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The Kukko Tools Universal Puller Set, No. K-204-V-210-1, is designed for removing bearings, gears, inner races, pitman arms, and more. To watch the video demonstration, visit:

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On the lookout for invention

The results are in. See which tools pulled top marks in the 2019 Innovation Awards.

By Sara Scullin, Editor Sara@VehicleServicePros.com

Which tool have you used in the last year where you thought to yourself, "This is a game-changer"? Which tool do you believe has yet to be invented?

In this month's Big-Time Boxes column (Page 74), Curtis Detweiler, owner of Redz Auto Body in East McKeesport, Pennsylvania, houses a great many tools in his 60-foot long, L-shaped Snap-on Mr. Big toolbox, including PDR tools, diagnostic products, metric and standard auto body tools, and mechanical tools. In addition, each one of the stainless steel top boxes has a built-in power supply to ensure his amped-up arsenal is always ready to go.

As vehicles change, a technician's collection of tools grows — for reasons of necessity as much as convenience. But what makes a tool truly *inventive*? Sometimes a new product or update is a clear departure from what was used in the past. For example, today's shop owners are beginning to use thermal imaging devices to detect heat signatures in vehicles as part of the diagnostis process. You wouldn't have seen this just a few years back.

At other times, the devil's in the details. Whatever the tool's innovation, be it a new socket design, lighter weight protective gear, or expanded software capabilities, these details can still offer a significant improvement when it comes to time saved, energy put forth, and dollars earned.

This explains why each year *PTEN* celebrates new and innovative products for shops with its Innovation Awards. We are always looking for the 'What's next' ... big and (seemingly) small innovations in the aftermarket.

In previous issues (May and June) we

published all of this year's nominees. Now, the scores have been tallied and the results are in, and I'm excited to share with you the winners for 2019.

The Innovation Awards are no small feat. This year our editorial team took receipt of nearly 150 entries across 31 categories, solutions ranging from ADAS to welding, and everything in between. In this list, there's truly something for everyone.

Each entry was a product either introduced to the automotive aftermarket or significantly updated within the last year. Each product is evaluated by a panel of judges made up of technicians and shop owners across the country on their ability to make vehicle diagnosis and repair easier and more efficient, and shops — like yours — more productive.

Award-winning companies will accept their Innovation Award in person at the Automotive Aftermarket Expo (AAPEX) in Las Vegas at the *PTEN* booth in November. Be sure to look for more coverage of the 2019 *PTEN* Innovation Awards and the AAPEX show this fall.

If you're attending the show, stop at the *PTEN* booth to say hello, and tell us which products have made a difference to your business this past year. Even if you won't be in Vegas, drop us a line. We'd love to hear from you. **PTEN**

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Bolt Biter reinvents extraction with a bi-directional design that tightens and loosens damaged fasteners using tapered gripping flutes instead of cutting blades. Bolt Biter grips rusted and rounded fasteners instead of cutting into them for a 10x longer life than the competition under impact power, all backed by our Lifetime Warranty. Master sets include "minus-sized" sockets designed to fit fasteners rounded well beneath their original size. Forge Ahead with GEARWRENCH.





Bi-directional design lets you re-use those hard-to-replace specialty fasteners









FEATURED NEW PRODUCTS

Offers nine total resets

The Launch Tech USA Millennium Master offers nine total resets on a 5" color touchscreen with thumb pad navigation. The nine resets include: TPMS reset with relearn database, injector coding, immobilizer, battery reset, EPB, SAS reset, DPF regen, oil reset, and brake bleed. The diagnostic tool is based on Android OS and offers full coverage on domestic, Asian, and

European vehicles (1996 and newer OBDII). It supports auto VIN detection and connection, and can share diagnostic reports via email.

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Heavy duty slide hammer

The MechTech Innovations Bearing Bulldog is a precision, heavy duty slide hammer that eliminates the need for torches, pneumatic tools, and the chance of damaging customer cars. The Bearing Bulldog weighs 32 lbs and can remove bearing assemblies within seconds. The tool is designed and manufactured in North America and has a limited lifetime warranty.

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Sleek, modern, and lightweight

The Kershaw Decibel Knife is sci-fi-inspired with its sleek, modern, and linear design. The knife is emphasized by dark matte gray, titanium carbo nitride coating on both its blade and handle. The blade is stainless steel, weighs 2.7 oz, and the tip is positioned downward making it ideal to open everyday items. The knife can be opened one-handed using the thumb stud, and has a reversible pocket clip.

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icking off the New Products section each month, our **Featured New Products** page includes brand new products showcased on the cover that are available to the automotive market.



Keeps parts and tools within reach

The Monster Mobile Heavy Duty Work Table, No. MST8019ORNG-HD, features a screwdriver and pry bar holder on the side to leave more space on the work tray. The top tray has three smaller compartment for parts and is also designed to house working air tools with a cutout for the air hose, making it easier to store in between uses. The work table is adjustable from 34" to 47.75" to accommodate different size vehicles and holds up to 220 lbs. It also features a 1" deep drawer below the work tray with a non-slip rubber bottom to keep tools in place, and four large swivel casters.

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Easy-to-read laser etched dual scale

The Martin Click-Type Micrometer Adjustable Torque Wrenches are designed to offer an accuracy of +/- 3 percent CW and +/- 5 percent CCW. The torque wrenches feature an aluminum knurled handle and an easy-to-read laser etched dual scale (ft-lb and Nm). Available sizes include 1/2" drive (30 to 250 ft-lb), 3/4" drive (100 to 600 ft-lb), and 1" drive (200 to 1000 ft-lb).

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Comfortable, singlehanded grip

The Mighty Seven Mini Air Die Grinder is designed to provide easy access in confined and hard-to-reach areas during operation. The operating free speed is rated at 25,000 rpm and a sound output of 80dBA. With a weight at under 1 lb, the mini design offers low vibration to reduce user fatigue during extended use. The grinder has a single handed sized grip and an overall length of 4-11/16". It also has an added safety lever to prevent premature startup and is backed by a three-year warranty.

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Fits mobile toolbox

Beta Tools's C41H Tool Trolley and 5941VU/M Tool Kit are designed to fit and organize an assortment of tools. The mobile, sheet metal toolbox with removable top case is available to fit the 64-pc universal tool kit. The tool kit includes two foam trays. One tray contains a 1/2" drive metric socket set with the 920/55, a 1/2" reversible ratchet, two extensions, a 1/2" sliding t-handle, and universal joint. The second tray has a metric combination wrench set (sizes 6-19, and 21-22), a 5m tape measure, and metric hex key set. Additional tools in the kit include a 6-pc screwdriver set, 3-pc plier set, electricians' scissors, utility knife, 10" adjustable wrench, and 10" slip joint pliers.

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OEM-specific bike coverage

The Snap-on P1000 Diagnostic Scan Tool offers comprehensive OEM-specific bike coverage for nine domestic, Asian, and European makes as far back as 2000, including Harley-Davidson, BMW, Victory, Indian, Ducati, Yamaha, Honda, Kawasaki, and Suzuki. The P1000 offers fault codes to identify the problem, live data graphing to pinpoint the issue, and functional tests to accelerate maintenance tasks such as brake bleeding, service light reset, compression tests, and fuel tank drain. The P1000 has a robust tablet-inspired design with a large, full-color 5.6" LCD touchscreen. The steadycharge system charges the lithium battery directly from the bike's diagnostic port.

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Offers up to a 990 degrees F max heat output

The DeWalt 20V MAX Cordless Heat Gun, No. DCE530, features up to a 990 degrees F max heat output with two temperature settings, high and low. The heat gun has a specialty lock-on and off feature allowing for hands-free operation as needed. The nozzle size is universal to the standard heat gun, allowing it to be used with attachments from corded and competitive units. It weighs 1.17 lbs without a battery and comes with a three-year limited warranty, two-year free service contract, and 90-day moneyback guarantee.



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Enables easy maneuvering on the jobsite

The Klein Tools Tradesman Pro Tool Master Rolling Tool Bag, No. 55473RTB, enables professionals to easily transport tools and materials through harsh job site conditions with rugged 8" wheels. The rolling tool bag features a hard top allowing for stacking of additional materials and is contoured to safely hold cell phones, beverages, or small parts. It holds

250 lbs and is water-resistant. The lid closes shut with a metal latch.

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Clears deposits from valves and combustion chambers

The BG Hybrid Performance Service Kit is designed to remove carbon from the HEV fuel system and engine. The service kit clears deposits from valves and combustion chambers, cleans oil deposits and micro passageways in today's gasoline engines, and improves spark plug life.

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Fits most lug nut wrenches

The Ascot Locking Lug Key Set is designed to remove locking lug nuts on wheels, and includes lug keys for a variety of lug styles. Each key is made from heavy duty, heattreated chrome vanadium steel. The double hex-head design fits most lug wrenches, and the thin sockets and extra-long lug keys help prevent nicks, scratches, and damage to the wheel. The 16-pc set comes with both SAE and metric pieces that can be used on spline, star, hex, and fluted hex fasteners. For easy storage and organization, the keys come inside a blow molded case with an application guide included on the inner lid. Included hex pieces: 11mm, 12mm, 14mm, 15mm, 16mm, 17mm, 18mm, 19mm, 20mm. Included sockets: (2) 5/8", 41/64", 45/64", (2) 15/32", 19/32", (2) 11/16", 3/4", 7/16", 5/8", (2) 1/2", 13/16", 9/16".

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Accurately measures temperature on pipes as large as 6" in diameter

The Ritchie Engineering Co. Yellow Jacket

Adjustable Temperature Probe Strap, No. 67031, allows the user to accurately measure temperatures from -40 degrees F to 266 degrees F on pipes as large as 6" in diameter. The unit is for use with P51Titan and ManTooth families of digital manifolds. With a 6' cable length, the adjustable temperature probe's reach can provide measurements for many applications. It is made in the U.S.A. and backed by a one-

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year warranty.





Ability to set inlet pressure and distance

The SATAjet 5000 B Spray Gun is versatile in terms of application, distance, and inlet pressure. The spray gun allows painters to set the inlet pressure between 7-29 psi and to spray with a distance between 4" to 8.5", depending on material, ambient conditions, and personal preferences. The SATAjet 5000 B is available in nozzle sizes from 1.0 to 2.2 and is finished with a pearlodized surface that is corrosion-resistant and easy to clean.

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For shallow, semi-deep, and deep sockets

The Hansen Global 3 Row Socket Trays are designed to accommodate shallow, semideep, and deep sockets all in one holder. Each post has a pad-printed socket size on it for easy identification. The trays are available in a 3/8" drive metric tray that holds 6-20mm (total of 45 sockets), 3/8" drive fractional tray that holds 1/4-1" (total of 39 sockets), 1/4" drive metric tray that holds 4-15mm (total of 42 sockets), 1/4" drive fractional tray that holds 1/8-5/8" (total of 39 sockets), and a four-pack that includes one of each tray.

