion.

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