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EQUIPMENT ACCESS SOLUTION OF THE YEAR

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Offering a life without keys, Ukey is a fully programmable keyless ignition and theft control system for construction equipment. Redefining how construction equipment is accessed, protected and managed, the groundbreaking Ukey system delivers a level of control and accountability that traditional keys are simply unable to provide. In an industry where all keys and aftermarket ignition switches are typically keyed alike by brand, Ukey introduces a game-changing shift: every machine is now able to become truly unique. By replacing the conventional key switch entirely with a secure, programmable access system, Ukey returns ownership and peace of mind to the equipment owner.

The basis of the Ukey system is a simple idea: instead of relying on physical keys that can be lost, copied, forgotten or misused, operators access equipment using a four-digit code programmed by the owner. This code-based system allows precise control over who can operate each machine, whether permissions are assigned by model, brand, machine type or operator skill level. With the Ukey system, access is intentional and traceable, eliminating issues that have been problematic on busy job sites. Unauthorized use and machinery abuse are common causes of flat tires, empty fuel tanks, damaged equipment and disrupted work sites, especially when multiple trades are present. Ukey addresses these issues at their source by ensuring that only approved operators can start a machine. By reducing misuse, the device helps protect both the equipment and the wider job site environment, saving time, repair costs and operational frustration.

The judging panel was particularly impressed by the transformative effect Ukey has had on real world construction demands. Each machine can store up to 124 individual user codes, making it the perfect fit for large teams and rotating crews. Owners and managers can easily add, delete or review users directly on the device, ensuring access rights remain current as personnel change and built-in reporting takes accountability a step further, recording the last ten users in order. By keeping on top of who or when a machine is being accessed, Ukey provides invaluable insight when investigating damage, misuse or operational issues, helping owners quickly identify patterns or responsibility without guesswork.

Ukey delivers keyless, code-based control for construction equipment, preventing unauthorised use, reducing damage, improving accountability and securing machines across fleets.

