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### by Power Probe Tek



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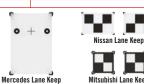
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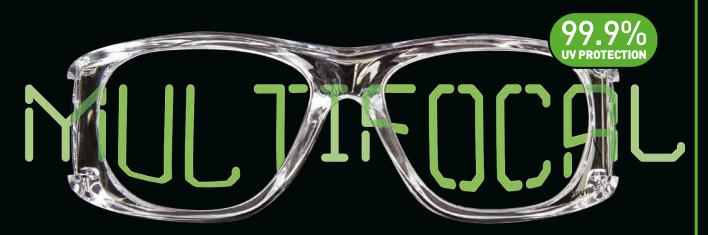
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## SEDITOR'S NOTE



## **Celebrating** a milestone

This year marks 30 years — and counting — of new tool and equipment coverage.

**By Sara Scullin,** Editor Sara@VehicleServicePros.com

You may have noticed from the cover these last few months that we've reached a milestone here at *Professional Tool & Equipment News*. That's right: this year marks 30 years of covering new products — and the technicians who use them — in the automotive aftermarket. And we're celebrating all year!

We're honored to have shown up on lunch tables, toolboxes, and service desks for three consecutive decades. When you think about it, that's a substantial amount of time... and a lot of tools! It's 30 years of new product releases, reviews, technician and shop profiles, and Big-Time Boxes. From your vantage point, we hope it means 30 years of inspiration, education, wish lists, and successful purchases.

Professional Tool & Equipment News founder Rudy Wolf established this publication as a the go-to source for automotive repair professionals. From the start, the magazine featured tools that equipment shop owners and technicians could discover, research, and purchase for their shops. These were made-for-professionals products designed to help solve problems and speed repairs. Perhaps some of these products even helped a shop owner or two to launch new revenue opportunities throughout the years.

In that respect, not much has changed from then until now. The pages might look a bit different. And though diagnostic goods have come on strong in the last decade or so, and we are seeing more software and smartphone solutions hit the streets, *PTEN*'s ultimate goal



remains the same: to bring you new-tomarket products that will help you do your best work.

Continuing in this tradition, this month we feature the second half of the 2019 Innovation Awards nominees (page 30). Each year the Innovation Awards are voted on by a panel of active technicians in the field. Hang on to this issue, along with May, so you can reference all the innovative tool nominations. Winners will be announced in the August issue.

How long have you been coming to *PTEN* for the latest tool information? We've always been the new products source for the aftermarket; and we aim to keep that tradition going strong.

Thank you for reading. We couldn't do it without you. PTEN

#### **Next Month's Issue:**

Next month we feature PTEN's annual Product Showcase. Check out hundreds of new products in a range of categories in this issue. We'll be back in August with our regular issue of PTEN.



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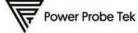
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**Ideal for transporters and light trucks** 

The Hazet 1/2" Impact Wrench 5-pc.

Set, No. 903 SLg6/5, comes with an additional outside hexagon adapter (No. 1003



S-1), power screwdriver sockets with spanner widths of 17mm (No. 903 Slg6-17) and 19mm (No. 903 Slg6-19), an enclosed safety link pin, and O-ring. The power screwdriver sockets can now also be driven via the 3/4" hexagon adapter (1003 S-1) with a 3/4" impact wrench. The outside hexagon attached to the socket with the spanner width of 24mm enables connection to the adapter (1003 S-1) equipped with 3/4" drive. These two tools are connected securely with the enclosed safety link pin and O-ring. This toolset is ideal for transporters and light trucks, including the Fiat Ducato or Mercedes-Benz Sprinter. A plastic coating on the sockets protects the rims against damage.

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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.



or four individual work lights

The Power Probe Pro Modular Work Light, No. PPMWL1000, is versatile and can be used as an underhood light, an area spotlight, or four individual work lights. The worklight can be mounted in multiple orientations for hands-free use by utilizing the magnets on the side and back of the housing, or the threaded holes for mounting to a tripod. Also, each individual modular light has magnets and a hook, allowing your hands to work freely. This light has a total of 1,000 lm on high (3 hrs) or 500 lm on low (6 hrs).

