



# GIVE MACHINE BUILDERS WHAT THEY WANT

The 2018 Readers'  
Choice Awards usher  
in a new era of design

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**THE CONTROL DESIGN READERS' CHOICE AWARDS** have come of age. In this, the 18th year, voting has matured and reached a level of consistency that respects tradition and acknowledges new solutions that meet the needs of today's machine builders. The people have spoken. You've made your choice with your integration and your voice.

## CONTROL

### CNC Controller

1. Fanuc
2. Siemens

### Loop Controller

1. Honeywell
2. Siemens
3. Rockwell Automation
4. Yokogawa

### Motion Controller

1. Rockwell Automation
2. Siemens
3. Schneider Electric
4. Fanuc
5. Yaskawa

### Programmable Automation Controller (PAC)

1. Rockwell Automation
2. Siemens
3. AutomationDirect
4. Schneider Electric

### Programmable Logic Controller (PLC)

1. Rockwell Automation
2. Siemens
3. Schneider Electric
4. Omron
5. AutomationDirect

### Embedded Computer System

1. Rockwell Automation
2. Beckhoff Automation
3. Advantech

### Industrial-Grade Computer

1. Advantech
2. Rockwell Automation
3. Schneider Electric
4. Dell
5. Siemens
6. Beckhoff Automation

### Methodology

The 2018 Control Design Readers' Choice Awards winners were selected by readers like you. More than 15,000 individuals who identify themselves as having buying influence or authority were invited to access our confidential ballot. All of the voting is unaided, meaning that no list of supplier choices is provided for guidance or assistance in the ballot. It is created entirely by the participants, who may vote for first, second and third preferences in each category. The results are grouped by Control, Hardware, Motion, Networking, Safety, Sensing and Software categories. The results do not knowingly include votes from any suppliers in the final tally.

## HARDWARE

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### Circuit Protection

1. Eaton
2. Schneider Electric
3. Rockwell Automation
4. ABB

### Industrial Electrical Connector/ Cordset

1. Turck
2. Rockwell Automation
3. Molex Woodhead
4. Phoenix Contact
5. Murrelektronik

### Industrial Enclosure

1. nVent
2. Rittal
3. Saginaw Control & Engineering
4. Hammond Manufacturing

### Industrial Enclosure Thermal Product

1. nVent
2. Rittal

### Operator Interface

1. Rockwell Automation
2. Schneider Electric
3. Siemens
4. AutomationDirect

### Panel Meter

1. Red Lion
2. Simpson Electric
2. Precision Digital
4. Omega Engineering

### Power Supply

1. Rockwell Automation
2. Phoenix Contact
3. Emerson
4. Puls
5. Siemens

### Relay

1. Rockwell Automation
2. Omron
3. Phoenix Contact
4. IDEC
5. Schneider Electric

### Stack Light Tower

1. Rockwell Automation
2. Banner Engineering
3. Patlite
4. Werma
5. Schneider Electric

### Terminal Block

1. Phoenix Contact
2. Rockwell Automation
3. Wago
4. Weidmuller
5. AutomationDirect

### Wire & Cabling

1. Belden
2. Alpha
3. Turck
4. Southwire
5. Lapp

## MOTION

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### Gear Reducer

1. SEW-Eurodrive
2. Wittenstein
3. Stober
4. ABB
4. Apex

### Hydraulic System Controls/ Components

1. Parker
2. Bosch Rexroth
3. Eaton

### Industrial Electric Motor

1. ABB
2. Regal Beloit
3. Siemens
4. SEW-Eurodrive

### Industrial Electric Motor Drive

1. Rockwell Automation
2. ABB
3. Siemens
4. Yaskawa

### Linear Motion Actuator/Slide/ Guide

1. Tolomatic
2. Rockwell Automation
3. Parker
3. Bosch Rexroth
5. NSK
6. Festo

### Servo Motor

1. Rockwell Automation
2. Yaskawa
3. Bosch Rexroth
4. Siemens