

Hunter Highlights

News and
Trends of the
Automotive
Service Industry

New GSP9600HD Balancer Services Passenger Cars to Class 8 Trucks

Hunter's new GSP9600HD ForceMatch® wheel balancer brings advanced vibration management and wheel uniformity measurement to the heavy-duty shop.

The ForceMatch system of the GSP9600HD identifies runout and uniformity problems with every balance using a loaded roller to measure the wheel assembly.

With the GSP9600HD, heavy-duty shops can maximize tire wear and improve ride quality:

- ✓ Match-mount an assembly's true high spot and low spot to optimize assembly roundness (see bottom).
- ✓ Pair dual wheel assemblies by exact overall diameter.
- ✓ Dynamically balance wheels without excessive weight.



The loaded roller contacts the entire footprint of the tire, providing a 360° evaluation.



By following simple on-screen instructions, a technician can minimize vibration through match-mounting the high spot on a tire to the low spot on a rim.

Hunter's SmartWeight® Advantage

For the first time, Hunter brings new money-making opportunities to the heavy-duty and light-duty shop in one machine.

- ✓ Eliminates calls for excessive weight.
- ✓ Improves ride quality by canceling residual forces left by static-only balancing.
- ✓ Increases productivity with more single-spin balancing and less weight application.
- ✓ Cuts wheel weight costs 30% to 40% on automotive and light-truck applications.

Hunter Engineering Draws Cr

Every November Automotive Aftermarket Industry Week attracts well over a 100,000 automotive professionals from around the world to experience the SEMA, AAPEX and NACE trade shows in Las Vegas.

Spectators crowded several deep around Hunter equipment displays to witness teams of Hunter specialists demonstrate the company's newest technologies.

During the week, Professional Tool & Equipment News and MOTOR magazines honored Hunter with three prestigious awards (right).



A group of tire service professionals watch Hunter's Director of Training Byron Morgan and Regional Sales Manager Mike Green demonstrate the effortless operation of the Auto34 leverless tire changer.

A New Product for Jaguar and Land Rover Dealers Offers OE Wheel Service Information at the Balancer

Jaguar and Land Rover technicians will no longer waste time searching for critical OE wheel service information. The new GSP97JLR provides **vehicle-specific data** at the balancer to improve productivity and quality of service.

The on-board database includes:

- ✓ Wheel specifications
- ✓ Technical service bulletins
- ✓ Proper wheel mounting methods
- ✓ Other custom features



Detailed OE printouts show customers a before-and after-service summary of each wheel.



The optional bar-code scanner sends the vehicle's VIN to the balancer to initiate proper service.

Crowds at Industry Week 2008



Professional Tool & Equipment News presented two Innovation Awards to Hunter for the GSP9700 Road Force Measurement® System and the PowerBay™ Alignment System.

Pictured above are Professional Tool & Equipment News Founder Rudy Wolf (left) and Hunter Product Manager Greg Meyer.



MOTOR recognized Hunter with its eleventh MOTOR Top 20 Tool Award for the highly efficient HawkEye PowerBay Alignment System.

Pictured above from left to right are MOTOR Editor and Publisher John Lypen, Hunter Director of Advertising Jim Huhn and MOTOR Executive Editor Karl Seyfert.



New Reverse Rotation Feature Improves Rotor Service on Difficult Vehicles

Rear rotor service is now much faster and easier thanks to the patent-pending reverse rotation feature now standard on Hunter OCL410 and OCL430MD brake lathes.

Reversing rotation proves beneficial when servicing vehicles with limited slip differentials – a design that puts excessive drag on the driveshaft.

The new feature saves operators the enormous task of disengaging or removing the driveshaft or axle before machining rear rotors.



Hunter Visitors



Truck-Frame and Axle Repair Association

Twenty-two TARA members joined Hunter Heavy-Duty Product Manager Mitch Weller and Heavy-Duty Instructor Greg Brock for two days of training in the science of truck wheel vibration resolution. Hunter's wheel vibration and uniformity management tools for heavy-duty trucks include the newly released GSP9600HD ForceMatch® wheel balancer.



Euro-Siv-Import

Euro-Siv-Import Sales Managers and Distributors traveled to Hunter's St. Louis Research and Training Center for a new product training seminar led by Hunter International Regional Manager Amin Alasgarli.

Euro-Siv-Import is one of Hunter's largest and fastest growing distributors, delivering Hunter products and service throughout Russia.



PROVAC S.A.S.

Jean-Louis Daoud (7th from right), president and owner of PROVAC S.A.S., led a group of his company staff, Renault, Peugeot Citroen, and Volkswagen France representatives, and representatives from the European tire service operators Maxauto and Norauto on a visit to Hunter operations in St. Louis.

The group joined Hunter President Steve Brauer (7th from left) for a tour of the Hunter Classics museum. PROVAC has been the exclusive distributor of Hunter equipment in France for over 20 years.



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