

# Hunter Highlights

News and Trends of the Automotive Service Industry

## MOTOR Magazine Names Hunter GSP9200 LCD SmartWeight® Balancer a 2007 Top 20 Tool



The GSP9200 LCD Wheel Balancer matches Hunter's patented SmartWeight® balancing technology with select mid-range and premium balancer features to create a machine that offers optimal performance and the ability to *reduce wheel weight costs 30% to 40%*.

SmartWeight® technology reduces weight application to one or none on more than 30% of wheels balanced – while automatically performing a better balance. Shops also save time and labor by reducing floor-to-floor cycle time and eliminating “weight chasing” and short cuts that affect balance quality.

*Standard GSP9200 features include the BDC Weight Placement Laser, ServoDrive™ system and Automatic Weight Mode Detection. Also available are the AutoClamp feature and HammerHead™ TDC Weight Placement Laser.*

## WT200 Heavy-Duty Alignment System Introduced



Hunter has introduced the WT200 series premium alignment system for heavy-duty trucks. The WT200 builds upon a half century of Hunter's patented alignment equipment technology that has over the years helped commercial transporters operate at maximum profitability. The WT200 introduces both hardware and software advances that improve the efficiency and accuracy of heavy- and light-duty alignment service, and offers service solutions for new axle, steering component and vehicle designs. An unprecedented selection of new cabinet and widescreen LCD monitor configurations is available to fit the widest range of shop, floor space and portability requirements.



*Pictured at right, Hunter's WinAlign®HD alignment software includes the patented WinToe® feature, the quickest and easiest way to align Freightliner's new rack and pinion steering without having to re-center the steering wheel.*

# 2007 Automotive Industry Week, October 30 - Nov

**H**unter's newly announced HawkEye™ alignment system took center stage at the company's 2007 Automotive Aftermarket Industry Week Show exhibits in Las Vegas. More than 50 Hunter team-members staffed the company's AAPEX, SEMA, NACE and CARS exhibits demonstrating Hunter's newest service technology and discussing with customers their shop needs and business goals.



*MOTOR Magazine publisher Editor and Publisher John Lypen (left) and Executive Editor Karl Seyfert (right) presented the publication's 2007 Top 20 Tool award to Hunter Product Manager Dave Scribner (second from left) and Vice President of Research and Development Tim Strege during the Industry Week events. MOTOR editors selected Hunter's GSP9200 LCD wheel balancer to receive the award.*

## New Mid-Range GSP9600 Series Balancers Include High-End Features for Speed and Profitability



*The GSP9600 LCD balancer (above) and the GSP9600 QuickMatch® balancer are also available with an integrated wheel lift and a full range of features and accessories to meet specific shop requirements.*

*The GSP9600 QuickMatch® balancer features a load roller system that makes true match-mounting capability available on a mid-range balancer. This edition is shown with the Hammerhead™ TDC Weight Placement Laser, color printer and storage shelf.*

**H**unter's new GSP9600 LCD and GSP9600 QuickMatch® mid-range wheel balancers borrow features from top-of-the-line Hunter balancers to provide both advanced capability and service value. GSP9600 series features include an LCD interface, advanced graphic software, patented SmartWeight® balancing technology and the ServoDrive™

programmable drive system. The GSP9600 QuickMatch® balancer adds a load roller system that measures the entire footprint of the tire for loaded runout and wheel and tire eccentricity. After spinning the wheel the balancer displays step-by-step match-mounting instructions to minimize or eliminate vibration.

September 2, Las Vegas



## New TC3700 and TC3510E Premium Tire Changers Add High-Torque Electric Drive



*The TC3700 (pictured left) and TC3510E (above) are shown with the optional wheel lift system that handles assemblies weighing up to 140 lbs. Both systems offer ideal service solutions for shops handling OE or aftermarket custom or performance wheels.*

**H**unter has introduced two high-end, center clamping tire changer models with high-torque electric-motor drive systems and other new features designed to handle today's most difficult wheel assemblies.

- The **TC3510E** is an electric-drive version of the highly successful TC3500 tire changer with tulip wheel clamping and Hunter's exclusive hydraulic bead loosening roller system.

- The **TC3700** adds a dual-speed high-torque electric-motor drive along with a new-design center support and quick clamp system that handles wheels up to 50 inches in diameter.

Both new tire changers feature a hand-held Blast Inflation Nozzle that directs bursts of compressed air to easily seat and inflate tires.

# Hunter Visitors



## Ford Field Service Engineers & Managers

Ford chose Hunter's St. Louis Research and Training Center for their national field service engineer meeting. The event was paired with scheduled Hunter equipment training for the Ford engineers.

## Sears Automotive Group

Sears National Equipment Supply Buyer **George Hoffman** and Director Automotive Compliance & Service Operations **Dennis Johndrow** enjoyed some of the more unusual pieces from the Hunter Classics collection during a recent visit. Pictured from left are: Hunter Product Manager Pete Liebetreu; Hunter Director of Product Management Denny Bowen; George Hoffman; Hunter North Central Division Manager Greg Dunkin; Dennis Johndrow; and Hunter President Stephen Brauer.



## American Automobile Association

Members representing the AAA's national organization and various state chapters visited Hunter researching service equipment capabilities. The group included: **Mike Galkins** and **Mike Gill** from the national organization; **Pete Candela** of AAA Auto Club South; **Thomas Anthony** and **Tom Giasson** of AAA Northern New England; **Eric Johnson** and **Bob Kazmierczak** of AAA Northwest Ohio; **Dennis Stone** of AAA Ohio Auto Club; **Jeff Danube** and **Jerry Hooven** of AAA Western and Central New York; and **Mark Woods** of the California State Automobile Association.



## American Honda

Honda Manager Service Technology **Wayne Waskiewicz**, Assistant Manager-Special Tools **Wes Arnold** and Acura Assistant Parts & Service Manager **Rick Kramer** received a full review of new Hunter service equipment. Pictured from left are: Hunter Product Manager Pete Liebetreu; Hunter Director of Product Management Denny Bowen; Hunter Executive Vice President Nick Colarelli; Rick Kramer; Wayne Waskiewicz; Hunter President Stephen Brauer; Wes Arnold; Hunter Los Angeles Regional Manager Chris Tullus; and Hunter National Service Manager Jeff Piel.

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