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#### Each element in the toolset revolves around a central axle

The CRKT Twist and Fix Socket Tool, No. 9904, is a stainless steel multi-tool used for everyday repair jobs. The tool is held together with a low-profile frame, and each element snaps in and out with ease. Instead of being housed in

fixed, eternal bearings, each element in the toolset revolves around a central axle, lengthening the tool you need and keeping the others out of the way. The Socket Tool includes the SAE socket sizes 1/4", 5/16",

> and 7/16", and the metric sizes 6mm, 8mm, and 10mm. Additionally, the tool features a durable glass reinforced nylon handle.

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Blow gun with an air delivery rate up to 23 cfm

The Steinel professional heat blower, No. HB 1750, is optimized for drying efficiency and for

heat-shrinking tubes and sleeves on cables. This heat tool delivers almost 30 percent more air than conventional tools, according to the com-

pany. Adjustable airflow ensures user control. The ergonomically shaped soft grip handle permits fatigue-free working. The included stand offers stationary operation at any angle. Features include a turbine blower with an air delivery rate up to 23 cfm, color coded keys, a maintenance-free factory sealed motor, a lightweight and well-balanced design, and a plug-in heating element that takes only seconds to change.

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### Compact, high-resolution, multiple-aspect camera

The Cal-Van Tools Wi-Fi
Borescope, No. 84, uses a compact,
high-resolution, multiple-aspect camera
(up to 1080p), and adjustable LED
lighting, to give technicians
different views without
teardown. With the long
58" bendable cable and

out needing to drain the fluid. The borescope is compatible with Android and iOS devices and has an independent Wi-Fi signal up to 30' that allows users to work wirelessly during the inspection. It comes with additional inspection accessories including a viewing mirror, recovery hook, and magnet.

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## Spot beam for long-range visibility

The Milwaukee USB Rechargeable

**Pivoting Flashlight** combines the features of a flashlight and flood light into an easy-to-carry, durable lighting solution. This light offers a 500 lm light output and a 110 degree pivoting head





that includes a 155m spot beam for long-range visibility and a wide flood beam for task lighting. For handsfree use, this light comes equipped with a magnetic base. The light offers up to a 10-hr runtime with three output mods: flood high, flood low, and spot beam. Users can charge the battery right inside the light via micro USB, or swap it out with an additional Redlithium USB battery. The light's body and lens are impact and chemical-resistant, and IP54 rated to protect against weather and dust.

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#### Quick and easy fastening

camera both IP67 rated,

users can access areas with-

The OEMTOOLS R2 Rechargeable Speed Ratchets, Nos. 24493 and 24494, are designed to speed up your work for quick and easy fastening. They are rechargeable and include two 2,000 mAh Li-ion batteries for continuous use for less work interruptions to re-charge. With an internal over-torque protection mechanism, there is less worry about overtightening of fasteners. The R2 Speed Rachets are lightweight and have a low profile design for tight work areas. The two ratchets are available in 1/2" drive (No. 24493) and 3/8" drive (No. 24494).

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#### **Designed for use in HVAC applications**

The **Klein Tools** multi-bit pocket screwdriver, the **3-in-1 HVAC Pocket Screwdriver**, No. 32613, is designed for use in precision HVAC applications with three different tips in one tool: #0 Phillips, 1/8" (3.2mm) slotted, and a Schrader bit. The screwdriver features concealable tips and a pocket clip for convenient, everyday carrying between jobs. Other features include a rotating cap for precise control, interchangeable barrel with a short and a long side for greater versatility, and a cushion-grip handle to provide comfort when working on small equipment. Steel bits with heat-treated precision ground tips for greater tool strength, and corrosion-resistant anodized aluminum plated barrel ensures durability.

