

Hypertherm offers new Duramax torches for the Powermax600, Powermax800, Powermax900, MAX42 and MAX43 plasma cutting systems

Roosendaal, The Netherlands—May 21, 2012—Hypertherm, a manufacturer of advanced cutting systems, today announced the availability of Duramax[™] retrofit torches for five more plasma cutting systems: the Powermax600[®], Powermax800[®], Powermax900[®], MAX42[®], and MAX43[®].

Patented technology, such as a conical flow $^{\text{m}}$ nozzle and spring electrode, in the Duramax series of torches, provide more reliable arc starting and enable consumables to last up to six times longer than in the original plasma cutting system torches.

"Although these plasma cutters are in some cases 20 years old, we know there are tens of thousands of people in the marketplace who still use and count on these particular Powermax and MAX systems every day. We believe they should have the benefit of the best plasma cutting technology available," said Clayton Gould, Product Marketing Manager at Hypertherm.

The new Duramax torches include an ergonomic 75 degree hand torch and convertible machine torch. In addition to the Powermax600, Powermax800, Powermax900, MAX42, and MAX43 systems, Duramax retrofit torches are available for Powermax1000, Powermax1250, and Powermax1650 systems. All of these torches provide:

- Longer consumable life for a lower overall cost of cutting.
- The ability to consolidate consumable inventories across multiple product families.
- The same torch connection system as the original system torches which makes retrofitting easy.

Hypertherm designs and manufactures advanced cutting products 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 CAM cutting software. Hypertherm systems are trusted for performance and reliability that results in increased productivity and profitability for tens of thousands of businesses. The 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 associate owned companyhas more than 1,200 associates along with operations and partner representation worldwide.

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