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The Cal-Van Tools Serpentine Belt Tool, No. 738, is designed to make serpentine belt installations easier. This belt tool is designed to allow access to tensioners to relieve the pressure on belts for easy removal and installation, even in hard-toreach areas. The tool features integrated hex heads in the handles (16mm, 6-pt, and 12-pt), and the set includes 3/8" and 1/2" drive adapters, socket adapters (13mm, 14mm, 15mm, 16mm, and 18mm), and crow's foot wrench adapters (13mm, 14mm, and 15mm).

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Offers an adjustable angled extension

The CTA 19-pc Master Oil Funnel System Kit, No. 7900, is designed to cover most European, Asian, and domestic vehicles currently on the road today. An assortment of different color adapters makes finding and selecting the correct one for the job easy. All adapters connect to a 2L funnel and an adjustable angled extension, which features two grip seals at the connection end for secure fitment. The adjustable angled extension also allows access in hard-toreach applications. The kit provides fast oil filling without spillage or waste. Adapters and extension are packaged in an easy-to -clean blow mold carrying case.

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250-lb weight capacity

The Milwaukee Tool PACKOUT Dolly is constructed with impact resistant polymer and has a 250-lb weight capacity. The dolly provides users with a convenient way to transport their tools and equipment throughout the job site. Its smooth roll wheels allow the dolly to roll with a heavy load, while a QUICKSTOP Loading Lever enables users to hold the dolly in place when loading and unloading.

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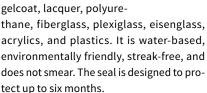
The DeVilbiss Automotive Refinishing Premium Three-Gun Painter's Kit features the DV1 Basecoat spray gun and the DGi Pod Digital Gauge. The DV1 Basecoat spray gun is optimized to spray challenging basecoats, while the DGI Pro Pod Digital Gauge provides painters easy-to-read inlet pressures for optimal gun performance and color matching. The kit also includes the TEKNA Primer and Clearcoat spray guns, all the air caps and fluid tips associated with these guns, a 24 oz DeKups sample kit, a gun cleaning kit, an aluminum gravity cup, and three DPC-43 adapters.

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Safe on enamel and painted surfaces

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Works on small to medium single piston brake calipers

The Lang Tools Small Brake Caliper Press, No. 277, is designed to work on small to medium single piston brake calipers with a size range of 1" to 3". The caliper press has a centrally located Acme threaded screw that provides extra durability, speed, and ease of use. When using the caliper press, pressure is applied in a parallel manner to distribute the force evenly. It is made in the U.S.A.

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Compatible with SAE J2534-1 and J2534-1 standards

The Launch Tech USA J-Box 3 Reflash Module is compatible with both SAE J2534-1 and J2534-1 reprogramming standards. The pass-through device supports all popular vehicles sold in the U.S. It is compatible with Windows operation systems XP, 7, 8, and 10. The J-Box 3 has a twoyear warranty.

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Diagnostics on over 20 makes

The BlueDriver Professional Scan Tool is designed to turn Android and iOS devices into an OBD-II scan tool. The BlueDriver reads and clears codes including check engine codes, ABS, airbag, climate control, transmission, and more. It then provides test results, such as misfire counts, for on-board diagnostic system monitors. BlueDriver features diagnostics on over 20 makes and repair reports powered by Identifix to help quickly pinpoint possible causes.

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Features a 4.5mm diameter camera probe

The Oasis Scientific Vividia D3245 USB Digital 2-Way Articulating Borescope

features a 4.5mm diameter camera probe and a 1.5 meter long insertion tube. The D3245 can be bent in two directions at a maximum angle of 180 degrees. The insertion tube has metal braided outside layers and the bending part is made with stainless steel. With a USB connection, one can connect the Vividia D3245 to a Windows PC (Windows XP, 7, 8, and 10), MacBook, or android devices. With an additional Vividia VA-B2 AirBox wireless converter, the D3245 can be used with iPhones and iPads. Users can easily take pictures and videos with the free software.

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Evaporates quickly without residue

The Penray Professional Contact Cleaner, No. 7017, is designed to remove harmful deposits and debris from electronic components in a variety of applications, including printed circuit boards, tape heads, and PC electronics. The cleaner effectively removes oil, dirt, condensation, and other residue, and is safe to use on most materials found in electronics,

including plastics, metal, and rubber. It evaporates quickly and leaves no residue after application. It is 50-state VOC compliant and manufactured in the U.S.A.

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Instant jump start for most single-battery applications

The NOCO Boost XL Jump Starter, No. GB50, is designed to instantly jump start most single-battery applications, up to 30 times on a single charge. It is ideal for a wide range of vehicles including small diesel cars, trucks, and engines up to 7.0L gas and 4.5L diesel. The jump starter protects against reverse polarity, sparks, over-charging, over-current, open-circuits, and overheating. It also recharges any USB device such as smartphones and tablets, and has an ultra-bright dual LED flashlight for visibility with seven modes including SOS and emergency strobe.

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Performs DPF regens, resets, and related emission system commands

The Universal DPF Regen Tool, developed as a collaboration between Redline Emissions Products and Diesel Laptops, performs DPF regens, resets, and related emission system commands for all makes on-highway diesel engines. It also performs DEF system tests and resets maintenance lights for engine oil, transmission oil, and others. The package includes a digital refractometer to test DEF and a 12-month premium subscription to TruckFaultCodes. com, as well as IT and diesel technician support from Diesel Laptops, free upgrades and support for 24 months, and online training software with an in-classroom training voucher.

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Powder coated steel construction

The **Titan Professional Tools' 5 Ton Hydraulic Cable Crimper** features powder coated steel construction and a crimping force of 45kN. The hexagon cable crimper includes nine hardened-steel die sets ranging from 4-70 mm2 and has a crimping stroke of 12mm. The tool also has vinyldipped grips for non-slip use and a on/off retractor knob.

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NEW **Products**



Holds chassis frame in place

The BendPak Wide Frame Cradle Pads are designed to attach to the arms of any BendPak two-post lift equipped with 60mm diameter fastener pegs. The Wide Frame Cradle Pads straddle the vehicle's chassis frame, holding it firmly in place to prevent any movement. The cradle pads are an ALI certified two-post lift accessory.

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Designed for diagnostic and electrical troubleshooting

The Electronic Specialties 10-pc Back Probe Kit, No. 804, features an assortment of the company's back probes designed for diagnostic and electrical troubleshooting. Each probe connects to industry standard 4mm banana plugs. The kit includes two flexible back probe pins, two spoon probe backprobers, four mini back probes/wire piercers, and two mini alligator clips. The kit comes in a hard storage case.

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Has an operating range of 4.5V to 16V

The Clore Automotive 12V Digital Battery and Electrical System Tester, No. BA6, from SOLAR is designed to offer a testing solution for 12V batteries and systems, has an operating range of 4.5V to 16V, and is compatible with a variety of battery types. The BA6 tests 12V batteries from 100-1200 cold cranking amps and is optimized to test six distinct battery types including conventional flooded acid, AGM flat plate, AGM spiral wound, gel cell and start-stop AGM, and enhanced flooded batteries. The tester also has safety features such as reverse polarity and overvoltage protection.

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Flexible from -50 degrees F to 200 degrees F

The BluBird Patriot Hose, No. BLBPP3850, offers the strength and durability of a rubber hose and the lightweight and ease of a hybrid hose. The Patriot Hose remains flexible from -50 degrees F to up to 200 degrees F and has a maximum working pressure of 300 psi. It is braided polyester, not just spiraled, and lays flat. It also doesn't kink under pressure and is easy to clean. The hose is available in 3/8" and 50' length, and in 1/2" and 25', 50', and 100' lengths.

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-NEW **Products**

8-channel high-speed automotive oscilloscope

The Pico Technology PicoScope 4823 is an 8-channel high-speed automotive oscilloscope that is ideal for those involved in advanced diagnostics, training or vehicle design. The eight channels allow multiple sensors, actuators, and CAN/CAN FD signals to be monitored at the same time at up to 80MS/s. It is ready-configured for automotive probes and includes over 150 guided tests, plus access to comparisons in the Pico waveform library.

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Tools for cutting, breaking, scraping bolts and rivets

The Mayhew 6-pc Non-Turning Pneumatic Tool Set, No. 32200, is designed for cutting bolts, breaking welds, scraping off undercoating, and cutting heads off of bolts or rivets. Featuring a .401 Parker Shank, each of the tools also consist of four grooves that lock into the retaining balls of a quick release chuck to provide back and forth motion on the same plane while the c-axis remains locked. The tools include a cold chisel, slotted panel cutter, scraper, double cut body ripper, panel cutter, and pipe cutoff.

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Designed to use on vehicles with R-134a or R-134vf A/C systems

The Robinair R-ID and R-ID Plus Refrigerant Analyzers, Nos. 16990 and 16995, allow technicians to quickly and accurately determine the refrigerant purity of a vehicle's A/C system. Both refrigerant analyzers are designed for use on vehicles with either R-134a or R-1234yf refrigerant. Powered by an internal lithium ion battery, the R-ID and R-ID Plus measures the percentage of R-1234yf, R-134a, R-12 refrigerants, as well as R-22 and Hydrocarbon contaminants. Each device has a large, easy -to-read color display that shows analysis results and helps technicians to determine the next step of an A/C system service. The R-ID Plus adds an internal printer to print final test results.

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Offers 30 different bit sizes and shapes

The Mueller-Kueps Twin Bit Kit, No. 514 500, offers 30 different bit sizes and shapes. Both sides of the bit are the same size. The kit includes hex 3-6mm, square 0-3, PH1-3, PZ1-3, and T10-40.

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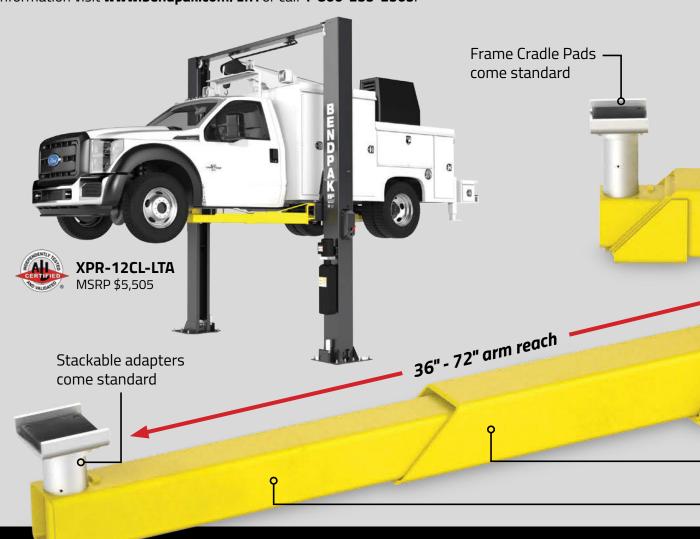


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Available in two lengths

The Florida Pneumatic AIRCAT 808 Long Reach Series Ratchets provide access for hard-to-reach fasteners with its extended drive shaft. The ratchets are available in two lengths including 15.3" and 22.5". The 15.3" model is equipped with either a 1/4" or 3/8" anvil. The 22.5" model is available in 3/8" anvil only. The ratchets are made with high grade materials and have additional support bearings to provide reliability. They have a two-year warranty.