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## Features magnetic/USB recharging technology

The **Powertac M6** is an everyday carry flashlight for technicians that emits 1,300 lm and has four lighting modes plus

four lighting modes plus strobe. The flashlight's circuitry provides for a three hour run-time on the high power setting. The M6

> has a magnetic tail cap for handsfree use and features

Powertac's magnetic/USB recharging technology. The light is waterproof, impact resistant, includes the battery, and has a lifetime warranty.

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## Suitable for a variety of screw-types

The Vessel Tool Megadora screwdrivers feature the JAWSFIT mechanism, allowing the blade to bite into the screw for easy removal. The JAWSFIT mechanism reduces cam-out of the screws while holding them properly. The JAWSFIT also helps remove already damaged screws, weather damaged screws, and plastic screws.

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#### Lift up to 10,000 lbs

The **AMGO PRO-10A** four post commercial lift is an ideal choice of lift, with the combination of great performance and safety. The lift works well for repairs, tire services, and wheel alignments for your commercial service. The PRO-10A four post lift is made stronger, more versatile, and is easier to use. It is also able to lift up to 10,000 lbs.

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#### **Includes T-adapter for** connecting smoke machines to help locate air leaks

The Lisle Turbo Air System Test Kit with Smoke Adapter, No. 69910, plugs the output side of the turbo and the intake inlet. Air and smoke are applied through one adapter to show the presence of leaks within the system. The kit features a pressure gauge, shut off valve, pressure regulator, and includes six pairs of stepped adapters to fit most turbo systems on cars and light trucks. Can also be used on some cooling system hoses.

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#### Track misplaced light audibly

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 handsfree options.

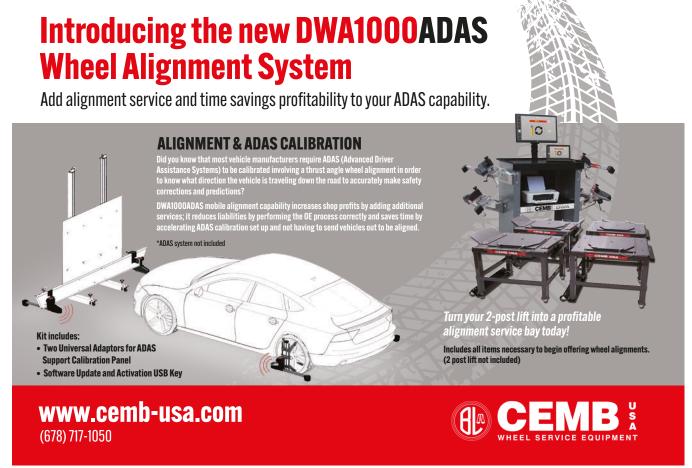
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lightweight package. With its 60 ft-lb torque output and 2,500 free speed rpm, this wrench weighs 2.5 lbs, allowing techs to better maneuver in tight, hard to reach spaces. The tool features over-current and thermal protection for the motor and three built-in LEDs to allow illumination of the work area.

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#### Can reach a vacuum of 15 microns

The Mastercool Inc. 18V Cordless 1.5 cfm, Two-Stage Vacuum Pump is designed for field applications where access to a power supply isn't readily available. The sure-grip handle is ergonomically designed for comfort and portability while the reinforced base provides shock resistance. This twostage vacuum pump can reach a vacuum of 15 microns. It is equipped with an oil-mist free exhaust port and an oil-gas separator at the air exhaust outlet. The air-cooled motor is designed for operation under high temperature conditions. The vacuum pump features an accessible oil drain port and sight glass. Dimensions are 9.9" L, 3.7" W, 6.1" H; 7.9 lbs; 3.5 oz oil capacity.

