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A new Lightweight Lighting Stand will take centre stage on the Doughty stand at this year's PLASA Focus Leeds. The prototype product which has been designed with the events and conference market in mind comprises a flat, round plate and slim tube, slotted at each end to allow cables to run unseen inside it. While extremely robust, the stand has a sleeker appearance than the standard Tank Trap and comes with a stacking slot which allows for the stands to be stacked together as well as a carry handle.

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Dan Phillips, project sales co-ordinator at Doughty said: “We really encourage everyone to come and take a look at this piece of kit on stand N-C25 while it’s still in its development stage. We take feedback extremely seriously and use it to fine tune the product so that it ticks all the right boxes. We think our customers will really like the Lightweight Lighting Stand - with all the principles of our popular Tank Trap but packaged into a neater, more aesthetically pleasing model.”

He added: “A 28mm receiver is incorporated in the top of the stand which will take an industry standard 28mm spigot. And, when used in conjunction with a spigot adapter, the stand can also be used to hold small speakers.”

The Three Position Tank Trap will also feature on this year’s stand. Following its debut in 2017, it went on to win the ABTT Engineering Product of the Year. This clever piece of kit enables rigging to be built close to a wall, in the corner of a room or near to an obstruction. It has a detachable receiver suitable for 48mm barrel, which may be fitted to any of the three mounting points, which are located in the centre as per a standard tank trap, at the edge and in the corner.

The Space Saver Omega will make its first Focus, Leeds appearance too. Launched in Q4 of 2017, the Omega version of the Space Saver sees one of Doughty’s Omega clamps permanently fitted to a luminaire with a hinge that locks into place. In the closed position, the fixture can be put in its flight case neatly and easily without having to dismantle all the pieces, thus eliminating the chance that pieces are lost or mislaid when moving from one location to another. Dan commented: “Not only is it a more ergonomic solution, but it also speeds things up for the lighting technician who might find himself having to move lights into different locations on a rig, or for the touring lighting professional for whom time is always of the essence.”

Doughty’s stand will also feature the Pole Operated Yoke and of course its wider range of clamps and other items from its extensive product list. Laurence Dyer, sales manager at Doughty added: “Leeds is always a great show for us - it has an intimate feel, yet we get to meet with customers from all over the place who really take the time to talk to us and let us know what we’re getting right and what they’d like to see from us next. It’s a fantastic place to get feedback which we almost always use to get us thinking about our next range of products.”