

Educational Webinars Designed to Help Plasma Owners and Operators Improve their Operations

HANOVER, N.H.—June 15, 2010—Hypertherm today announced the availability of two new <u>educational webinars</u> designed to help companies better understand plasma cutting technology. The webinars provide information on the history of plasma cutting and on the latest innovations in plasma hole cutting, giving viewers the information they need to help improve their operations. The webinars are offered for free and available at www.hypertherm.com/webinars.

The first webinar chronicles plasma's past, present, and future. Hypertherm's <u>Aaron Brandt</u>, part of the engineering team behind HyPerformance plasma and the holder of a number of patents, begins by showing viewers how far plasma has come since its discovery in the 1950's before going on to talk about today's technologies and giving viewers a glimpse at what tomorrow's plasma systems will look like. Aaron's presentation also covers different plasma cutting methods and applications, explains how to achieve superior cut quality with minimal dross, and shows how the latest technologies ensure cuts are consistent from the first to the last.

The second webinar available at www.hypertherm.com explains Hypertherm's <u>True Hole</u> technology, a new patent-pending process that significantly improves the quality of holes cut with plasma. <u>Jim Colt</u>, a frequent author and presenter of plasma technology, and Dave LaPrade, a Hypertherm vice-president closely involved in the development of True Hole technology put their decades of metal cutting experience to work to show you how to get consistent bolt quality holes from operator-to-operator, shift-to-shift, and site-to-site.

In addition to its two new webinars, Hypertherm offers a number of other educational tools on its website, including two modules from the <u>Hypertherm Cutting Institute</u> available at <u>www.hypertherm.com/hci</u>.

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, 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 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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