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Cleans projects of all sizes

The Snap-on NOZZLEGRP Snap Grip Hose Nozzle with Shut Off is designed to clean projects of all sizes. It's made with aircraftgrade aluminum, stainless steel, durable plastic, and Santoprene rubber. The hose nozzle features a handle grip that can be locked in either a pistol or in-line position. A simple twist takes the nozzle's water flow from a delicate fan-style to a powerful jet pattern for tough shop grime. The design provides an uninterrupted direct flow path with an on/off lever for quick shut-off without changing the spray pattern.

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Designed for more power and greater capacity

The Renegade TMB 8150 Stretch Automatic Top Load Parts Washer features dual 5hp heavy duty wash cycle pumps and 17-gal sump capacity. It is also nearly twice as wide as the company's standard TMB 8100 model for a wider wash zone, the company says. Renegade aqueous parts washers clean without solvents to lower environmental impact, increase automation, and reduce labor costs. Automation features include a PLC programmable wash cycle timer and a heater timer.

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Hand sharpened and spring-loaded pliers

The SK 6-pc Precision Pliers Set includes six hand sharpened and spring-loaded pliers in six different configurations. The set is ideal for applications where precision is needed, including electronics, carpentry, mechanical applications, plumbing applications, and more. The pliers are constructed of drop forged steel and feature a molded, anti-slip grip handle that is easy to use and clean. The set comes in a zipper case, is made in U.S.A., and has a lifetime warranty.

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Prevents rack damage

The K Tool International (KTI) Wrack Wrench, No. KTI49300, is designed to help reduce time on tie rod repairs and prevent damage to the rack. The KTI49300 wrack wrench has a universal design to suit rack end diameters from 25mm-55mm (hex drive, round with two drive flats, and round with no drive flats). The larger size accommodates domestic to import vehicles including light trucks and SUVs. It has a onevear warranty.

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Detachable work/flood lights with dual output

The Alert Stamping Rechargeable COB LED Auto Hood Light, No. LHR5200, features two detachable work/flood lights with dual brightness levels of 1200 and 600 lm. The hood light has up to a 7-hour run-time, is rain tight, and has a magnetic base that tilts and rotates to where light is needed. It also offers a bracket that extends up to 78" and can stand on flat surfaces. The hood light can be used as a USB power bank to charge devices. It includes a USB-C cord and charger plug.

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WINNERS



Big Gator Tools

Metric V-DrillGuide

The Big Gator Tools Metric V-DrillGuide is designed to allow users to have the precision of a drill press without losing the accuracy. The innovative 90-degree

"V-groove" found on the entire bottom of the drill guide helps ensure perpendicular alignment on round and cornered material. To use this tool, hold the drill guide on the material, clamp, and drill. It can be used on various surfaces. The V-DrillGuide has nine holes that are heat-treated to prevent wearing out. The hole sizes and hole alignment marks are permanently embedded onto the guide. The holes are sizes: 10mm, 10.5mm, 11mm, 11.5mm, 12mm, 12.5mm, 13mm, 13.5mm, and 14mm. All V-DrillGuides carry a lifetime warranty and are 100 percent U.S.A.-made.

CATEGORY: Hand Tools

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Milwaukee Tool

M12 FUEL 3" Compact Cut Off Tool

The Milwaukee M12 FUEL 3" Compact Cut Off Tool is designed for making fast and accurate cuts through a wide array of materials. This tool features a brushless motor that delivers 20,000 rpm. When paired with Milwaukee's Redlink Intelligence and Redlithium XC4.0 Battery pack, this tool has the cutting performance and speed to tackle various materials without bogging down, the company says. It can make 12" cuts in 26 gauge sheet metal in under 10 seconds, according to the company. With reversible blade rotation, users can control where they eject debris and can optimize the blade for the application at hand. Its in-line design offers improved

control in cutting applications and improves line of sight to the material.

CATEGORY: Power Tools

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Flow-Thru System with Brush and Venturi

The Innovative Products of America Flow-Thru System with Brush and Venturi, No. 8091, features

stainless steel and abrasive nylon brush heads, as well as a venturi that attaches to an ergonomic, anodized-aluminum handle with integrated flow-control valve to clean, restore, and apply solvents under pressure. This system offers improved cleaning action in a parts-washing sink or portable cleaning anywhere an air supply is available. This tool is ideal for applications including parts washing, degreasing, on-engine cleaning, fluid evacuation, and more.

CATEGORY: Shop Equipment

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Hennessy Industries

Coats HTS Tire Inflation Tool

The Coats HTS Tire Inflation Tool is a patent-pending device designed to inject a large volume of air rapidly through the valve stem hole to seal run-flat and low-profile tire assemblies, without any manual manipulation of the tire. According to the company, as run-flat and low-profile tires become more common, the gap that typically exists between the outboard tire bead and rim is reduced or non-existent, creating the need for a device that introduces a large volume of inflation air quickly. This device was co-developed between Coats

and Discount Tire, with input from leading tire manufacturers. This tool is designed to reduce a 20 to 30 minute job of sealing these tire assemblies down to three minutes. This tool is available in a stand-alone mobile version or an integrated version for all Coats rim

CATEGORY: Tire. Wheel Service

clamp tire changers.

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Snap-on Tools

1/2 Ton Air-Assist Telescopic Transmission Jack

The **Snap-on 1/2 Ton Air-Assist Telescopic Transmission Jack**, No.
TJA100, allows technicians to safely

remove and install transmissions and

FWD, RWD, 4WD transfer cases. The TJA100 1/2 Ton Air-Assist Transmission Jack has an easily-adjustable saddle to safely secure the specific load. With a range of 35" to 75", technicians can load/unload transmissions safely at their own center of gravity. The stable 36" heavy duty base and 5" polyurethane swivel casters navigate uneven shop floors. A hands-free pedal controls the first air-assisted stage lifting operation, with a handle pump completing the second stage.

CATEGORY: Jacks & Stands

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SP Tools/Schley Products

Injector Puller Kit

The SP Tools Injector Puller Kit, No.

16400, is designed to remove diesel injectors from 2011 to 2016 GM vehicles equipped with the LML Duramax engine.

Over time and with many miles, the injectors become heavily coated with carbon between the tip and cylinder head, causing them to stick together. When using a factory tool, it rocks the injector and causes binding into the head. This may cause damage to the costly injector. The 16400 Duramax Injector Puller lifts the injector 3/4" straight out without rocking the part. This significantly reduces the possibility of damaging the fuel injector or cylinder head and saves valuable time for the technician.

CATEGORY: Engine Service & Repair

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Dent Fix Equipment

Blind Rivet Adapter

The **Dent Fix Equipment**

Blind Rivet Adapter, No. DF-SPR/BRAD, allows the company's SPR Riveters to install blind rivets. This adapter is compatible with the SPR Riveter (DF-SPR67) and Push Pull Riveter (DF-SPR69). A flexible neck allows for the tool to be positioned into hard-to-reach areas. The adapter allows the setting of blind rivets with diameters from 4.0 to 7.8mm for aluminum and 4.0 to 6.4mm for steel. It has a tensile force of 20 kN.

CATEGORY: Body Shop

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GEARWRENCH

Mobile Work Station

The GEARWRENCH Mobile Work Station

offers practical functionality
and durability with customizable features that allow users to
make this station work for them.
The Mobile Work Station features
industrial grade 6" by 2" wide polyurethane locking casters that support a

max capacity of 2,000 lbs. With 11 different-sized drawers, including a full-size top drawer with adjustable partitions, and a lockable side cabinet with adjustable shelf, this storage space is

flexible enough to fit any tool. The drawers offer 100-lb capacity ball-bearing locking drawer slides. With a charging tray and power strip with six 120V outlets and two USB ports, users can charge tools and power electronic devices as needed. A spray can shelf and pegboard panel offer additional options for customizable storage of tools, power cords, hoses, and more.

CATEGORY: Tool Boxes & Carts

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WD-40

Specialist Fast-Acting Carb/Throttle Body and Parts Cleaner

The WD-40 Specialist Fast-Acting Carb/
Throttle Body and Parts Cleaner is an all-in-one
cleaner spray for cleaning the carburetor, throttle
body, and unpainted metal parts. The product's
dual-action cleaning system breaks up tough,
baked on carbon deposits and blasts away waste
without leaving behind a residue, according to
the company. This spray is ideal for both old and
new vehicles and equipment.

CATEGORY: Chemicals

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Matco Tools

E-Z Solder Clamp

The Matco Tools E-Z Solder

Clamp, No. EZSOLD, is designed to act as a third hand, with a unique aluminum body that holds the wire firmly with a solder feed from the handle, the company says. This tool is for use with wire with a diameter not exceeding 4.5mm.

CATEGORY: Specialty Tools

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2019 WINNERS





Cojali Jaltest CV Kit

The Cojali Jaltest CV Kit is designed to be an all make and models diagnostic solution that includes commercial vehicle coverage. The tool scans and identifies all of the systems present on the vehicle, regardless of the manufacturer, and all of the information is integrated into one communicator link or interface. The initial screen allows users to triage the fault codes and prioritize repairs. The system provides proprietary fault codes and the specific components associated with that code. Wiring diagrams show the pins on each sensor with the pinouts on the ECM, giving the user enough details to troubleshoot the fault. The kit offers a step-by-step troubleshooting tree that details the process to be carried out to solve the code, linking to live measurements, actions to be carried out, and the values that define the operating range. This tool offers bidirec-

> tional controls including DPF regens. CATEGORY: Heavy Duty Scan Tools

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HPT 500 Bladder Adapters

The Bosch HPT 500 Bladder Adapters are designed for use with Bosch's HPT 500 Heavy Duty Smoke Machine to locate leaks in exhaust, intake, and turbocharging systems in passenger cars and heavy duty exhaust systems. The adapters seal off various-size pipes and hoses when checking for leaks and range in size from 1.5" to 5.9". Multiple bladders can be used to completely seal hoses and pipes so they can be filled with smoke to check for leaks. The HPT 500 is capable of testing an entire system in 15 minutes and can help technicians diagnose leaks faster in exhaust after-treatment

systems in medium and heavy duty vehicles.

