

ProMat 2009: Solution central; With a record number of exhibitors, ProMat 2009 (held January 12-15 at Chicago's McCormick Place) provided a wealth of ideas for improving productivity at your company. The products and technologies on the following pages illustrate key products and news that Modern's team of editors discovered at the show.

### **Yale introduced new electric truck**

**Yale Material Handlings Corporation** introduced the ERC-VG, the next generation of electric rider trucks. These energy-saving vehicles feature an operator's capsule that goes above and beyond intuitive design and spacious comfort. Designed for a variety of applications, from short shuttles to long runs and ramp usage, the ERC-VG offers adjustable performance parameters that allow for customization to the specific needs of the application or the operator. The extended shift functionality provides a balance between battery run time and truck productivity.

To meet heavy duty performance requirements, the trucks are built with industrial grade critical components. The new trucks are also designed with a focus on "human engineering" to minimize operator strain and fatigue. Controls are positioned for easy, intuitive operation. The floorboard is open and spacious. The steering wheel and operator's seat are offset to reduce fatigue and improve efficiency.

As one of the largest volume producers of zero emissions lift trucks in the North American market, Yale's ERC-VG complements its existing line of lift trucks that improve efficiency and reduce energy consumption at its customers' operations.