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Hypertherm Launches PlasmaEducation.com to support the teaching of plasma cutting to tomorrow's workforce

HANOVER, N.H.—Dec. 9, 2009—Hypertherm, the world leader in plasma arc metal cutting technology, today announced the launch of PlasmaEducation.com (www.plasmaeducation.com), a new Web site to help educators, students, and other prospective customers learn more about plasma cutting.

PlasmaEducation.com contains a number of reference articles on a range of plasma topics from an explanation on topics ranging from how plasma cutting works to expert advice on how to make better cuts and even how to increase the life of consumables. Visitors can learn about the differences between oxyfuel and plasma and find a listing of some of the free interactive classes available through the Hypertherm Cutting Institute (www.hyperthermcuttinginstitute.com).

Teacher specific content includes information on Hypertherm's new educational curriculum, *Plasma Cutting Technology: Theory and Practice*, the first plasma curriculum of its kind, and a grant guide to help educators find the money they may need to purchase curriculum and products for their classrooms.

"Today, anyone entering the welding industry needs to know how to cut with plasma. PlasmaEducation.com is just one more Hypertherm resource for people who want to learn more about plasma cutting and is nice compliment to the other available resources at Hypertherm.com," said Christopher Lorio, Hypertherm's director of global customer training.

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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