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Hypertherm Announces Winners of 2008 North American Sales Awards

HANOVER, N.H.—Jan. 27, 2009—Hypertherm, the world leader in plasma arc metal cutting technology, today announced the winners of its 2008 North American Sales Awards.



Hypertherm's Dominique Paradis receives the Best Overall award from Regional Sales Manager Jeff Staton.

Hypertherm district sales manager Dominique Paradis and OEM account manager Tony Winiarz are the recipients of the Best Overall awards. Ms. Paradis received her award for support to the distribution channel, while Mr. Winiarz's award recognized support to Hypertherm OEMs and system integrators.

In addition to the Best Overall award, Ms. Paradis also took home the award for Top Sales Performance of Manual Systems in her region, which covers the Northeastern United States & all of Canada.

Other winners of the 2008 North American Sales Awards are as follows:

- John Mark Hutchins, Top Sales Performance of Manual Systems, Western U.S.
- Jeff Ellingson, Top Sales Performance of Consumables, Central & Southeastern U.S.
- Vince Tucker, Top Sales Performance of Consumables, Northeastern U.S. & Canada
- Kris Scherm, Top Sales Performance of Consumables, Western United States
- Craig Humphrey, Top Sales Performance of Mechanized Systems, Central & Southeastern U.S.
- Brent Malik, Top Sales Performance of Mechanized Systems, Northeastern U.S. & Canada
- Kris Scherm, Top Sales Performance of Mechanized Systems, Western U.S.

In addition, Hypertherm is happy to announce the awarding of the Ken Comstock Award to Hypertherm district sales manager Dave Brazell.

The Ken Comstock Award is given in memory of former Hypertherm DSM Ken Comstock who passed away in 1995. Mr. Comstock was known for demonstrating deep customer and product knowledge, his hands on sales philosophy, excellent organizational skills, and passion for his job.

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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