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About Ro-Main

In 1999, Robert and Germain Labrecque (pig producers since 1979) found a new method of detecting heat in sows and designed a boar cart to help them with this task.

They founded Ro-Main to market their invention called CONTACT-O-MAX.



About Ro-Main



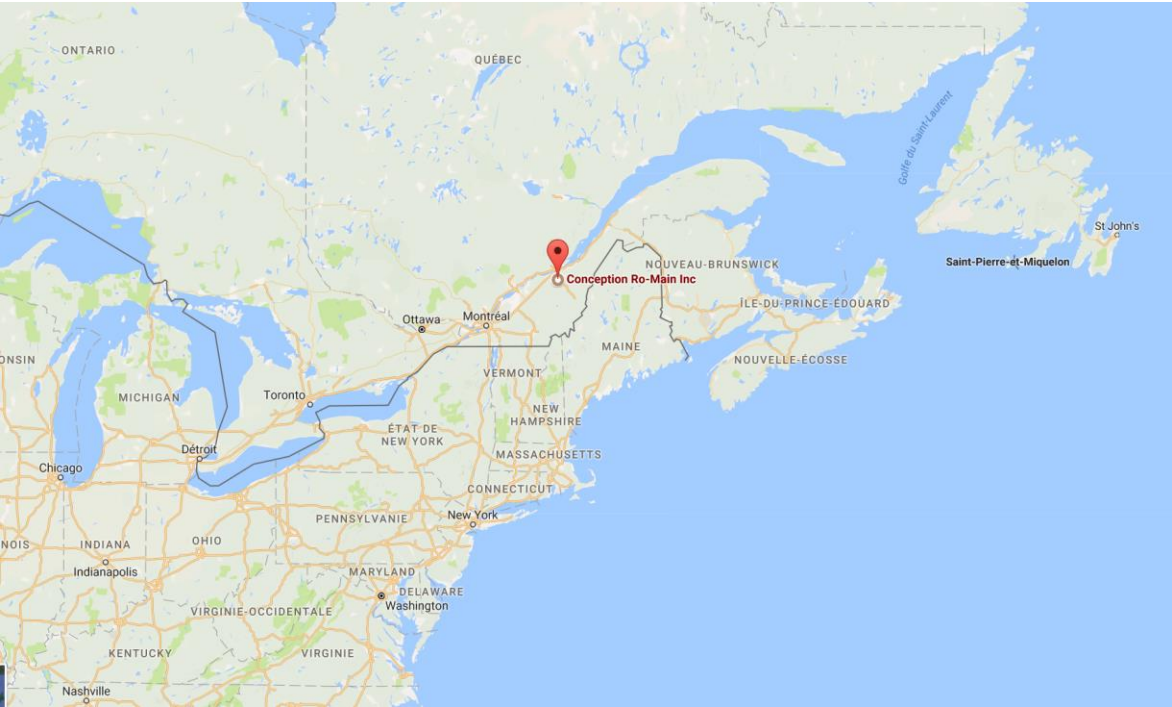
Since then...

We have been designing, manufacturing and marketing innovative pig farm technologies.

All our products are developed and/or tested in our own farms (3200 sows and growing 125 000 hogs per year)

All our products are unique “out of the box solutions” designed to make pig farming more profitable and safer.

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Porkey's Pick Up
Touch-Free Dead Pig Removal System



Ijitrack
Real-time Feed Level
Monitoring and Management



No Backdraft
Wall Fan Backdraft Control System



Contact-O-Max
Breeder's Best Buddy... Since 1999

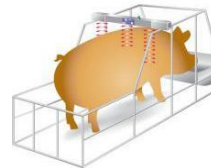


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Agro-Technological Products and Solutions



Hercules' Arm
One-Worker Sow Hearse



PigWatch
Precision breeding through behavior
analysis



Intelligent Surveillance System
Micro-climate controller for farrowing
crates

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Our vision:

- *Bring decision tools to pig producers to improve farm productivity and profitability*
- *Make pig producers embrace **precision livestock farming***
- *Make pig farming safer*



Contact-O-Max



THE MOST EFFICIENT SOW AND GILT STIMULATION, HEAT CHECK,
AND HEAT RETURN DETECTION SYSTEM ON THE MARKET!