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#### This impact wrench delivers 2,500 ft-lbs of torque

The Michigan Pneumatic MP-2740-ST 1" impact wrench is designed for truck tire maintenance and repair, off-road construction equipment, and even industrial maintenance operations. Features include 2,500 ft-lbs of torque, a friction ring and thruhole anvil, fast rundown, and an adjustable dead handle. Available with a 6" or 8" extended anvil, Models MP-2740-ST-6 and MP-2740-ST-8

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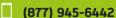
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#### Shines 200 lm over 85m

The Streamlight Inc. QB ultra-compact headlamp delivers 200 lm over a distance of 85m on its highest setting. Offering the convenience of USB rechargeability, three output modes and a lightweight, low-profile design, it is the ideal hands-free personal work light for professional and consumer uses alike. The company says the headlamp features an adjustable elastic head strap with a non-slip inner surface that can also be used with hard hats. The QB offers 200 lm and 1,800 candela over an 85-meter beam distance on its high setting; on low, it provides 95 lm over 55m. Run times range from 4 hours on low to 2 hours on high. A large top button allows for easy actuation and switching between the high, low and flash modes. The headlamp uses a 600 mAh lithium polymer battery, sealed within the unit for service-free operation, and is rechargeable via a micro USB charging port. Red and green LED lights indicate battery charging status; charge time is approximately 3.5 hours depending on the USB charging source. In addition to the silicone-backed elastic head strap, the QB also includes a built-in hat clip that easily attaches to the brim of a baseball or bump cap. Featuring an impact-resistant polycarbonate body and lens, the QB weighs just 1.5 ounces with the attached headband and measures 1.57 inches in length. The light is IPX4 rated for weather resistance and is impact resistance-tested to two meters. It is available in safety vellow and black

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## NEW **Products**

#### **Delivers power and speed** in a compact size

The Makita 12V Max CXT Lithium-Ion Brushless Cordless 3/8" Square Drive Impact Wrench,

No. WT05, is ideal for maintenance, auto, and general use. The impact wrench delivers power and speed in a compact size for fasten-

ing and working in tight spaces

and overhead applications. It weights 2.2 lbs and delivers 120 ft-lbs of torque and 210 ft-lbs of nut-busting torque. It's reverse rotation auto-stop mode stops rotation and impact when the fastener is loosened adequately, which helps prevent over-loosening and dropped fasteners. The impact wrench is also offered as a kit that includes a charger, batteries, and a tool bag.

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#### Safe alternative to mark, cut, punch, start, and set

Mayhew Tools' Hammerless Tools are ideal for use on wood or metal surfaces delivering up to 3,500 lbs of striking force. These spring-powered tools serve as a safe alternative to mark, cut, punch, start and/or set without the need for a hammer. Users place the tool directly on the work surface, pull back the spring, and release. All tools in the Mayhew hammerless tools line are made in the



USA and have a lifetime warranty. The hammerless tools line includes Center Punch & 2/32" Nail Set, No. 17351; Nail Master, No. 17352; 2/32" & 3/32" Nail Set, No. 17353; Center Punch & Prick Punch, No. 17354; 5/16" Cold Chisel & 5/16" Hammer, No. 17355; Punch & Cold Chisel, No. 17356; Self Centering Center Punch, No. 17357; 5/16" Wood Chisel & 5/16" Hammer, No. 17358; 5/16" Wood Chisel, No. 17359; and 5/16" Cold Chisel, No. 17360.

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#### **Combines convenience** and versatility

The Power Port Products Flexible 2-in-1 Flexible LED Work Light combines both convenience and versatility in one light. It is equipped with a bright high powered 1W LED and 4 UV LEDs to detect leaks easily and quickly. The 15' flex-neck and small lamp size are ideal for hard to reach tight spaces while affixed to the base is a magnet for easy mounting to various metal objects. The unit is available in both a AA battery and rechargeable battery model.

