

Powerfleet secures podium finish at Product of the Year 2026 awards

Powerfleet's Pedestrian Proximity Detection system recognised in the Robotics & Handling category by more than 19,300 industry readers.

Bremen, Germany, April 2026 – Powerfleet placed third in the Robotics & Handling category at the [Computer&Automation Product of the Year 2026 awards](#), earning a podium finish alongside category winners ABB and Sick. The result was announced at the awards dinner at the Seehaus restaurant in Munich's English Garden on 19 March 2026, where 34 companies across 12 categories were recognised.

The award is determined entirely by reader vote, making it a direct measure of confidence from the industrial automation community. This year, more than 19,300 votes were cast across 96 nominated products in 12 categories, with only three products recognised per category. Powerfleet's Pedestrian Proximity Detection (PPD) system earned its place on the podium, competing against some of the most established names in industrial automation.



PPD uses AI-powered vision technology to detect and prevent collisions among pedestrians, vehicles, and industrial equipment in real time. Unlike conventional proximity warning systems, it requires no tags or wearables on personnel, making it practical to deploy at scale without disrupting existing operations. When a potential hazard is identified, the system delivers immediate alerts to operators and pedestrians, while providing safety managers with actionable analytics to surface risk patterns and drive measurable improvement over time. The technology was developed with direct input from operations teams and customers, with real-world feedback shaping both its capabilities and its design.

Stevie McQuoid, General Manager for Europe and the Middle East at Powerfleet, said: "A Top 3 finish at the Product of the Year Awards reflects validation from warehouse leaders who understand the operational reality. As human-machine interaction increases, so does exposure to risk. Our Pedestrian Proximity Detection system is designed to reduce that exposure. It is AI-powered, tagless, and built for real-world deployment at scale."

He further adds: "Near-misses are leading indicators of failure. Reducing them is not optional. Our system is engineered to do exactly that without adding operational complexity. That is the standard by which we measure ourselves."

The recognition reflects Powerfleet's growing presence in the DACH region and broader European market, where demand for intelligent on-site safety solutions continues to increase across logistics, warehousing, and manufacturing environments.

For more information on Powerfleet's Pedestrian Proximity Detection system and other on-site safety and compliance solutions, click [here](#)

