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## Microscan Wins Prestigious Industry Award for Its AutoVISION™ Suite at the 2012 IPC APEX Expo

**RENTON, WA, February 2012** — Microscan, a global technology leader in barcode, machine vision and lighting solutions, announces that it has been awarded a 2012 NPI Award in the category of Software – Process Control for its [AutoVISION™ machine vision software and product suite](#). The award was presented to John Agapakis, Director of Americas Sales, during a Tuesday, February 28, 2012 ceremony that took place at the San Diego Convention Center in California.

Electronics manufacturers rely on machine vision to ensure accurate board assembly and achieve “cradle-to-grave” traceability. Microscan’s AutoVISION™ software was developed to simplify the setup and deployment of machine vision applications, while providing a powerful tool set for reliable, high performance inspection and identification. Real time feedback during programming and device configuration helps time-crunched engineers implement their vision applications with a minimum of effort. The AutoVISION™ tool set includes decoding capability for all standard 1D and 2D barcode reading, along with fixed font and fully teachable OCR. For inspection and control applications, AutoVISION™ includes Locate, Measure, and Count and Detect tools. AutoVISION™ is available in Microscan’s Vision MINI and Vision HAWK hardware platforms.



*Microscan’s AutoVISION™ family includes an intuitive software interface and two smart cameras, the Vision MINI and the Vision HAWK.*

The newly updated AutoVISION™ 1.1 software includes several feature enhancements, including faster OCR and Locate Tools as well as a web-based HMI terminal window. The scalable platform can now be migrated to PC-based cameras such as GigE, allowing users to set up jobs in AutoVISION™ and later transfer them to a PC-based solution. In addition, the new AutoVISION™ release includes usability improvements to its OCR library, support for 64-bit Windows 7, and serial match code input via serial port or Ethernet.

Premiering in 2008, the NPI Awards program is an annual celebration of product excellence in electronics surface mount assembly. Premier products based on the finest examples of creative advancement in technology are chosen by a distinguished panel of industry experts.

For more information about Microscan’s AutoVISION software and machine vision technology, visit us online at [www.microscan.com/vision](http://www.microscan.com/vision).

## **About Microscan**

Microscan is a global leader in technology for precision data acquisition and control solutions serving a wide range of automation and OEM applications. Founded in 1982, Microscan has a strong history of technology innovation that includes the invention of the first laser diode barcode scanner and the 2D symbology, Data Matrix. Today, Microscan remains a technology leader in automatic identification and machine vision with extensive solutions for ID tracking, traceability and inspection ranging from basic barcode reading up to complex machine vision inspection, identification, and measurement.

As an ISO 9001:2008 certified company recognized for quality leadership in the U.S., Microscan is known and trusted by customers worldwide as a provider of quality, high precision products. Microscan is a [Spectris](#) company.

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