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The JohnDow EuroVent Heavy Duty Motorized Hose Reel systems are customized, fixed motorized overhead hose reel exhaust extraction systems. Every EuroVent exhaust system is customized to each facility and its unique specifications. Engineers design an extraction system that meets a facility's requirements, budget, and timetable - once drawings are submitted, a design package and estimate will be presented within five business days, at no charge. Other features include a 36" drum holding 35' of 8" hose, 600- to 1500-degree temperature rated hose, hanging control pendant, and single phase 120V and UL508 compliance. Assembled in the U.S., EuroVent systems are available in four types: an overhead rail, an overhead telescoping, an overhead fixed-hose recoil, or an underground disappearing system.

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#### **Bottles feature built-in** magnet designed for secure placement

The CTA Manufacturing Corp. Brake Bleeder Bottle, No. 7786, comes with two brake bleeding bottles. The bottles feature a built-in magnet designed for secure placement. They are equipped with a nipple top for placement of tubing. The nipple top also vents the bottle. Remaining brake fluid drains back into the bottle. The attached metal wire with a hook adds additional security when anchored to a nearby suspension component.

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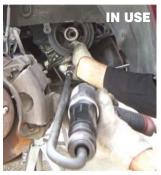
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#### **Butterfly valve for** maximum air discharge

The RPG 5-Gal Bead Seater is designed for heavy duty, commercial use to guickly inflate large truck tires, passenger tires, and ATV tires up to 24.5" in size. The bead seater is equipped with a butterfly valve for maximum air discharge, and also features rubber foot pads to lessen vibration while in use. The long reach metal barrel also has a specially designed lip that delivers a quick air blast between the tire and rim at the perfect angle and position to ensure that the job gets done, the company says. The bead seater comes with an easy-toread gauge to ensure the recommended operating pressure (psi) is used.

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#### **Intelligent Diagnostic** system that quickly verifies component failures

The Snap-on Diagnostics Triton D8 was designed to help save time and increase productivity for technicians by guiding them to the problem, while filtering out unnecessary steps. Triton D8 features Technical Service Bulletins (TSB) to access fault codes, "Smart Data" to configure the display to show vehicle parameters (PIDS) relevant to the fault codes, and SureTrack that provides access to repair information from shops that have solved the same problem. It also includes functional tests to verify component operation, reset procedures to complete the repair after component replacement, and a built-in scope. Accessing the Intelligent Diagnostic functions on the Snap-on Triton D8 requires a software agreement, which will keep the tool updated with the latest information and functionality available.

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### Repair, build, and create battery terminal cables

The E-Z Red BCK18 Cable Cutter and Crimper Kit comes with all the tools needed to repair, build, and create battery terminal cables on or off the vehicle. This set of heavy duty tools can be used with a pneumatic driver or ratchet, as well as the included breaker bar. Strip the jackets with the precision stripper for a secure connection.

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#### 360 degree rotation

The **OEMTOOLS 1,250 lb Rotating Engine Stand**, No. 24846, securely holds most engine configurations, making them ideal for engine work or storage. The Heavy Duty Worm Gear provides 360 degree rotation allowing access from any angle. The mounting arms are adjustable to fit most engines, while the folding legs make for easy storage.





## The blades are constructed of M42 high speed steel

BoreTech's Hole Saw Kit provides saw blades manufactured with bi-metal that are designed for hole cutting in wood, plastic, aluminum, and soft metals. Constructed of M42 high speed steel, the saws feature backing plates and a thicker saw wall to reduce warping during extended periods of use. The progressive gullet design delivers material removal. The kit includes 14 pieces, with arbors, bits, and adapters.

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## -NEW **Products**

#### 30 bit set with a magnetic bit holder

Beta Easy 860EA 31-pc Hex Bit Set from Beta Tools includes 30 bits and a 1-1/4" magnetic bit holder within a durable plastic case with a clear lid. Slotted screw bits include: 0.5mm x 3mm, 0.6mm x 4.5mm,

0.8mm x 5.5mm, 1.0mm x 5.5mm, 1.2mm x 6.5mm, and 1.6mm x 8mm. Phillips screw bits include: PH1, PH2, and PH3. Pozidriv cross

head screw bits include:

PZ1, PZ2, and PZ3. Hex bits include: 2mm, 3mm, 4mm, 5mm, 6mm, and 8mm. Torx bits include: T8, T9, T10, T15, T20, T25, T27, T30, and T40. And square drive bits include: 1mm, 2mm, and 3mm.

