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**HITACHI INTRODUCES OIL-FREE SCROLL AIR COMPRESSOR TECHNOLOGY  
TO NORTH AMERICA**

TARRYTOWN, NY, January 3, 2007 -- Hitachi America, Ltd., Industrial Systems Division, today announced introduction of the SRL Oil-free Scroll Air Compressor Technology into North America. As the originators of Scroll Technology for air compression, this portfolio addition for Hitachi Air Technology Group provides a unique value for the discriminating air consumer. Hitachi's nearly 100 years of compressed air experience lay the foundation for this advanced product series.

Features of the SRL Oil-free product portfolio include but are not limited to:

- 100% oil-less design to conserve natural resources and eliminate environmental emissions (No lubricants and/or grease to manage.)
- Patented Scroll Wrap with Alumite™ surface treatment and labyrinth seal which provide superior performance and reliability
- Multi-stage cooling to provide stability of discharge air temperature.
- Microprocessor based *Cycle Control Logic* which automatically elongates the Load/Unload (On/Off) cycle to avoid excessive restarting frequency and promote extended package life.
- Integrated Air Receiver(s) as standard to promote proper air system design.
- Quiet Enclosure as standard providing industry leading low sound levels.
- Incorporation of Hitachi motors and air-ends to convey highest efficiencies throughout the operating range.

Hitachi's SRL oil-free scroll air compressor products are part of the Air Technology Group, which is based in Charlotte, NC. The Charlotte facility is the center for all Air Technology Group business operations, warehousing, and training for Distribution Partners and OEMs.

For more information, please visit [www.hitachi.us](http://www.hitachi.us) or contact [airtechinfo@hal.hitachi.com](mailto:airtechinfo@hal.hitachi.com).

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