CATEGORY: Leak Detection

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Snap-on Diagnostics

Apollo D8

The Snap-on Diagnostics Apollo D8 is designed to make Intelligent diagnostics software more accessible to more technicians at all skill levels. Apollo D8 provides users with the information needed to

diagnose vehicles and diagnostic trouble codes on one convenient card, helping to simplify the diagnostic process, the company says. Apollo D8 guides users step-by-step directly to the fix, helping save time and make technicians more efficient and pro-



ductive. "Smart Data" automatically

configures the display to show vehicle data parameters relevant to the fault code, while non-related data parameters are filtered out. It also highlights vehicle data that is out of expected range.

CATEGORY: Automotive Scan Tools

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Cartek Group

Ze-Ru System

The Cartek Group Ze-Ru System is a patentpending zero runout wheel connection technology for wheel alignment on medium and heavy duty vehicles. The Ze-Ru clamping mechanism rests on a precise surface provided by the flat area of the rim, helping to eliminate play, deflection and movement, and the need for 'runout' detection, as well as making the wheel alignment process more efficient. This system is suitable for a variety of Class 5, 6, 7, and 8 vehicles using different size adapters. This system allows users to obtain wheel alignment ratings in a few minutes, the company says. CATEGORY: Alianment Equipment

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Automotive Test Solutions

LIGHTBRIGHT Self-Powered Circuit

The Automotive Test Solutions LIGHTBRIGHT Self-Powered Circuit uses super bright LEDs that allows users to see the electrical connection point in dimly lit areas and make connections using only one hand in tight areas. The LED is a white light that will not change the color of wiring. The standard banana jack connects to most electronic measuring equipment. The back probe has a replaceable stainless pin. The set includes four colors: yellow, red, green, and blue.

CATEGORY: Electrical **Testing Tools**

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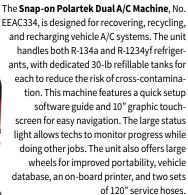


The Lock Technology Texas Twister Air Hammer, No. LT855-AH-SK, can be used as a hammer or a puller. It is a double duty air hammer that can be used with the LT855A Texas Twister Air Hammer Pulling Kit. Simply install the included air piston lock into the quick connect chuck in front of the gun to create a pulling force from the rear of the gun. The LT855-AH-SK air hammer is versatile; it can be used from the front or from the rear, and offers 2,500 bpm. This tool is suitable for automotive, aircraft, machine, heavy construction equipment, industrial machine repair, and more.

> CATEGORY: Air Tools Circle 91 on card, or enter at "e-inquiry" on VehicleServicePros.com

Snap-on Tools

Polartek Dual A/C Machine



CATEGORY: A/C Service

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Monster Mobile

Auto-Darkening Welding Goggles

The Monster Mobile Auto-Darkening Welding Goggles are lightweight and offer as good or better protection as a traditional welding helmet, while allowing users to fit into more constrictive areas, the company says. The auto-darkening welding goggles help improve productivity by allowing greater access and a better view of the work area with its slim design. The welding goggles and hood give technicians a better view of the weld they are about to make, according to the company. CATEGORY: Welding

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Mitchell 1

Manager SE MessageCenter The Mitchell 1 Manager SE MessageCenter is designed for seamless integrated two-way texting inside the Manager SE shop management system, making it easier for shops to connect with their customers before, during, and after the service or repair. MessageCenter can actively alert shops of unread text messages

while working inside the shop

management program, so users



don't have to leave their Manager SE screen to send a text. MessageCenter also gives shops flexibility to build and use their own text templates for common types of messages about orders, appointments, and revisions, or to write "on-the-fly" text messages to customers when needed. CATEGORY: Shop Software

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Rotary Lift

Heavy Duty Two Post Lift

The Rotary Lift Heavy Duty Two Post Lift, No. SPO20, is designed to offer high-capacity lifting, a low-profile stance, wider installation

options, and expanded arm reach possibilities. The SPO20 allows shops to raise an entire fleet from passenger cars to Class 5 trucks. This lift can be ordered with Shockwave, a patented lifting speed package, 110V DC power, and accurate spotting with laser guidance.

CATEGORY: Lifts

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2019 WINNERS





Macnaught

BOP20 Battery-Operated Pump The Macnaught USA BOP20

is a battery-powered pump system for oil applications. Designed to improve shop efficiency and reduce operator fatigue, the BOP20 series is ideal for pumping gear oil from 5-gal containers. Its 18V, 2.0 Ah Li-ion battery delivers up to 40 gallons on a single charge with flow rates up to 1gallon per minute. The modular pump's flow nozzle enables one-handed operation with on-demand flow control. Featuring a safety lockout carry handle, the BOP20's portable powerhead can be transferred easily across multiple pump stems to reduce setup costs and prevent cross-contamination.

CATEGORY: Oil & Lube

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Mac Tools

600 Im Inspection Light The Mac Tools 600 lm Inspection Light, No. MHL600, is designed to ensure that technicians don't misplace their light. This product taps into a radio frequency to send a signal to the light so the

user can track the light audibly. The user is alerted when the light is misplaced, goes out of range of the docking station, and when the light only has 10 minutes of charge left. The 600 lm rechargeable light offers two power settings through a front COB providing a 2-1/2 hour run-time on high or up to 6-1/2 hours on low. A 180-degree rotating bracket and hidden hook on the bottom offer two hands-free options.

CATEGORY: Lighting

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> **Matco Tools** Universal Brake Caliper

Wind-Back Tool The Matco Tools Universal **Brake Caliper Wind-Back**

Tool, No. BCW6, is a 6-pc set that allows users to work on clockwise, counterclockwise, and static/push-back brake calipers with one tool. This tool is designed to be adaptable for

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CATEGORY: Brake Service

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BAT 135 Battery Tester with Integrated Printer

The Bosch BAT 135 Battery Tester with Integrated Printer is designed to capture test results for customer records, such as presenting the state of health and state of change percentage of batteries to help ensure optimal efficiency and usage. Using a micro-load test to

demonstrate authentic results, the battery tester assesses 6V and 12V batteries from 40 to 2,000 CCA, including AGM, Gel cell, flooded lead-acid, start/ stop EFB, and Commercial SLI batteries. It will also test 12V and 24V charging systems with a diode/ripple test. Test clamps are included and easily detachable for service or replacement.

CATEGORY: Battery Service Equipment

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ProDemand Driver Assist ADAS Quick Link Feature

The Mitchell 1 ProDemand Driver Assist ADAS Quick Link

Feature is designed to allow technicians to see and access all of the advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) features and components on a vehicle via the Driver Assist ADAS Quick Link. This repair information makes it quick and easy to diagnose, repair, and calibrate ADAS. Users can select a vehicle, click the Driver Assist ADAS Quick Link button, and get access to a table that consolidates all of the ADAS information for the vehicle in a single location. ProDemand delivers all of the ADAS features and components, so technicians are able to select the repair and calibration information that they want without needing to perform multiple lookups to find the information separately. ProDemand also identifies the components of an ADAS feature that will require calibration, as well as special tools or scan tools needed to complete the job.

CATEGORY: Repair Information

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ONE Pro LT

The **FLIR ONE Pro LT** is a thermal imaging attachment for smartphones. Powered by the FLIR Lepton thermal microcamera core, this prod-

uct offers patented MSX image enhancement

that combines the thermal and high-definition visible camera images to produce crisp, detailed images that are easy to interpret. ONE Pro LT also features the company's MSX and VividIR video signal processing technology to deliver improved thermal image quality and clarity.

The OneFit camera connector allows users to adjust the device to attach to their smartphone through many popular protective cases.

CATEGORY: Inspection Tools, Lab Scopes

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ADAS content. The software includes new and enhanced vehicle communications sys-

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CATEGORY: ADAS

eTRUCK Telematics Device

The **TEXA eTRUCK Telematics Device** is designed for medium and heavy duty vehicles with advanced bidirectional capabilities. This technology allows users to remotely perform advanced emistrement of the second formula to the second formula to

sions resets and forced regenerations with-

out leaving the shop or dispatching a technician. The eTRUCK allows shops to monitor the vehicle system remotely, schedule maintenance, and perform bidirectional capabilities including forced regen, DPF resets, and more. CATEGORY: Diagnostics

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Ullman Devices

Metal Marker

The Ullman Devices Metal Marker

allows technicians to permanently mark their tools with their name or a unique symbol so they can protect their investment. Using this marker, all technicians need to do is put a stencil on the device, pump the electrolyte, align the Metal Marker with their item, and press the trigger. Within seconds, the item is permanently branded and easily identifiable. CATEGORY: Safety Equipment & Personal Tools

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ToolBox Widget

Wrench Organizer

The **ToolBox Widget Wrench Organizer** is an independent modular tool organizing system for the toolbox. This tool organizer allows users to add or subtract and choose the exact number of holders

they need. The widgets can save up to 30 to 40 percent of space to maximize toolbox drawer room, according to the company. Features include a modular design, strong magnets, missing tool indicators, changeable size labels, and a flexible material. Each kit holds 14 wrenches, is 1-3/4" tall, and the

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Interior Creeper

The Carlyle Tools Interior

Creeper, No. 815-1337, is

designed for interior car applica-

tions to properly position the technician for tasks under the driver or passenger sides. This product is suitable for replacing fuses, cabin air filters, and stop light switches. The 915-1337 offers tool free height adjustment from 15" to 25" in 1" increments, and has protective rubberized corners to prevent damage to the interior of cars. It also offers a removable kneeling pad for use in low height applications. An optional LED light and tray are also available.

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TEXA eTRUCK, the future of remote diagnostics

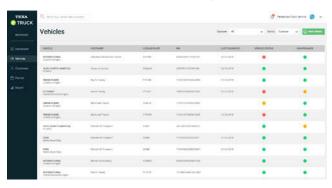
The emissions warning light the driver has been ignoring all day is now flashing and the truck has entered derate mode. Does this scenario sound familiar? The fleet must make a decision on how best to deal with the emission failure. There are few options: they can send a tow truck and get the vehicle back to the shop or they can send a technician on-site to handle the situation. Both options are costly and require vehicle downtime which will cost even more money. What if the truck is hundreds of miles away from the shop?

There's a solution now that allows technicians and fleet managers to solve these issues and minimize downtime, TEXA eTRUCK lets the workshop force regen and reset emission values being miles away from the vehicle. No need to bring the truck back, no need to send a technician in the field.