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#### Three tools in one unit

The Clore Automotive Solar Pro-Logix 12V Smart Battery Charger, No. PL2545, comes with engine start assistance. Designed to provide continuous operation in a wide variety of professional/industrial battery service environments, the PL2545 combines a fully automatic operation utilizing a proprietary multi-phase charging process with the ability to properly charge multiple battery types. The PL2545 is really three tools in one unit. It functions as an advanced automatic battery charger to bring depleted batteries to full charge so that they can be put back into service. It functions as an advanced automatic battery maintainer, conditioning and maintaining batteries in long term storage charging situations. It also provides engine starting assistance, quickly energizing a depleted battery so that the engine can be started.

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#### **Designed to clear the sensor** connection bracket of the fuel/temperature flow sensor on Ford Transit Connect

The CTA Manufacturing Corp. Ford Flow Sensor Socket, No. 7850, is a 19mm socket with inner hex walls that are machined extra-deep for clearance of the ford fuel/ temperature flow sensor found on 2010-2017 Ford Transit Connect vans. It is designed to clear the sensor connection bracket for easy removal of the Fuel/Temperature flow sensor. The socket has a thin-wall design with 3/8" drive and an overall socket Length of 3". It can also be used on any 19mm application that doesn't exceed 2.5" depth.

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#### Atomize fluids up to 42 gallons per hour

Exair's 1/8" NPT Small Internal Mix Spray Nozzles combines liquid and compressed air to create a coating of liquid that can be adjusted to meet the needs of the user's application. The spray nozzles mix the liquid and air inside the cap and can atomize fluids up to 42 gallons per hour. They are available in narrow-angle round pattern, wide angle round pattern, and flat fan pattern and are used to coat parts in containers, cool laminates, or apply paint and lubricant. The stainless steel construction of these atomizing nozzles adds to their durability and corrosion resistance. They also come in 1/4 and 1/2 NPT.

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Rubber hose can withstand oil, grease, and water

Prevost Open Drum Hose Reels are

intended for professional use and available in a range of sizes and hose lengths. The rubber hose can withstand oil, grease, water, and harsh conditions. They can be paired with any Prevo S1 safety coupling and are sold with a fixed or optional 140 degree swivel bracket allowing it to be mounted to a wall or overhead. A stop catch locks the hose at the length needed for work and by gently pulling on the hose, the return spring automatically winds the hose back

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into the reel.



## **Ergonomic rivet squeezers** and lightweight rivet hammers

The Chicago Pneumatic CP42 Series comprises of ergnonomic squeezers and lightweight rivet hammers that are ideal for providing optimal riveting solutions for maximum productivity. The CP42 series includes six models of squeezers and seven models of compact rivet hammers. The squeezers are silent (as lows as 72 dB) with a minimum vibration of less than 2.5 m/s2. A rotating air inlet provides added flexibility so the user can easily maneuver the squeezer into the right position. The rivet hammers are available from 1X to 9X and can adeptly handle all aluminum rivets up to 3/8" in size.

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## Increases battery dependability

The PulseTech SolarPulse Battery Chargers are designed to charge, maintain, and desulfate lead-acid batteries in vehicles and equipment stored outside. The battery chargers are available in 3-, 7-, and 12-watt and reduce jump starts, increase battery power, and extend battery life by as much as three times, says the company. SolarPulse works with all types of 12V batteries, are weatherproof, and offers multiple mounting options.

