Hunter Highlights

News and Trends of the Automotive Service Industry

MOTOR Magazine Names Hunter
DSP600 Sensors a Top 20 Tool



unter's new DSP600 Picture Perfect® Alignment Sensors have been named a 2003 Top 20 Tool by the editors of MOTOR Magazine. DSP600 Sensors are the next generation of Hunter's highly successful digital imaging wheel alignment technology. They are engineered to reduce long-term cost of ownership for shops that service passenger vehicles and light trucks.

New, innovative DSP600 features are designed to increase productivity and profitability. MOTOR's editorial staff select the Top 20 Tool winners annually from hundreds of new automotive tool and equipment ideas. Winners are announced in the September issue of the magazine.

Hunter HD Aligner Helps RV Shop Build Business

In 1998, Bill and Lanette Elliott opened the first VanLand RV in south Florida, providing sales, parts and service for the growing recreational vehicle market. Losing their location four years later didn't dampen their desire to succeed. They soon found another facility, expanded their operation and added wheel alignment service, choosing a Hunter 611T Heavy-Duty Console with DSP306T Cordless Sensors. Continuing success led to current plans to add 10 acres to their site. VanLand now handles a wide range of RV makes and models including class A, B and C van campers, motor coaches and travel trailers.





VanLand, Inc. technician Rick Surratt sets up an alignment procedure.

VanLand's Hunter 611T Aligner console, DSP306T Cordless Sensors and pit bay provide optimum speed and convenience for conversion van, motor coach and RV service.

Society of Professional Engineers Honors Hunter

he Missouri chapter of the Society of Professional Engineers recently honored Hunter with its 2003 New Product Award. The award cites Hunter's foresight and innovation in developing the highly successful GSP9700 Vibration Control System with StraightTrak® Lateral Force Measurement. Hunter Executive Vice President Nick Colarelli and the GSP9700 engineering team accepted the award at the MSPE's annual convention. MSPE's mission includes advocating strong licensure laws and the ethical and competent practice of engineering to protect public health, safety and welfare.



Hunter Introduces TC3500-SS Tire Changer

unter has introduced a TC3500 tire changer equipped with a side shovel bead loosener to offer an even more capable tool for servicing the widest range of wheel and tire designs. The TC3500-SS side shovel features an extra-wide, 15-inch travel that eliminates the need to readjust with each use. Its air motor drive provides total control, eliminating violent forces commonly associated with air cylinder operation. A side shovel is essential for some niche applications such as motorcycle and ATV wheel assemblies. It also speeds the service of some reverse drop center wheels. Hunter's TC3500 is the professional's standard for easy and safe handling of the toughest tire/wheel combinations. It is specified by car and tire manufacturers, service shops and racing teams.



New Hunter Alignment Products Christened

unter staff recently christened the first production units of two new products. Key engineering, sales and marketing staff gathered in the St. Louis Assembly Plant Shipping Dept. to celebrate the occasion and continue the Hunter tradition of christening the first new product shipped with a touch of aged bourbon.





Hunter Executive Vice President Nick Colarelli christens the first production units of the DSP500 electronic sensors (above) and the W811P-Plus console (left).

National Tire & Battery on Farm Rd. 1960, in Houston, Texas received Hunter's first W811P-Plus Aligner Console. Gatto's Tires & Auto Service, Hibiscus Blvd. in Melbourne, Florida received the first DSP500 electronic sensors. Both pieces of equipment were part of complete alignment system orders.

Hunter Visitors



Bandag Incorporated

Pictured from left: Hunter Heavy-Duty Sales
Representative **Bob Bucklin**; Hunter Heavy-Duty Product
Manager **Mitch Weller**; Bandag Product Manager,
Vehicle Management Business Systems **Ed Moore**;
Hunter Minneapolis Regional Manager **Mike Healey**;
Bandag Senior Industrial Engineer **Ken Farrar**; Hunter
Product Manager **Pete Liebetreu**.

Ford and Equipment Solutions

Pictured from left: Hunter North Central Division Manager

Greg Dunkin; EQS Sales Manager Ralph Nelson; EQS

Product Manager Julio Morales; EQS Sales Manager

Sam Stavinoha; EQS Sales Manager Greg Libertini;

Ford Global Business Leader Brian Plott; EQS Facility

Coordinator Bob Landreth; EQS Sales Manager

Alan Kenner; EQS Supervisor—Facility Act Group

Scott Amundson; EQS Sales Manager Carl Gish; EQS

CAD Drawer Bill Bragenzer; EQS Director Sales and

Marketing Rodney Cullifer; EQS Sales Manager

Bruce Gatchel; Hunter Vice President of Sales and

Marketing Dave Smith; EQS Sales Manager

Mike Esposito; EQS Sales Manager Duane Passeau.



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Goodyear

Pictured from left: Hunter Vice President of Manufacturing **Bill Luehm**; Hunter Cleveland Regional Manager **Frank Ponte**; Goodyear Manager of Service Sales and Retail Operations **Rich Schossler**; Hunter Northeast Division Manager **Doug Woolverton**.

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