The concept of vehicle telematics is not new. In almost all cases telematics has been a passive implementation providing fault codes and limited data but lacking any advanced bi-directional capabilities. Telematics has provided the ability for remote diagnosis and better follow-up on vehicle maintenance by connecting the service center, vehicle owner and the vehicle in real-time. Why stop there? Unrelenting emissions failures have become a problem with limited possible solutions, not to mention that these solutions are costly. Medium-duty and heavy-duty vehicles many times go into derate in one form or another simply because the prerequisites for a passive regen are not met, or the driver has bypassed the regen. There is not a part failure; the vehicle simply needs to have the applicable emissions parameters reset and a forced regen must be performed to put it back in service. Now it can be done remotely, from the comfort of a chair. Imagine the increased vehicle uptime for the fleet with this type of bi-directional functionality.

TEXA USA made it possible in April 2018 when it released an aftermarket telematics device designed for medium and heavy vehicles, with advanced bi-directional capabilities. This technology





provides the ability to remotely perform advanced emissions resets and forced regenerations without leaving the shop or dispatching a technician. The TEXA eTRUCK device is a 9 or 16 pin dongle that needs to be connected to the truck and communicates with the driver's phone via Bluetooth. The drivers can see live parameters and information and when in need can let the technician remote in. The online workshop portal displays live parameters, live DTCs and gives the possibility to the technician to know more about the problems that the driver is facing and to assist him right away from the shop with almost zero downtime.

eTRUCK is not only used for emissions problems but also for speed limiters. A truck travelling through different states can possibly cruise at different speeds, thanks to eTRUCK the technician can remote in and adjust the vehicle's speed limiters according to the driver's needs and location.

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CATEGORY: REPAIR INFORMATION

Are You Ready to Repair ADAS-equipped Vehicles?

Vou've probably already seen vehicle features like adaptive cruise control, parking assist sensors and blind spot indicators in your auto repair shop. All of these technologies (and many more) fall into the new category of vehicle systems known as ADAS -- Advanced Driver Assistance Systems. If you haven't encountered ADAS yet, you will soon as the latest generation of vehicles makes its way into the aftermarket for service and repair.

ADAS is a complex system of cameras, radar systems, sensors and control modules. The control modules use a variety of technologies to help interpret the signals received to deliver ADAS features. In addition to the more "common" components like those mentioned above, you might also see more "unusual" ones like a yaw/ acceleration sensor, pedestrian impact detection sensor or forward looking radar module. Many of the components are precisely calibrated to ensure the control modules are interpreting the proper information. And it's easier than you might think for them to go "out of calibration."

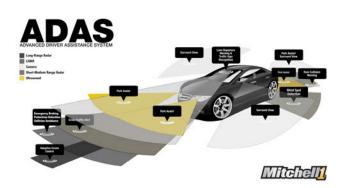
Impact of ADAS

ADAS is impacting even common jobs that you may have in your bays right now. For example, consider the wheel alignment, usually a pretty straightforward job, right? Well, maybe not always any more. On most vehicles equipped with ADAS features, calibrations will need to be performed after that alignment. Let's say that a 2016 Audi A8 Quattro equipped with Adaptive Cruise Control and Lane Change Assist System comes to your shop needing a four-wheel alignment and adjustment of the rear thrust angle. The ADAS features on this vehicle add 2.2 hours of labor time for calibration to the 1.8 hours already assumed for the alignment.

Calibration routines can vary widely by manufacturer. Some are as easy as printing targets on your own printer and placing them in areas in the shop. Others require targets attached to fixed mounts on an aligner or stand-alone frame with specific level floor specs to ensure the calibration will be accurate. One of the challenges is having enough space in the bay to accommodate these calibrations.

Several feet of unobstructed space are needed around the vehicle: in front, behind and to the sides. Any object in this space could cause an inaccurate or incomplete calibration. For instance, almost 40 feet





from the back bumper to the front camera target is needed to do a front camera calibration on a Honda Odyssey.

What happens if the calibrations are not done correctly? There likely will be no indication – no MIL illuminated, etc. But while the vehicle is driving, the "field of view" can be slightly shifted. With even a 2 degree alteration on a forward-facing radar module, the focus at 60 feet ahead of the car won't even be in the car's same lane. That can lead to potentially deadly consequences from unanticipated behaviors of the adaptive cruise, pedestrian detection and other features.

ADAS Repair Information

Having an auto repair information resource that consolidates all the information related to the ADAS features on a vehicle can help technicians understand, diagnose and repair these complex systems.

For example, ProDemand, the auto repair information software from Mitchell 1, streamlines the search process and delivers all the ADAS information together in a single location. So, techs have a full picture of all ADAS features and the specific components contributing to the operation of those ADAS features. ProDemand also lets techs know at a glance if the components associated with the ADAS feature will require calibration, special tools like targets, or a scan tool to complete the job.

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The well-documented diagnostic worksheet

A 2002 Ford F-250 presented an elusive P1000 code. Pre- and post-scans told the whole story.

By Barry Hoyland, Contributing Editor

istorically, the mechanical repair segment of the automotive independent aftermarket led the way for the collision industry when it came to adopting strategies and tools to efficiently and effectively repair vehicles. In fact, many collision shops sublet mechanical repairs to either the dealer or independent repair shops.

TOOLS USED:

- Diagnostic scan tool
- Vehicle repair information

Over the past few years, the collision industry has taken the lead with a relatively new process when it comes to diagnosing vehicles. With more and more computer technology being used on vehicles today, the collision industry implemented a pre- and post-scan function into the repair process. This approach to repair was initiated by the insurance industry in order to obtain adequate information at the beginning of the repair process. Scans were implemented in order to determine if there were conditions present that could increase the cost of the repair to the point it would become economically unfeasible to do so; if such was the case, the vehicle would be declared a total loss.

Additionally, the post-scan would reveal if there were still issues present that could cause either an incomplete repair or an unsatisfied customer. If your mechanical repair shop is not performing pre- and post-scan tests, you should consider the benefits of starting the process. As a matter of fact, many, if not most, scan tool manufacturers are making this feature part of their scan tools. Many current scan tool models offer a wireless module that is connected to the vehicle, which is able to scan the vehicle then generate a report that can be sent to the service advisor and/or customer.

Many years ago, in our shop, as part of our diagnostic test process, we instituted a practice of scanning every module on each vehicle before and after repairs. This

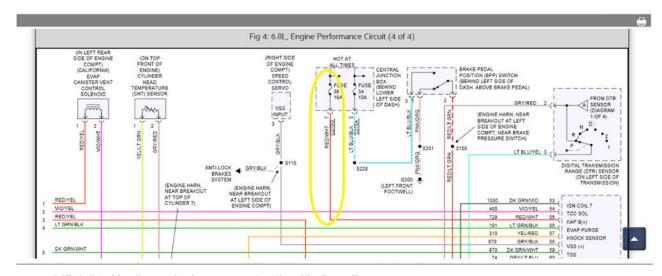
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allowed us to form a more complete diagnosis, as well as assure the vehicle did not have additional issues once the primary repair was completed. We firmly believe this is one of the reasons we have both an extremely low comeback rate along with very satisfied customers. The results

of both scans were documented on the technician notes section of our diagnos-

In order to see the benefits of a preand post-scan process, let's go over some of the reasons a pre-scan, followed by a post-scan, may help you repair vehicles





▲ A Mitchell 1 wiring diagram showing power supply to Keep Alive Power. The area in the yellow circle shows the area where the power tap was installed.

more effectively. We will also provide a case study that created a situation where we would have released a vehicle that still had an issue after we "repaired" the cause of an illuminated check engine light (CEL).

THE PRE-SCAN

Being as the majority of the vehicles that enter your shop having a problem that requires a diagnostic process of at least one computer system are Controller Area Network (CAN) equipped, a complete system scan is necessary. A complete system scan is the backbone of a pre-scan process. Many shops and technicians have a tendency to grab either a code reader or scan tool and obtain codes from the powertrain control module (PCM). This practice is fine and, in many cases, will save you time, *some of the time*.

The fact is, with CAN equipped vehicles, information from other modules is essential in order for everything to work together correctly. Faults in modules other than the PCM may cause either drivability or no start issues, even without the presence of a diagnostic trouble code (DTC) in the PCM.

A complete scan will give you a clear picture of any other modules having issues, which can provide more clues for diagnosing the root cause of a problem, or if there are problems within other modules that should be addressed. Best practices say to note and repair "U" codes first because module communication codes can prevent you from repairing the vehicle quickly and completely.

Along with scanning all modules, it is critical to have a complete understanding of what conditions need to be met in order to not only trigger a fault code, but what could prevent a fault code from registering. As explained in our case study later in this article, this information is crucial in order to completely repair a vehicle.

As important as fault codes are, you must remember what they actually are. That is, fault codes are just one of the symptoms of a failed system or component, and a point at which to start your diagnostic process. Along with obtaining which, if any, fault codes are present is the need to determine if there are any monitored systems that have either a pending code or have not yet completed the process to determine if there is a problem within the system.

Pending codes should be assessed to see if their presence is due to any conditions that were created by the original issue or fault. Monitors that are incomplete can cause a check engine light to illuminate once that monitor completes and determines there is a fault present. Incomplete monitors can be caused by either a condition that exists from the original issue, or conditions that are not allowing the requirements to be met that are necessary to run the monitor.

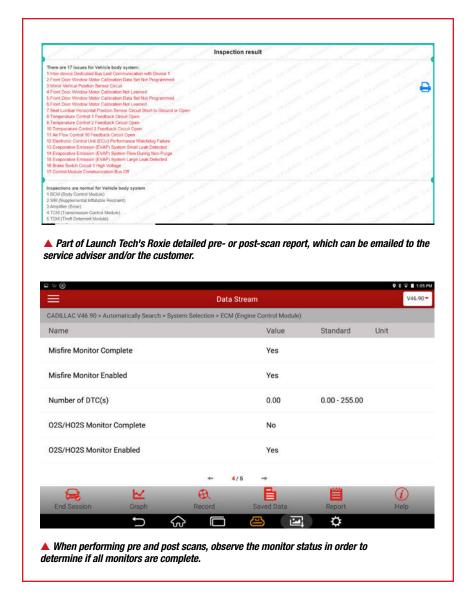
Some common causes for incomplete monitors include ambient air temperature not within the allowed ranges, short drive cycles, low fuel levels, and other faults' presence, such as misfires, that prevent the monitor from running. Check your vehicle information source to see the conditions that will set a code and the conditions necessary for the monitor to complete.

At a minimum, you should share the results of scans that show issues in other modules, pending codes, and incomplete monitors with your customer. This is important because you always need to remember that the most likely reason the customer brought the vehicle in was for a single symptom – an illuminated check engine light. Any potential cause for the engine light to come on again should be discussed with your customer.