18-year experience!

Contact-O-Max



Benefits that pay!

- Precise snout-to-snout stimulation makes heat symptoms more apparent and evident, leading to earlier heat detection. (Johnson, 2007)
- Precise and sustained snout-to-snout stimulation during insemination increases chances of fertility. This is very important, especially for gilts.
- The cart carries the strong smell of the boar and thus combines stimuli like no other system. This can increase the number of females showing a standing response. (Johnson, 2007)
- In-time sow heat return detection decreases significantly the number of costly non-productive days. (Abell, 2011)
- No boar handling improves employees' safety.



Contact-O-Max

Benefits that pay!

- Less workers needed to do the heat detection and stimulation as a single worker can do everything by himself.
- Faster and more reliable heat detection
- No need to keep a large number of boars in the farm, thus making more space for productive sows.
- Your workers will focus only on good heat detection and will not have to think about the boar anymore. This will reduce the risk of making mistakes.
- The boar is concentrated only on the sow to be detected.
- The boar is not distracted by feed or other sows. You control its attention!
- Increase retention of your employees by giving them the most convenient tool on the market.



Contact-O-Max



Main features

- Articulated
- Remote-controlled
- Self-guided
- Side panel to control attention of the boar
- Gel-filled tires
- Anti-rest system to keep the boar active
- Comfortable for the boar
- Robust design
- Fun to ride!

Contact-O-Max



Contact-O-Max Sr

- Sturdy stainless steel structure
- Turns in 24" x 36" (61 cm x 92 cm)
- Works best over unaccented alleyways
- Optimal forward/backward operation
- Double central articulation for increased manoeuvrability
- Brake/glider steering + bottom roller system for increased performance in wide alleys.



Contact-O-Max Jr

- Sturdy galvanized steel structure
- Turns in 24" x 24" (61 cm x 61 cm)
- Works best over accented alleyways and steep ramps
- Optimal forward operation
- Single central articulation combined with slick multiple front/rear end hinging system for maximum manoeuvrability around tight alley corners

Contact-O-Max



Contact-O-Max Sr

Weight: 480 lb (218 kg)
Width: 23" (59 cm)
Length: 65" (165 cm)
Height: 61,5" (156 cm)

