



Hypertherm earns top spot in new Metal Center News ranking

HANOVER, NH—June 15, 2011—Hypertherm, a U.S. based manufacturer of advanced metal cutting systems, is number one in a new survey of steel service center executives. Executives responding to the *Metal Center News Top 10 Service Center Equipment Brands* list for 2011 say Hypertherm products are the best in the Cutting Equipment category, which includes all methods of cutting including oxyfuel, plasma, and laser.

The final ranking, which is based on the number of votes each company received, is a rough indication of which brands command the largest share of mind, and highest levels of customer satisfaction, among service centers. In addition to Cutting, service center executives also ranked products in the Coil Processing, Sawing, and Material Handling categories.

“We’d like to thank the readers of Metal Center News magazine for their strong support of Hypertherm products,” said Jeff Deckrow, vice president of North American sales. “We work hard to bring the best and most reliable cutting systems to market, and still it is humbling to be selected as their favorite brand.”

Metal Center News reports capital spending among service centers is up more than 16 percent in 2011. This follows two weak years for the U.S. economy, in which service centers saw a drop in business.

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 and laser systems, 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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