

New soft tip clamping lever range launched

WDS Components has launched a range of soft tip clamping levers, designed for clamping without causing damage or marking. The levers are ideal for clamping tubing or sheet metal on applications such as jigs and machinery, as well as office equipment stands and camera tripods. Nylon or brass tips provide a secure, mark-free clamp and the L or T shaped levers enable clamping in confined spaces when the handle cannot make a complete rotation.

Clamping levers and indexing clamping levers have long been a staple part of the WDS range. Now, new soft-tip versions enable clamping when marking isn't desirable, whether to minimise wear that could impact operational longevity, or for cosmetic appearance. Nylon tips provide the softest clamping tip but are slightly faster wearing, while the brass tips are longer lasting but slightly harder. The choice of tip depends on the combination of materials being used and WDS' customer service team can advise on the optimum combination.

Designed by WDS, the functional advantage of the locking mechanism is that the handle can be lifted and spins freely to move to the operator's choice of position, enabling tightening similar to how a ratchet is operated. The advantage is that space requirement can be minimised, or obstructions can be removed, whether tightening a clamp on a machine or a desk.

With the L shaped clamping handle for example, if the operator is closing the mechanism but an obstruction such as a wall prevents further tightening, the handle can be lifted and moved back 180° in order to continue tightening. The T handle levers operates in the same way and while not offering the same level of free movement, it enables fine adjustment with a two-sided grip option. Both handles offer 24 indexing positions.

For L handles, coded WDS 8244, sizes include M5 to M10 with thread lengths ranging from 10mm to 45mm. The handles are made from a robust, yet lightweight zinc die cast construction, with a black oxide coated alloy steel screw to help prevent corrosion, as well as a stainless steel spring. The L handles are available in a pure orange, jet black and light grey.

T handles, coded WDS 8242, are based on thread sizes that also include M5 to M10, and thread lengths this time range from 14mm to 45mm. Constructed from the same materials, the T handles are available in pure orange and black grey.

The clamping handles are available in stock across all sizes and options and can be despatched UK and worldwide on a same day basis. WDS' large stock availability also means that prices are very competitive and additional handle options are also available, including full 316 stainless steel, various colours and styles, and sizes including inch-size threads. The full range can be located on wdscomponents.com.

Photo Captions

Pic1. Soft Tip Clamping Levers

Pic2. Black Steel Set Screw with Nylon Tip

Pic3. Black Steel Set Screw with Brass Tip

Pic4. & Pic5. Clamping Lever: Suitable for clamping without causing damage or marking.

About WDS Components Ltd

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