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Hypertherm Helps Pixar's Cars Prepare for European Adventure

HANOVER, N.H.—May 30, 2008—Hypertherm, the world leader in plasma metal cutting technology, is helping Pixar's Cars prepare for their next adventure.

Lightning McQueen, Sally Carrera, and Mater the tow truck are heading off to Europe this week for a summer tour that includes stops in the United Kingdom, Spain, France, Germany, Italy, and more. But before they go, the Cars are getting a little TLC from master Hollywood car customizer Eddie Paul. Paul is working to freshen up the Cars after a two year long tour throughout North America and is using Hypertherm plasma to do it.

"We've been using the Powermax30® pretty much non-stop," said Paul. "We took it out of the box and haven't put it down since. The small size of the Powermax30 combined with its powerful performance has made it indispensable to us."

Hypertherm's Powermax30 is one of the smallest and lightest plasma cutting systems around. It weighs just 20 pounds, yet contains advanced inverter technology and has an unequalled 50 percent duty cycle that enables it to provide unsurpassed performance and power. The Powermax30 is also a rugged and reliable industrial machine that can easily cut 1/4 inch thick metal and sever 1/2 inch thick metal. It is used by people who work in a variety of different industries, such as automotive repair and restoration, residential construction, and metal arts.

In addition to the unit's small size and ability to perform, Paul also really likes the Powermax30's tapered 70-degree torch because of the arc visibility and flexibility it gives him.

"The tapered torch makes it easy for us to get in really tight places. There isn't a lot of room under Lightning McQueen's hood. It's pretty crowded and I'm not sure how we'd be able to do our work without Hypertherm."

About Customs by Eddie Paul

Customs by Eddie Paul is the automotive division of E.P. Industries Inc. and specializes in custom cars, rods, trucks, restorations and motorcycles. It is also recognized as the number one facility in the industry for fabricating stunt vehicles, show vehicles, props and special effects under extreme deadlines for all of Hollywood's major film and television studios. In addition to creating real-life versions of Lightning McQueen, Sally Carrera, and Mater the tow truck, Customs by Eddie Paul is responsible for creating cars, motorcycles, and other moving things for dozens of movies. His creations include:

- Greased Lightning & Flamed Merc for *Grease*
- Various vehicles for *E.T. The Extraterrestrial*
- The original General Lee for *The Dukes of Hazzard* TV show
- Ponch's Firebird and various cars featured in *CHiPs*

- The 308 Ferrari and Porsche 911 in *Against All Odds*
- The full-size robotic horses and flame torches seen in *The Mask of Zorro*; and
- All of the vehicles in the *The Fast and the Furious*

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 company's reputation for plasma innovation dates back 40 years, to 1968, with Hypertherm's invention of water injection plasma cutting. The company has nearly 1,000 associates along with operations and partner representation worldwide.



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