THE POST-SCAN

After repairs have been completed, it is vital to re-scan all modules. Not only do you need to make sure the repaired system is functioning properly, but you





also need to make sure the system that had a problem was not preventing a different system from monitoring its condition. This could create a situation where a check engine light could illuminate if the now able-to-run system monitor detects a fault. This becomes abundantly clear in the following case study.

CASE STUDY: 2002 FORD F-250. **6.8L V10 GASOLINE ENGINE**

This vehicle came in with the CEL illuminated and an obvious misfire present. The initial scan showed a P0303 (misfire on cylinder number 3) code and a P1000 (all monitors have not been completed since last clearing) code. No additional codes were present in other systems, there were no pending codes, and the evaporative emissions control (EVAP) and heated oxygen sensor (HO2S) monitors were incomplete.

Since a P1000 code was present and an EVAP monitor is typically one of the last to run, we did not concentrate on the EVAP system at that time. The fact that the HO2S monitor had not completed led us to look further into what could stop that particular monitor from running, especially due to the fact that having either incomplete or incorrect data from oxygen sensors can directly affect cylinder operation.

We went to Mitchell 1 and found that in order for the EVAP monitor to run, it required the HO2S monitor to complete and pass its system test beforehand. Additionally, the HO2S monitor is not able to run if there are any misfire codes present. With this information, our concentration shifted to the cause of the misfire, with the assumption that once it was repaired, all of the monitors could run.

While inspecting the ignition components, we found an obviously corroded connector on the ignition coil for cylinder 3. All other coils showed small amounts of corrosion on the boots, and the spark plugs showed extended gaps. We suggested to the customer that we replace the one ignition coil, all the spark plugs, and all the coil boots. These repairs corrected the misfire. We cleared the fault codes and performed a drive cycle. A post-scan revealed a P1000 code.

Looking at the monitors, we found that the HO2S monitor had now completed, but the EVAP system had not yet completed. We returned the vehicle to the customer; we asked them to drive the vehicle for a few days and to return to the shop so that we could see whether or not there were issues with the EVAP system once the monitor was completed.

This is where it gets interesting. When the vehicle returned, we connected our scan tool to the vehicle and found a P1000 code. The vehicle had been driven about 75 miles over the course of a few days, so all monitors should have been completed. We then checked the monitor status and found none of the monitors were completed.

We had scanned the truck after our original repair and road test and had confirmed that all the monitors had run, except the EVAP system. We asked the customer if the battery had either been disconnected or jump-started. Either situation could have caused the system to clear codes requiring monitors to be re-run. They said they had no battery issues. Our next step was to perform another drive cycle to see if the monitors would run.

After a twenty minute test drive, we connected the scan tool and again saw a P1000 code and that all monitors were complete except the EVAP system.

In order to make sure there was nothing that could cause the computer memory to clear, I asked the customer



to wait another few minutes so we could check the computer again. Here is where we found that our technician had made a mistake; he connected the scan tool with the engine running right after the road test, without cycling the key. When we connected the scan tool after the engine had been off for a while, we found the computer had reset.

We then returned to Mitchell 1 and found the wiring diagram for the computer's keep-alive memory. Tracing the circuit, we found where someone had used a splice tap to obtain power for an aftermarket device. At some later date, the aftermarket device was removed but the tap, which had damaged the wire, was not repaired. This meant that when the engine was running, the computer had power to run the monitors; once the key was turned off, the keepalive, or retained, power to the computer was not present, which cleared the computer's memory.

We repaired the wire and road tested the vehicle, then subsequently retested the vehicle after all the monitors had a chance to complete. We found that the P1000 code was no longer present and there were no current or pending codes.

In a case like this, a lack of power allowing the computer memory to erase is not necessarily a huge issue. Conversely, it will cause untold diagnostic challenges down the road. In most states that require smog checks, incomplete monitors cause a vehicle to fail a test.

This is one example of how performing both a pre- and post-scan can assure vehicles are completely repaired. PTEN

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Selecting the right puller

Vou're working on a customer's vehicle and once all the nuts and bolts are off, the part's still stuck. It could be a ball joint, wheel bearing or even a brake drum or rotor. What are your options? You can grab a pry bar, a hammer or whatever else is in the shop. Or you can grab a puller, break the parts loose and get the job done faster.

To find the right puller:

- What are you trying to pull? Are you trying to pull a shaft out of something, pull something out of a hole or pull something off a shaft? This will help you determine if you need a push-puller, jaw-type puller, slide hammer or one with internal or externalinternal adapters.
- Determine the reach and spread you need. This will make sure your puller is long enough and the jaws, if applicable, open wide enough to exert enough force to pull the object.
- Estimate the force required. Normally, if you account for reach and spread, OTC's pullers will have enough force. When in doubt, always use the next larger size to account for frozen or rusted parts.

Now that you've determined what you're trying to pull, find a corresponding puller to finish the job.

- If you're pulling something off a shaft, you can use a jaw-type, push-puller, slide hammer or bearing puller with attachment.
 - This includes removing a gear, bearing, wheel or pulley
- If your job includes pulling something out of a hole, look for internal pulling attachments coupled with a slide hammer or a push-puller.
 - This option helps remove internal bearing cups, retainers or oil seals that are press-fitted

- When you need to pull a shaft out of something, look for threaded adapters, internal or external, for use with slide hammers or a push-puller.
 - Typically you need these pullers when removing a transmission shaft or pinion shaft from a bore or housing.

Regardless of puller selected, always keep the tool clean and frequently lubricate the forcing screw fully to extend the tool's life. With tons of force, we can't stress safety enough when using pullers. Before using any puller, be sure to read through OTC Puller Information to understand more about OTC Pullers safety advisements, proper usage, and general information. OTC Puller Information can be found at https://www.otctools.com/sites/default/ files/otc_puller_safety_guidelines.pdf.





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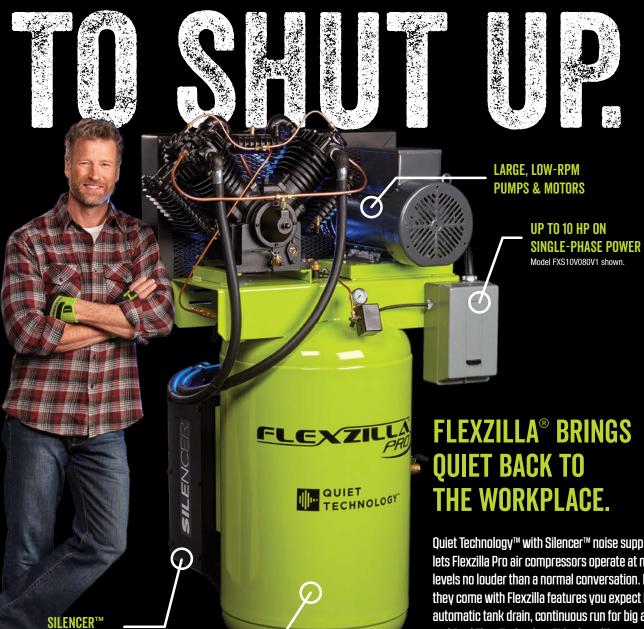
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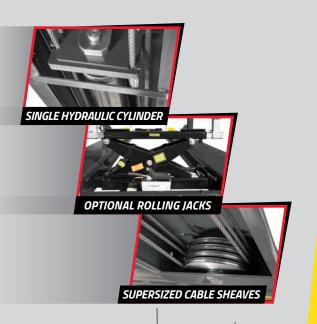
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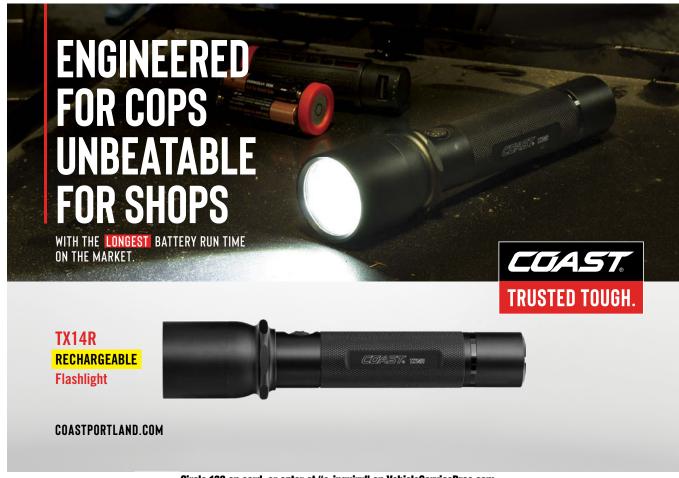
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As with all COAST products, the TX14R has a lifetime warranty against defects and is tested and rated to ANSI/FL1 standards. The light has been tested drop proof up to 3 meters on a concrete surface. The TX14R is rated at IPX4-level water resistance, which means that it is weatherproof and can stand up to a driving rain.



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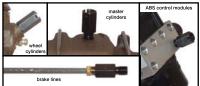




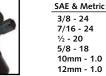
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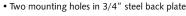
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Mighty Seven

1/2" Drive EZ Grease Mini Impact Wrench, No. NC-4650HB

The reviewer liked this tool's compact size to get to stubborn bolts.

by Kayla Oschmann, Assistant Editor

THE REVIEW:

power tool that can get into tight spots to remove bolts and loosen fasteners can be a big help for busy technicians. Jeff Buckley, owner and master technician at My Father's Shop Certified Automotive Repair in Midlothian, Texas, reviewed the 1/2" Drive EZ Grease Mini Impact Wrench from Mighty Seven and noted a number of key features, including its compact size and unique grease delivery system.

"It's truly a compact unit. The head of the unit is just a little bit bigger than the palm of my hand," Buckley says. In the shop, Buckley found that his favorite use for the impact wrench was for removing bolts found on the back of caliper mounting brackets, as the space on the backside is very limited. He liked that he was able to "take them right off and access them easily."

He also found the tool handy for suspension work, saying, "If you're working on the back and you're trying to get the shock bolts from the bottom, there are a lot of times you have a very limited space, so with this reduced head it's an extremely useful tool."

This shop owner also liked the easy ability to adjust speed options for forward and reverse. The back of the tool provides three speeds for each direction that can be moved within thumb's reach.

Buckley said what makes the 1/2" Drive EZ Grease Mini Impact Wrench so unique is the way Mighty Seven developed a new way to lubricate the tool.

"It comes with a packet of grease and a little syringe," he says. "There is a

hole on the front of the anvil, and all you do is fill the syringe up with the grease and inject the grease into the hole. That lubricates the front; you turn [the anvil] a couple of times, and it's ready to go."

He notes this offers a distinct advantage, as the method and location of grease-delivery keeps maintenance topof-mind. Most power tools are lubricated using a special tip attached to a grease gun to deliver the grease.

