

Hunter Highlights

Hunter Road Force Measurement® Technology Supports Hoosier Racing Tire Program



At Hoosier Racing Tires' Lakeville, Indiana distribution center Hunter Service Representative Dan Nightingale discusses match-mounting techniques with tire technicians as they ready wheel assemblies for an upcoming event.

Hoosier Tire & Rubber Company, one of the world's largest manufacturers of racing tires, is employing Hunter GSP9700 Road Force Measurement® System technology to make its products even more competitive. Since early 2003 Hoosier has used the GSP9700 to match-mount wheel assemblies it provides racing teams through its Automobile Racing Club of America (ARCA) stock car racing series wheel program. The Hoosier match-mounted wheel assemblies offer lower operating temperatures and longer wear for ARCA teams

racing on super speedways at speeds approaching 200 mph. Using a road roller to apply up to 1400 pounds of force against a spinning wheel, the GSP9700 samples the entire footprint of the tire including sidewall stiffness. This process detects non-balance, radial-force-related vibrations caused by eccentricity and constructional variation of the tire and wheel. The GSP9700 then instructs the operator on how to optimize the wheel assembly's ride and handling characteristics through match-mounting and other techniques.

Hunter Offers Year-Round Brake Testing Capability to Buffalo-Region Transit Authority



Hunter Product Manager Pete Liebetreu (left) Hunter Heavy-Duty Sales Representative John Campbell (center) and NFTA Bus/Rail Equipment Engineer Jeffrey Sweet with brake balance results visible on the B400T console screen.

Upstate New York's harsh winters and abundant snowfall have until recently made brake safety inspection a difficult and inefficient task for the Niagara Frontier Transit Authority. But that all changed when Hunter B400T Heavy-Duty Brake Testers were installed at each of the NFTA's three municipal bus maintenance facilities. NFTA operates more than 370 city busses, vans and trolley-busses throughout the Buffalo/Niagara Falls metropolitan area. Hunter technology has not only brought NFTA brake testing indoors, but also greatly improved the accuracy and speed of the process. In a 30-second drive-through test the Hunter B400T measures actual brake performance at each wheel, brake balance of all wheels and provides other brake system and vehicle performance data.

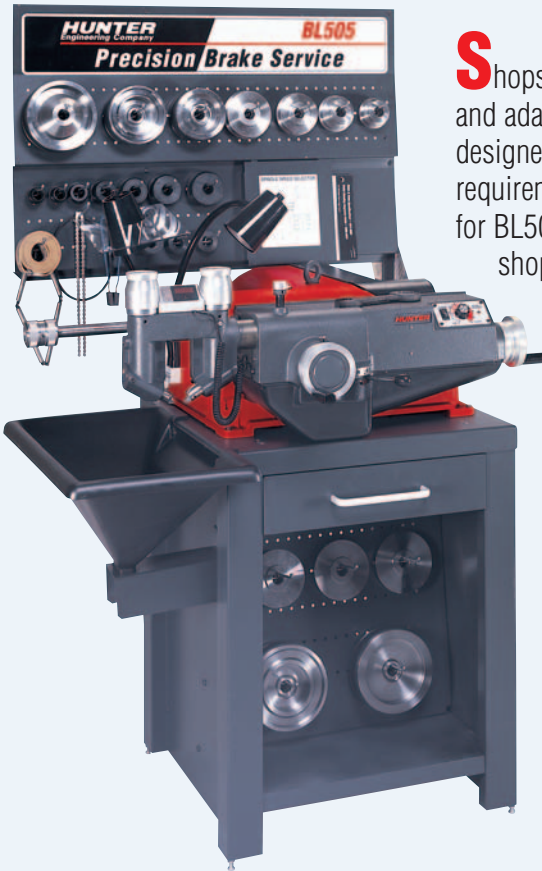


Exiting the brake test lane, vehicles pass over a Hunter SS100T Side Slip Meter. This meter measures for excessive side slip, an indicator of misalignment or worn or broken steering or suspension parts.

One of three Hunter B400T brake testing lanes at NFTA maintenance facilities in the Buffalo/Niagara Falls metropolitan area.



New HunterPro™ Lathe Packages Match Equipment to Service Needs



Shops can now purchase Hunter brake lathes, accessories and adaptors individually or in packages and kits designed to meet their specific service requirements. HunterPro™ Packages and Kits for BL500 and OCL Series brake lathes help shop managers ensure that they are properly equipped without having to select equipment and accessories individually. HunterPro lathe and accessory packages as well as adaptor and accessory packages are assembled to best fit the vehicle types, makes and models a shop plans to service. Various kits and combinations are available to cover vehicles ranging from passenger cars up to 1-ton trucks.



Hunter's Decade of Support Recognized by AMRA/MAP



Tire Kingdom recently hosted the AMRA/MAP Spring Meeting at the company's home offices in West Palm Beach, Florida (below). Attendees reviewed service standards, legislative activities and other matters of concern to members and supporting organizations (left).

Hunter was recently honored by the American Maintenance and Repair Association and Motorist Assurance Program for "...continuous and unwavering membership and support as a valued manufacturer..." during the organizations' first decade. Since the program was organized in 1993, Hunter has supported AMRA/MAP efforts to develop and maintain uniform standards for automobile service.



International Visitors

Pogliani & Rivolta S.p.A. and Rivolta TecnicAuto, S.A.

Hunter distributors Pogliani & Rivolta S.p.A. of Italy and Rivolta TecnicAuto, S.A. of Spain showed their commitment to keeping their service engineers up to date on current service techniques by sending two groups to the Hunter home office in Bridgeton, Missouri for service training.



Accompanying the groups were: from Italy, **Franco Alessi**, Vice Director (top photo, 9th from left); and from Spain, **Alessandro W. Rivolta**, Director (top photo, 6th from left); **José María Urgell**, Sales Manager (bottom photo, 8th from left); and **Luis Urrea**, Service Manager (top photo, 11th from left). Also shown: **Wes Wingo**, Hunter Director of International (top photo, right); **Jeff Henry**, Hunter Regional Manager (top photo, second from right); **Tom Ksiazek** Hunter Regional Manager (top photo, left).



Kumho Tire and SWEEM

Managers from Kumho Tire, Korea's largest producer of automobile, truck and industrial tires, recently attended a three-day training program at Hunter's Bridgeton, Missouri Research and Training Center. Pictured with the group are **C.S. Choi**, SWEEM, Hunter's distributor in Korea (seventh from left); **Wes Wingo**, Hunter Director of International (right); **Alan Kennedy**, Hunter Regional Manager (left).

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