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World's Most Versatile Half-inch Plasma System Now Available in Europe and Asia

Powermax45 Enjoys Strong Demand from a Variety of Industries

HANOVER, N.H.—Sept. 16, 2008—Hypertherm, the world leader in plasma metal cutting technology, is now shipping its new Powermax45® to customers in Europe and Asia, completing a global roll out of the world's most versatile half inch (12mm) rated plasma cutting and gouging system.

People who cut metal are responding enthusiastically to the latest Powermax system, with thousands sold to customers in the Americas, New Zealand and Australia over the last few weeks.

The single-gas system (air or nitrogen) is proving extremely popular among people who cut or gouge metal because it delivers the features and benefits customers want. Benefits like ease-of-use, excellent cut quality, and long consumable life work to keep productivity high and operating costs low.

“Hypertherm worked hard to give our customers more of what matters to them,” said Reese Madden, Powermax Product Manager. “Customers told us they want a portable yet powerful system as well as something that provides superior versatility, ease of use, and reliability. The Powermax45 delivers all those things and more.”

With a recommended half inch (12mm) cut capacity, and one inch (25mm) severance, the 37-pound (17kg) system is ideal for cutting and gouging applications in many industries including HVAC duct cutting, truck and trailer fabrication, as well as facility and equipment maintenance of all types, including manufacturing and agricultural.

Patented drag cutting technology and simple controls allow any operator to quickly become skilled with the Powermax45. The system includes the industry's fastest quick disconnect torch and a built in CNC interface for simplified transitions between handheld and mechanized applications. HyperthermCertified™ reliability, a Powercool™ thermal management system, and 50 percent duty cycle mean the system is designed for true industrial usage. To learn more about the features and benefits of the Powermax45, please visit: www.powerfulplasma.com.

About Hypertherm

Hypertherm designs and manufactures the world's most advanced plasma cutting systems for use in a variety of industries such as shipbuilding, manufacturing, and automotive repair. Its product line includes handheld and mechanized plasma systems and consumables, as well as CNC motion and height controls. Hypertherm systems are trusted for performance and reliability that results in increased productivity and profitability for tens of thousands of businesses. The New Hampshire based company's reputation for plasma innovation dates back 40 years, to 1968, with Hypertherm's invention of water injection plasma cutting. The company, consistently named one of the best places to work in America, has more than 1,000 associates along with operations and partner representation worldwide.

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