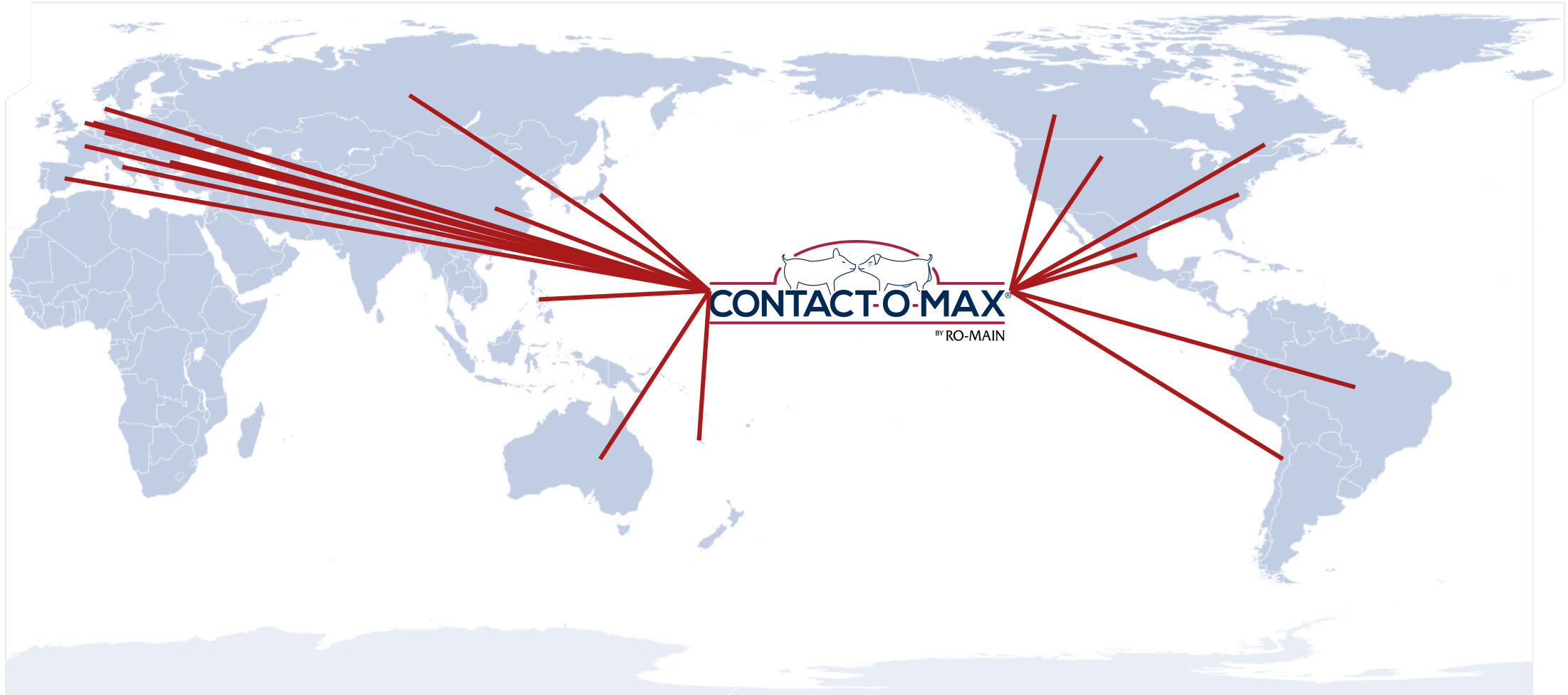


Contact-O-Max Jr

Weight: 499 lb (227 kg)
Width: 20" or 22" (59 cm or 56 cm)
Length: 62" (158 cm)
Height: 62,5" (160 cm)

Contact-O-Max

Thousands of satisfied users worldwide!



Field results

Scea Le Courtès Farm, 1,500-sow unit in Landébaëron, France



Comparison with gate system

	Number of sows	Total Born	Fertility/28 days
Gate system	975	12,96	90,7%
Contact-O-Max	790	13,44	92,8%

Advantages of Contact-O-Max:

- + 0,48 total born piglets
- + 2,1% fertility at 28 days

Field results

Scea Deneuil Farm, 1,200-sow unit in Piacé, France



Comparison before and after Contact-O-Max in 2012

	Before	After
Day 4 inseminations	55%	70%
Fertility rate	90,7%	95,1%
Total born	13,5	14
Weaning age	19,4	20,1

Advantages of Contact-O-Max:

- + 15% of sows found in heat on day 4
- + 0,5 total born piglets
- + 4,4% fertility at 28 days
- +0,7 days at weaning

Field results

SAS Kerjean Farm, France 

Results published in Porc Magazine, June 2007

	Before	After (1,145 sows)
Fertility rate	93,0%	94,9%

Advantages of Contact-O-Max:

+ 1,9% fertility at 28 days

Testimonials



Dave Klocke, Templeton, Iowa



“The CONTACT-O-MAX contributes to extracting the best out of the technicians practicing artificial inseminations. The AI and heat detections practiced by conscientious people will have greater results.

The CONTACT-O-MAX helps these precious employees optimizing the efficiency since they don't waste time and energy by constantly positioning the boar in the ideal area.

The CONTACT-O-MAX allows to position the boar without effort at the exact area and moment desired. It also allows the use of older boars, that are more aggressive and release a stronger odor that normally would not be used for security reasons.

Since the boar is moved in a cart instead of being pulled or pushed, it stays active longer.

We have used the CONTACT-O-MAX in the second week of May, and despite the hot temperature above normal average, we have had greater results.”

- Dave Klocke, Templeton, Iowa

Return on investment

- Very quick return on investment for all farms based on productivity improvement (see advantages section)
 - Generally from just a few days to a few months depending of farm size and current results

- Calculate your own return on investment now!

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