"The majority of [technicians] don't

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The Mighty Seven 1/2" Drive EZ Grease Mini Impact Wrench, No. NC-4650HB, features the company's patented EZ grease system that is designed to extend the life and power of the tool. The design provides tool owners with a time-saving and effective method of self-maintenance. The mini impact wrench operates at 90 psi and can reach a maximum reverse torque of 650 ft-lbs in five seconds. The EZ Grease system is available in three other tools, and all are backed by a three-year warranty.

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do that," Buckley says. "You'll be using your impact and it wears out and won't take nuts off. They give it to the tool dealer to be reconditioned."

He adds, in this way the lubrication method on the mini impact wrench could cut out some of the time and effort spent sending tools out to be reconditioned.

With 650 ft-lbs of torque, this compact impact has the power needed to remove bolts.

"You don't have to worry about breaking the bolts," he notes. "It's a mid-range power tool ... not necessarily a tool to take tires on or off or an everyday, all-day tool, but it's a great optional tool for smaller spaces, and noise is not a big issue."

Overall, Buckley enjoyed having the impact wrench at his shop and said that it's going right into his toolbox. PTEN

To view Buckley's video review of this product, visit: VehicleServicePros. com/21088018



Robinair **LD7 Premium** Refrigerant **Leak Detector**

With its UV lighting and ability to service both R-1234yf and R-134a refrigerants, this master technician claims the LD7 eliminates the need for multiple tools.

by Tyler Fussner, Assistant Editor

the display in front of the user, Buckley

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The Robinair LD7 Premium Refrigerant **Leak Detector** senses the most common refrigerants used today, including R-134a and R-1234yf. Two detection modes display proximity to leaks by either a bar graph or line graph. Audible chimes and visual graphs are designed to help technicians locate leaks faster. Both modes allow for system sweeps, showing technicians when they get closer to a leak. An integrated UV LED light helps locate leaks when using UV dye for an all-in-one leak detection tool with a 10-year sensor life.

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THE REVIEW:

eff Buckley, owner and master technician at My Father's Shop Certified Automotive Repair in Midlothian, Texas, reviewed the Robinair LD7 Premium Refrigerant Leak Detector when servicing refrigerants.

The LD7 comes packaged in a box, and within that, a solid carrying case. The case is lined with a foam molding, securing the tool and providing safe storage. Setup only requires the installation of batteries. The provided manual shows the features of the tool, and also explains to the user how to test and adjust. The LD7 comes with replacement filters and a test vial.

Buckley mentioned the first thing he noticed about the tool was that the grip is "extremely comfortable." The flexible wand is long enough to reach far behind the hoses while keeping says. At the end of the wand is a pin-point tip to ensure accuracy.

The LD7 is easy to use, Buckley says. When the tool is turned on, it takes about 20 seconds to warm up; the color display and an audible notification alerts the user when the tool is ready for use. Buckley enjoyed the built-in UV LED light that eliminated the need for an additional tool, although he claims it could be brighter. The additional white light also helped to illuminate the work area and to detect leaks.

The multiple options of graphical and audible notification for leak detection "show exactly where the leak is," Buckley says. When in manual mode, a line graph will indicate a leak's location through the display of a rising line when

the wand's pin-point tip is alongside a leak. The line will hold flat atop the graph while the wand's tip is alongside a leak; the line on the graph drops back down to display a flat line across the bottom of the graph when the wand's tip is no longer near the leak. Having the option to mute the audible notification was also a favored feature of Buckley's.

Buckley was appreciative of the tool's dual-purpose functionality in its ability to service both R-1234yf and R-134a refrigerants. He notes if the leak sensor tip was not tightly secured, the tool would stop testing and alert him to tighten the sensor or indicate that a filter was plugged. Altogether, Buckley was impressed with this tool and says he will be adding it to his toolbox. PTEN

To view Buckley's video review of this product, visit: VehicleServicePros. com/21085331



AIRCAT 3/8" Drive Long Reach **Ratchet**, **No. 808-15**

The reviewer was impressed by how well-balanced the tool is regardless of its long reach.

by Emily Markham, Assistant Editor

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The Florida Pneumatic AIRCAT 808 Long Reach Series Ratchets provide access for hard-to-reach fasteners with an extended drive shaft. The ratchets are available in two lengths including 15.3" and 22.5". The 15.3" model is equipped with either a 1/4" (808-15-25) or 3/8" (808-15) anvil. The 22.5" model is available in 3/8" (808-22) anvil only. The ratchets are made with high-grade materials and have additional support bearings to provide reliability. They have a two-year warranty.

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THE REVIEW:

ny tool that helps technicians get at those hard-to-reach places is worthy of keeping around the shop. Reviewer Jeff Buckley, owner and master technician at My Father's Shop Certified Automotive Repair in Midlothian, Texas, couldn't agree more.

Buckley reviewed the AIRCAT 3/8" Drive Long Reach Ratchet, No. 808-15, saying, "This is a really nice tool. It's going to come in handy."

When he removed the ratchet from its box, the first thing he noticed was how comfortably the handle fit in the palm of his hand.

The long reach ratchet offers 30 ftlbs torque and is 15" long, enabling it to reach further down into those tight spaces.

"Even though we have this long extension on it ... it still feels well-balanced," Buckley says. "It doesn't feel bulky."

Buckley tested the ratchet around

the shop on maintenance jobs. When using the tool for engine work, he had no issues reaching around all the parts and components under the hood. He was impressed by how nicely the ratchet extended down to the compressor bolts and was pleased to not have to lean all the way across the engine to reach the bolts underneath the cowling.

"It just pops [the bolts] right off," Buckley says.

The long reach ratchet comes with an air connector and a manual, although Buckley states that the manual was "not really needed." The easy-to-use tool required no additional set-up other than installing the air connection.

As far as improvements go, Buckley had two suggestions. First - reconsider the round shaft so the tool can't roll out of reach, and second - "bump the torque up a little" in order to help get those stubborn bolts loose.

Regardless of these suggestions, Buckley says that AIRCAT's Long Reach Ratchet has a home in his toolbox. PTEN

To view Buckley's video review of this prodct, visit: VehicleServicePros. com/21088017



Mueller-Kueps Wheel Weight Pliers, No. 282 240

The reviewer liked the quickness and simplicity of this tool when removing stick-on wheel weights.

by Kayla Oschmann, Assistant Editor

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The Mueller-Kueps Wheel Weight Pliers, No. 282 240, are designed to remove sticky wheel weights from aluminum rims. Thin edges grip the wheel weight without damaging the aluminum, leaving no scratches or notches in the metal. The pliers will never touch the wheel, as the weights lean on their own tape, the company says. Wheel weights can be easily removed and trashed using the spring-loaded handle. The rubber coated grip provides a comfortable handle. This tool is made in Germany.

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THE REVIEW:

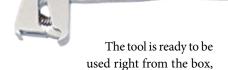
or technician Randy Kaiser at Rost
Motor, Inc. in Mason, Iowa, the
Mueller-Kueps Wheel Weight Pliers
helped save a little time. He found that
to use the tool, he just had to grab the
wheel weights and give them a twist.

"Instead of having to dig and pry to remove old wheel weights and possibly causing damage to an expensive wheel in the process, you simply grab the weight, give it a little twist, and it pops right off," Kaiser says.

Rost Motor is a new car dealership that works on all vehicle brands, in addition to four wheelers and motorcycles. Mounting and balancing new tires is a routine job in the shop, as well as rebalancing tires.

While Kaiser found the Mueller-Kueps Wheel Weight Pliers, No. 282 240, to be a timesaver, he also notes it is a quality product and easy to use.

"[The pliers] are extremely well made; it appears as though they will last a long time, and they do exactly what they are designed to do," he says. "They will save a lot of time removing stick-on weights without having to worry about damaging the rims."



"Setup is simple," Kaiser says. "Take the pliers out of the box and plastic bag, and you're ready to go. There are no accessories, and none are needed. It's selfexplanatory, and a very simple operation."

and doesn't require setup or a manual.

Kaiser notes that the tool works like other wheel weight pliers, however the difference is with the jaws, which Kaiser says are "specially designed to grab stickon weights."

"I previously used traditional [wheel weight pliers] and they didn't work for stick-on weights, only for clamp-on weights," he adds.

In the past, Kaiser would have used a plastic scraper to remove the stick-on weights, and then used glue remover to take off any additional adhesive still left on. He says the Mueller-Kueps Wheel Weight Pliers would even take the adhesive off most of the time.

At the dealership, Kaiser and his team of technicians use stick-on weights for vehicles with chrome or aluminum wheels where the wheel lips are too big for normal weights, and when customers don't want to see the weights on their tires.

When describing the features of the tool, Kaiser was most impressed with the quality of the product.

"The craftsmanship is exquisite," he says. "The handles and jaws are heavy duty. The handles also have a nice cushioned rubber covering on them and are spring loaded so that they automatically open up to dispose of the weight that you removed; [they] are then ready for the next weight."

Kaiser concludes that these wheel weight pliers were the first that he has seen for such an application, and he was glad to try them out. PTEN

DIAGNOSTIC **DISCOURSE**



Programming for the future

The practice of recording information before and following a repair is not new, but the methods and technology to do so have improved over time.

By Scott Weaver, Contributing Editor gonzosae@aol.com

omputers and data signals are now the norm in vehicles, and communication between a vehicle's electronic pathways and mechanical components must be maintained and upgraded from time to time. It's not like your phone's apps, which seem to require an upgrade every time you turn around. For vehicles,

new situations arise and new procedures are developed that need to be entered into the vehicle's matrix. That, of course, is the reason for updates to vehicle software.

When we talk about "programming" it is usually associated with the replacement of a computer or component in the vehicle. Other times, the update may have to do with a TSB. Some programming is only required if you've made some major changes, such as replacing the transmission.

So, how does one enter new updates and information? Is this something a DIYer can do, or is this something that needs to be handled professionally? First, let's discuss where all of this began.

THE BEGINNING OF THE **ELECTRONIC AGE**

The first vehicle manufactured in the U.S., with what we might consider a true computerized system, would have been the 1979 Cadillac. Looking back, it was a rather crude attempt at the sophisticated systems we have today. Nevertheless, this model did use a TPS and a 'revolution counter' (today, we would refer to it as a crank sensor). Still, the '79 Cadillac lacked an interface point where a technician could gain access to the computer signals. Basically, there was no ALDL port.

Even before the 1979 Cadillac model, import vehicle manufacturers (which tended to have about a 10-year head start in technology changes compared with domestic models) had introduced the 1974 Type 4 Volkswagen with an electronic injection system. This vehicle had no service port either, and like the Cadillac, most diagnostic work was based on reading the three basic electrical principle players - amps, volts, and ohms - at various test points or connections.