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## NEW **Products**

#### Replaces manual pumping methods

The Macnaught BOP20 Battery-Operated Pump is designed for pumping gear oil from 5-gal containers, replacing manual pumping methods and helping to improve efficiency and reduce operator fatigue. The pump's 18V, 2.0 Ah Li-Ion battery delivers up to 40-gal on a single charge, with flow rates up to 1-gal 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 across multiple pump stems to help reduce setup costs, while the unit's sealed, wetted parts prevent contamination. The pump is suitable for lubricants ranging from 0W40 to SAE90. The BOP20 Starter Kit comes with a pump powerhead, stem with adjustable suction tube, adapter, flow nozzle, 5'

hose, Li-Ion battery and charger.

The pump is suitable for automotive, truck and bus, marine, construction, mining, aviation and agriculture applications, as well as for plant equipment. Circle 63 on

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#### **Heavy duty hexagon grip**

The Matco Tools 12-pc Hand Impact Driver Set, No. SID12PBA, features a reversible 3/8" square drive impact driver with a heavy duty hexagon grip that helps prevent the impact driver from slipping out of the user's hand. This set includes an impact driver, bit holder and 10 S2 impact bits: T30, T40, T45, T47, T50, T55, P2, P3, P4 and 9/32 slotted.

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#### Removes broken exhaust manifold bolts without damaging the cylinder head

The Lisle Manifold Drill Template, No. 71600, is designed to remove broken exhaust manifold bolts on Ford 4.6L, 5.4L, and 6.8L motors without damaging the cylinder head. Tapered bolts center the base plate over bolt holes and slip fit bushing allows you to move from hole to hole without moving the base plate. The screw extractor is then used to remove the broken bolt. Includes bushing to drill to tap size when extractor cannot be used. Dimensions are 19" W x 8.5" L x 2.25" D.

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#### Transmits images and video to compatible smartphones

Klein Tools' Wi-Fi Borescope displays. saves, and shares jobsite images and videos through a mobile app compatible with Android or iPhone devices. The borescope

features a 9mm camera on a 6 " waterproof gooseneck that maneuvers around obstacles while maintaining rigidity. The camera has six onboard, adjustable LED lights and outputs high-quality 640 x 480 images. The Klein Tools Borescope App is available free at Google Play or the

App Store. The app is optimized for Apple iOS

Version 6 or

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4.2 or higher. The Wi-Fi Borescope includes a pocket clip, USB charging cable, hook attachment, carrying case, and instructions.

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#### **Includes OEM service** procedures

The Mac Tools Repair Source Diagnostics is software on the ET7200 and ET6250 Diagnostic tools included in the purchase price of the tool. This software includes diagnostic coverage updates, software updates, and Repair Source. Repair Source offers vehicle service and repair information, including OEM service procedures for A/C and heater, engine, airbag, brake bleed, steering, suspension, starter alternator, and timing belt; DTC troubleshooting: test conditions and diagrams and supporting tests; OE wiring diagrams; component location diagrams; computer relearn procedures and more.

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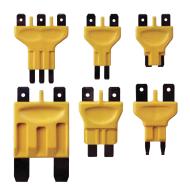
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### ADAS, it's not just for collision shops

On modern vehicles, even some seemingly simple tasks such as replacing a headlamp or a radiator can affect the alignment of a camera or module.

By Barry Hoyland, Contributing Editor

ne of the latest technologies introduced to vehicles is grouped into a category commonly referred to as Advanced Driver Assistance Systems (ADAS). This technology has the fastest growth in electronics. It is used in vehicles and is primarily used for driver convenience and safety, but is also the primary bridge for making autonomous and "connected car" vehicles possible.

Due to the ability of the system to avoid, or at minimum reduce, the severity of a crash, ADAS is quickly becoming a must-have on late model vehicles. In fact, vehicles in the EU have been mandated to have collision avoidance systems installed on all new vehicles built in 2020, with U.S. car makers following suit in 2022. Additionally, the liability of a collision may eventually shift from the driver to the electronic systems responsible for collision avoidance. This could include potential liability for a technician repairing an ADAS component, or failing to calibrate a system after a seemingly normal repair that caused a sensor to become misaligned.

