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## Extreme HyDefinition (XD) Technology Now Standard on All HyPerformance Systems

**HANOVER, N.H.—Oct. 13, 2009**—Hypertherm, the world leader in plasma arc metal cutting technology, today announced the launch of two new HyPerformance® systems—the HPR130XD® and HPR260XD®.

The addition of Extreme HyDefinition® (XD) technology to Hypertherm's HPR130 and HPR260 plasma cutting systems delivers numerous benefits. Chief among them: metal formers and fabricators can achieve more consistent cut quality for longer periods of time at half the operating cost.

Like the recently introduced HPR400XD®, the two new HPRXD systems come with patent pending PowerPierce™ technology for industry leading production piercing capability. When compared to previous HPR130 and HPR260 systems, PowerPierce cuts metal up to 25 percent thicker than before while maintaining cut speed, HyDefinition cut quality, and consumable life.

The new HPRXD systems also have argon capabilities to deliver improved marking, a new 80 amp mild steel bevel process, and an Ohmic contact integrated into the torch. Other benefits include the ability to cut better holes using Hypertherm's new True Hole™ technology. When combined with MTC's ProNest® 2010 and True Hole enabled motion controls like the EDGE® Pro CNC and ArcGlide® THC, the HPRXD systems automatically produce hole quality that is significantly better than what has been previously achievable using plasma.

"Hundreds of businesses are benefiting from the industry leading capabilities of our original HPRXD system: the HyPerformance HPR400XD," said Kat McQuade, product marketing manager for Hypertherm's HyPerformance line. "With these two new product introductions, we are incorporating all of the HPR400XD benefits into our HyPerformance line to increase productivity and profitability for our customers."

Customers in the robotic, structural steel, and bevel markets will find several product enhancements designed especially to meet their needs. A new lead set offers ten times the wear resistance, while a torch sleeve with integrated bearing design enables infinite rotation.

Another bonus, is an integrated laser pointer. Rather than simply mounting the pointer on the side of the torch, the laser pointer is actually integrated into the torch. This optional feature is helpful for people who want to accurately align the torch on the centerline axis or anyone who wants visual feedback for programming and robot alignment.

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 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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