THE CHIP AND THE CAR

By the early 1980s, the first aluminum boxes were prevalent in nearly every vehicle. The ECM age was upon us. These early systems were more of a 'look and tell' monitoring system. The check engine light was introduced, as well as the service ports for the technician. Back then the ECM could be disconnected and tossed in the trunk to be forgotten about, because it only watched for trouble and did not evaluate or correct faults. It still left the vehicle with a moderately responsive engine and transmission system. But that was about to change.

At one time, the microchip was the mainstay of vehicle electronics. Again, this chip in comparison to today's systems was rather simple in its operation. The basic rhythmic patterns of the fourstroke engine could be mapped out on a chip, which allowed timing and fuel to be compensated at various engine loads and speed requirements. These chips became the basis for the first 'updates' regarding engine performance.

As time went on, the need for a more in-depth system of checks and balances for the emissions - as well as security was on the horizon. Things for the technician were about to change again.

A NEW ERA OF PROGRAMMING

By the time the industry broke away from a physical chip in the vehicle, the modern technician was well on their way to relocating their wrenches one drawer lower to make room for the scanner. These sophisticated machines became the linchpin of programming, reflashing, downloading, and upgrading the software on a vehicle's computer.

At first the upgrades were on discs, and you merely transferred the data from the disc to your scanner and then entered it into the vehicle. Over time, this changed to pulling the needed information from manufacturers' websites.

DIAGNOSTIC OPTIONS

Today, reprogramming choices are once again on the rise. We've moved from programming a single chip and snail mailing the replacement chip to the repair shop (as I've done in the past), to instantly receiving manufacturer data via the internet. The method has changed, as have basic requirements for shops to do this type of procedure. Now technicians must upgrade scanners, as well as a vehicle's internal information. It's not uncommon to arrive at the shop in the morning and turn on the scanner only to find it needs an hour of solid downtime to load the latest software.

Technology changes so often that it might be a good idea for some shops to investigate alternatives for their programming needs. Partnering with a mobile technician that specializes in keeping his or her scanners up to date or





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using a remote access programming service may be better solutions for some, not to mention a more cost-effective way to deal with the issue of constantly updating your software and scanners.

Outsourcing programming might make sense for some shops, based on their physical location and/or lack of the needed equipment. These days mobile programming technology is a great option. These technicians keep up with the various changes from manufacturers, in addition to keeping scanners upto-date. The one-time cost of hiring a mobile technician might be the answer for those shops that don't get into programming and reflashing very often.

Another great option is remote access programming. RAP by Drew Technologies is one product that comes to mind. With RAP, the car does not have to leave the service bay while the remote technician (who could be in another state) does the reflash for you. All you have to do is turn the key on or off as dictated by the procedures.

Finally, some shop owners might find their best option is to take this work to the dealer. Dealerships generally have the ability to reflash all of their production vehicles - and at a fairly competitive price. Keep in mind, in some cases a tow charge will have to be included if the vehicle can't be started until the programming is completed.

SHOP UPDATES

Updates are not just for the car or the technician; the shop needs updates, too. Computers are sensitive pieces of equipment and require the utmost care to properly maintain signals as data is being passed from the internet to the vehicle. A battery maintainer is another important piece of equipment, as it is required to hold the battery at the optimum level. The battery maintainer is not a battery charger, but a very precise level of controlled battery input to reduce any ripple effect that could cause a spike or sudden drop in the battery level.

Know that a solid internet connection is a must. A lot of programming instructions state that any loss of power

or internet signal could wipe out the PCM once and for all, with no retrievable outcome in the end. This also means it's best to keep prying hands away from the equipment while the procedure is being performed.

You should also keep your training methods up to date. Knowing what you're doing, and that you're doing it proficiently, is of paramount importance. Read, watch videos, attend classes, and observe other technicians performing the task. All will help make your experience in programming a success.

WHAT DO THE EXPERTS SAY?

I asked Drew Technologies Product Manager, Glen Eaton, and the VP of Autologic Diagnostics, Kevin FitzPatrick, a few questions regarding the future of programming, and where we as technicians and shop owners can expect changes and new developments in the technology. Here's what they had to say.

Programming Affordability

Cost is a factor in every situation. It helps to have some sense of what a shop can expect to spend on equipment and programming. Autologic's Kevin FitzPatrick says, "Equipment and capability costs rise as the repair facility becomes increasingly service ready to properly diagnose, repair, and program multiple vehicle makes. For most shops, it isn't feasible to own and maintain every factory scan tool, as the upfront and recurring costs can become overwhelming and payback diminishes."

The Autologic Drive solution offers a high degree of capabilities across multiple vehicle makes - domestic, Asian, and European brands. FitzPatrick says it is reasonable to expect to invest at least \$10,000 upfront on equipment and services.

"The shop needs to remember that this investment is a profit center for them to increase car count and ROI dollars," he says. "Even if a programming event costs the shop \$125, the shop should be marking up the programming as it would a replacement part on a vehicle, thus increasing profitability."

Remote Access Programming

With the relation to cost and availability, I've heard some great things about remote accessing, but I've also heard of limited coverage. The question is, is there a shortage of coverage, or is the coverage for remote accessing continually growing and expanding?

Drew Technologies' Glen Eaton explained it this way: "Coverage is mainly determined by legislative mandates put on the OEs to provide capabilities to the aftermarket, and then if the OE decides to provide more than the mandate. For example, the mandate for providing emissions related calibrations thru SAE J2534 has an effective model year start year of 2004, but many OEs have released capabilities that go back as far as 1996. For the more recent Right to Repair Act, the effective model year for providing dealership level diagnostics, programming, and service information is 2018, yet some OEs have released information going back to the mid-1990s."

Specific to remote coverage, Eaton says there are other issues that must still be overcome, such as OE application conflicts, as well as ensuring that the delivery method in which the OE provides the data is stable in a remote assist program environment.

"For locksmith and some security processes, there are limitations for remote programming due to the current requirements of the SDRM process, but we expect this to be overcome in the near future through changes to that process," Eaton says.

Programming via Satellite Directly to the Vehicle

I asked Eaton if he thought the bulk of programming and updates will be handled directly from the factory to the vehicle via satellite in the future, bypassing the need for the technician to input the data.

"This is an ongoing debate," Eaton says. "Over-the-air programming is being done today, but [mainly affects] non-critical components of the vehicle like infotainment features. Once you get into safety and drivability, OEs have not

gone to that level for obvious safety and even liability reasons. Beyond that, never sav never."

Older Vehicle Programming

I've also noticed that a number of aftermarket scanners have come up with ways to reflash older models (10 to 20 years old) and are slowly gaining more information on the newer models. As vehicles age with time and new technology is added, these older models may still have an affordable advantage over the newer models. I asked FitzPatrick whether his company is working towards more coverage on vehicles coming out of warranty and updating their scanners to handle more information, or even surpass the standard manufacturer's practices.

"Autologic is always investing heavily into [the] development of software and capabilities," FitzPatrick says. "Scan tool capabilities are constantly improving across all lines and diagnostic software

is becoming somewhat of a commodity. Today's repair facility generally has multiple diagnostic platforms that are very competent, but they often lack the diagnostic expertise of the OEM and the programming coverage of the OEM. Without access to that knowledge base, many repair facilities lose a lot of time and money misdiagnosing vehicles."

Both Eaton and FitzPatrick agree there is no turning back from the days when you could go into a parts store and have an ECM checked or even programmed like we did in the 80s and 90s.

"The industry is moving forward as it embraces technology, and remote access and programming is the future," FitzPatrick says.

Programming and reflashing today's vehicles is a growing business. How involved you choose to become depends on your shop and the needs of your customers. My advice: Don't skimp on it. Learn it, know it, and make it a part of your shop. PTEN





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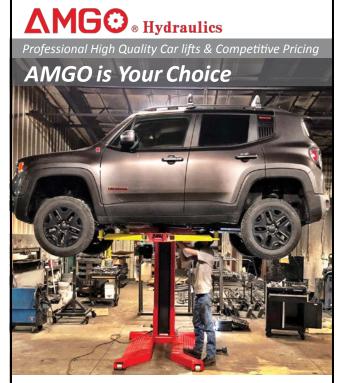
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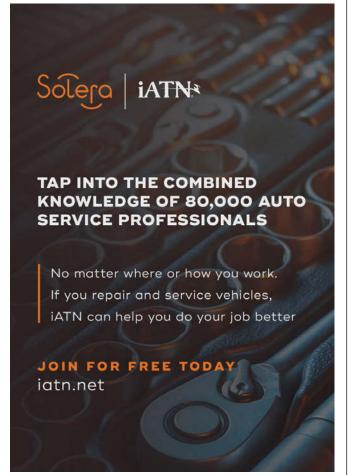


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Organized to perfection

A shop owner shares his "ungodly big" toolbox setup.

by Stefanie Von Rueden, Contributing Editor

urtis Detweiler is the owner of Redz Auto Body, and he bought his 60' long Snap-on Mr. Big Toolbox about six months ago to provide more space for his tools.

"I'm not sure what made me want to upgrade," Detweiler jokes. "I've got an issue."

His upgraded toolbox attracts a lot of attention due to its massive size. The toolbox is set up in an L-shape in Detweiler's mechanic's bay and features lockers on each side, four hutches, and two top boxes. He also recently added an additional top piece. Each of the stainless steel top boxes has a built-in power supply.

Detweiler keeps his toolbox meticulously organized in what he calls a "borderline OCD" schematic. He keeps sockets and ratchets in one drawer, pliers in

OWNER:

Curtis Detweiler

Redz Auto Body East McKeesport, Pennsylvania

another, diagnostic tools kept together, and cordless tools kept together. The tools he uses most often are stored in the top drawer of the center cabinet, where he has quick and easy access to them. "That's one advantage to having such a big toolbox," he says. "Everything pretty much has its own place."

For Detweiler, the deciding factor for choosing this toolbox over other options was the number of storage areas.

"I like the efficiency of having multiple areas in the box for selected tools, such as PDR tools, diagnostic tools, met-

The L-shaped, 60' long Snap-on Mr. Big Toolbox unit at Redz Auto Body in East McKeesport, Pennsylvania, is made up of two lockers, four hutches, and two top boxes.

ric and standard auto body tools, and mechanical tools."

"My favorite part of the box is the computer area," he adds. "I have three monitors set up, and that's where I do all of my ordering, diagnostic materials, and that kind of stuff. I like the simple ease of being able to access everything I need right there."

"The toolbox tends to get a lot of attention," Detweiler says. "It's just ungodly big. When you walk into the shop it's the first thing that sticks out to you. I get a lot of reactions to my toolbox." PTEN

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