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Two New Powermax Systems Now Available Four New Torches and Patented Technology Provide Greater Versatility and Optimum Cutting



HANOVER, N.H.—Sept. 20, 2010—Hypertherm today announced the release of the Powermax65® and Powermax85®: two new systems that come with more torch options, industry-leading technological innovations, and a more rugged torch design for greater durability in harsh cutting environments.

Four new torch options—an ergonomic 75 degree hand torch, a 15 degree hand torch for gouging and cutting in tight locations, a 15 inch full-length machine torch, and a 6 inch short barreled machine torch for robotic and pipe-cutting applications—provide greater versatility. Operators can now easily cut metal that may have been hard to access in the past. In addition, the torches, which are part of Hypertherm's new Duramax™ series, are up to five times more rugged and durable than before.

A number of technological advances offer improved cut performance, reliability, and ease of use. Smart Sense™ technology boosts efficiency by automatically adjusting gas pressure to the cutting mode and torch length, while Spring Start™ technology in the electrode increases reliability by eliminating moving parts in the torch body. Despite the new features, the new systems are a third smaller and up to 20 percent lighter than the systems they will replace in the Powermax lineup.

The Powermax65 comes with a recommended ¾ inch (19mm) cut capacity and 1 ¼ inch (32mm) severance rating, while the recommended cut capacity for the Powermax85 is 1 inch (25mm) with a 1 ½ inch (38mm) severance rating. To learn more about Hypertherm's newest Powermax products, please visit www.powerfulplasma.com or contact an authorized Hypertherm distributor.

Hypertherm designs and manufactures advanced metal 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, plasma and laser consumables, as well as CNC motion and height controls and cutting software. 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 metal cutting innovation dates back more than 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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