



Sarcos Robotics Named a Finalist for Guardian XO Full-Body Industrial Exoskeleton in Fast Company's 2020 Innovation by Design Awards

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Guardian XO full-body, battery-powered wearable robot selected as Finalist in Products category and for Honorable Mention in General Excellence category

SALT LAKE CITY – September 30, 2020 – Today, [Sarcos Robotics](#), a global leader in the production of robots that augment humans to enhance productivity and safety, announced that its [Guardian® XO®](#) industrial exoskeleton—the world's first full-body, battery-powered wearable industrial robot designed to increase strength and endurance—has been recognized by [Fast Company](#) in their 2020 Innovation by Design Awards. The Guardian XO robot was named a Finalist in the Products category and received Honorable Mention in the General Excellence category.

The awards, which can be found in the October/November 2020 issue of *Fast Company*, recognize people, teams, and companies solving problems through design. One of the most sought-after design awards in the industry, Innovation by Design, is the only competition to honor creative work at the intersection of design, business, and innovation.

The Guardian XO exoskeleton, which has been under development for more than 20 years, can safely lift up to 200 pounds for extended work sessions and is applicable to a myriad of industries such as aviation, manufacturing, warehousing and logistics, oil & gas, construction, defense, and others. It will be commercially available in 2021.

"We are extremely honored to be recognized by *Fast Company* in their annual Innovation by Design Awards," said Ben Wolff, chairman and CEO, Sarcos Robotics. "The design and development of our Guardian XO industrial exoskeleton, the world's first full-body, powered exoskeleton, has taken more than 20 years and is finally ready for commercialization. We believe the Guardian XO robot can have a profound effect on the labor force both in the U.S. and globally, reducing the impact of workplace injuries and addressing the growing shortage of skilled labor."

"We need innovative design more than ever, and the 2020 honorees have brought creativity, inventiveness, and humanity to address some of the world's most pressing problems, including the global pandemic, racial injustice, and economic inequality," said Stephanie Mehta, editor-in-chief of *Fast Company*. "Together, these entries offer a glimpse into a future that is more inclusive, more accessible, and more just."

The judges include renowned designers from a variety of disciplines, business leaders from some of the most innovative companies in the world, and *Fast Company's* writers and editors. Entries are judged on the key ingredients of innovation: functionality, originality, beauty, sustainability, user insight, cultural impact, and business impact. To see the complete list of winners, visit

<https://www.fastcompany.com/innovation-by-design/2020>

For more information on Sarcos and its product lineup, visit <https://www.sarcos.com>

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ABOUT SARCOS ROBOTICS

[Sarcos Robotics](#) is the world's leader in industrial robotic systems that augment human performance by combining human intelligence, instinct and judgment with the strength, endurance and precision of machines to enhance employee safety and productivity. Leveraging more than 25 years of research and development, Sarcos' mobile robotic systems, including the [Guardian® S](#), [Guardian® GT](#), and [Guardian® XO®](#), are revolutionizing the future of work wherever physically demanding work is done. Formerly the robotics division of a major defense contractor, Sarcos is based in Salt Lake City, Utah, powered by an innovative team of entrepreneurs and engineers, and backed by Caterpillar, GE Ventures, Microsoft and Schlumberger. For more information please visit www.sarcos.com.

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