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**DEKKER VACUUM TECHNOLOGIES, INC. RANKS ON FIRST-EVER  
LIST OF THE 5,000 FASTEST-GROWING BUSINESSES**

**DEKKER Ranks No. 3,894 on the 2007 Inc. 5,000 With Three-Year Sales Growth of 66.6%**

**NEW YORK, December 2007** – Inc. ranked Dekker Vacuum Technologies, Inc. No. 3,894 on its first-ever Inc. 5,000 list of the fastest-growing private companies in the country in August 2007. The Inc. 5,000, an extension of *Inc.* magazine's annual Inc. 500 list, catches many businesses that are too big to grow at the pace required to make the Inc. 500, as well as a host of smaller firms. Taken as a whole, these companies represent the backbone of the U.S. economy.

"The Inc. 5,000 provides the most comprehensive look ever at the most important part of the economy – the entrepreneurial part," said Inc. 5,000 Project Manager Jim Melloan. "The expansion of the list has allowed us to tell the stories of larger companies, older companies, and a wealth of companies in industries like Manufacturing and Construction that are underreported in the business media."

"We attribute our rapid growth to a focused solutions approach in solving our customers vacuum application issues. Rather than finding a way to fit our product in the customer's application, we focus on the best solution for the application," states Rick Dekker, President and CEO.

Dekker Vacuum Technologies, Inc. provides solutions for vacuum pump applications. Specializing in custom systems, Dekker offers oil and water sealed liquid ring, rotary vane and condenser exhaust pumps and systems. Providing vacuum pumps and systems to a wide variety of industries, Dekker's customers use vacuum in industries from woodworking, plastics and hospitals to power plants. Unique to Dekker, an extensive mechanical and electrical design engineering team provides products that operate above expectations while the After Sales Team offers responsive service to customers. This unique commitment to customers has resulted in a positive reputation in the industry fueling our company's rapid growth.

The 2007 Inc. 5,000, as revealed online at [www.inc.com](http://www.inc.com) reported median revenue of \$9.4 million and median three-year growth of 140 percent. Complete information on this year's Inc. 5,000, can be found at [www.inc.com/inc5000](http://www.inc.com/inc5000). The list features a profile for each company, almost all of them written as a result of *Inc.* interviews with management. In addition, the list is searchable according to numerous criteria, including industry, city, state, region, and year founded.

**Hottest Regions for Fastest-Growing Companies**

Leading the list of the fastest-growing companies in the nation is the Midwest region with 1,046 of the fastest-growing companies, followed by the West with 884 companies. The Southeast comes in a close third, with 872 companies, followed by the Northeast with 782 companies, and the Mid-Atlantic region with 606 companies.

**Hottest Industries for Fastest-Growing Businesses**

The largest business category is Construction, with 561 of the fastest-growing companies in this category, followed by Manufacturing with 515 companies, IT services in third with 466 companies, Business Services with 377 companies and Advertising & Marketing with 349 companies round out the top five industries ranked on the 2007 Inc. 5,000. Industries reporting the highest total revenue in 2006 are Construction (\$27.1 billion), Manufacturing (\$18.6 billion), Health (\$13.1 billion), Computers & Electronics (\$12.7 billion), and Financial Services (\$11.8 billion).

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**Methodology**

The 2007 Inc. 5000 list measures revenue growth from 2003 through 2006. To qualify, companies had to be U.S.-based and privately held, independent – not subsidiaries or divisions of other companies – as of December 31, 2006, and have had at least \$200,000 in revenue in 2003, and \$2 million in 2006.

Companies can apply for next year's Inc. 500 and Inc. 5,000 by registering with IncBizNet, the new social network for private companies launched this fall on Inc.com.

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**About Dekker Vacuum Technologies, Inc.**

Providing vacuum pump and system solutions for various industries, Dekker is a privately held company operating in a 45,000 square foot manufacturing, distribution and warehouse facility in Michigan City, Indiana. For more information visit [www.dekkervacuum.com](http://www.dekkervacuum.com) or call 888-925-5444.

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