When it comes to ADAS, it is necessary to fully understand how the systems work and how they interact with other vehicle systems. Additionally, there are other components and systems within the vehicle that may affect ADAS functionality if repairs are done without completing an ADAS calibration.

We will first review the different types of ADAS systems and discuss some of the individual components, then analyze how some repairs can cause a malfunction of ADAS if the repair does not include a recalibration. Please remember this is not a complete list of components, systems, or repairs that are considered ADAS and you must obtain vehicle specific information in order to determine which systems are on any vehicle you are working on.

### **ADAS Systems:**

- · Collision Warning
- Collision Avoidance
- Adaptive Cruise Control
- · Parking Assistance
- Adaptive Braking
- Lane Departure Warning
- Drowsy Driver Warning
- Pedestrian Detection
- Rear Collision Warning
- Cross Traffic Alert
- Rain Sensor
- · Blind Spot Warning

### **SENSORS**

Most current ADAS systems use passive sensors to warn the driver of hazards, or use sensors to detect hazards and actively take measures to assist in collision avoidance. The most common passive sensors have been around for many years; the ultrasonic sensors are found in front and rear bumpers on many vehicles. These sensors provide a signal to a module that determines if an object is too close to the vehicle, then the module provides an audible warning to alert the driver. Some of the latest uses of these sensors are to sense obstacles on the side of the vehicle (see images on page 43).

Even though these sensors are relatively trouble-free and the most common causes of a failure are from either

### TOOLS USED:

- Mitchell 1 ProDemand
- Diagnostic Scan Tool
- ADAS Component **Alignment Tools**
- ADAS Target System

a damaged or dirty sensor, the steps to diagnose and replace them are fairly simple. On early vehicle models, the sensors may not trigger a fault code, so the only way to test an individual sensor was to cover each sensor and listen for an audible warning from the vehicle. Late model vehicles can set a fault code and will require a scan tool to diagnose. It should be noted that fault codes for these systems can be located in different modules of various vehicles, and it may be necessary to check modules other than the Powertrain Control Module (PCM), or the Body Control Module (BCM).

Other tools required for service include hand tools for sensor removal and pliers for wire stripping and connector repair. Care should be taken when replacing sensors that the correct part replacement is used, and that the installation angle remains unchanged in order to retain original functionality. In some cases a sensor will need to be painted to match the vehicle. If so, use only the matching factory color on the sensor as even the slightest color change may affect the sensitivity of the sensor.

Ultrasonic sensor limitations include being unable to detect objects at long



distances and their inability to determine what an object is.

#### **CAMERAS**

The use of cameras provides the system the ability to identify objects while extending the distance for the detection of possible hazards. The use of a camera also allows the system to recognize road signs and pedestrians. Recognizing road signs and pedestrians is critical information necessary for the system to recognize hazards and to react actively. Sign recognition can alert the system when the vehicle is approaching a turn, or even a construction zone, and alert the driver if there has not been a reduction in speed or a steering input necessary for the turn. The down side of cameras is they do not function as well in poor weather and they do not have the ability to determine distance. Because of this, most vehicle makers are using either a camera and a series of ultrasonic sensors, or a combination of cameras, sensors, and LIDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) radar units which incorporate the ability to gauge distance, even in poor visibility.

Some systems use these inputs to initiate an active response from the ADAS system. Some active responses from the system include throttle control, braking, steering control, and pre-tensioning of occupant restraint systems.

Cameras can be mounted inside the front windshield and need little to no maintenance. Failures do occur though, and many of them are caused by excessive heat. Because the cameras are mounted very close to the windshield, and the camera itself generates heat, lack of airflow across the camera can sometimes cause an issue. If the camera senses too much heat, they will typically shut off and send a warning to the driver information center that the system is unavailable. Some systems will change the inside temperature of the vehicle in an attempt to reduce the temperature.

Many car makers are now locating cameras in locations other than just the windshield. Rear facing cameras are typically located in the center of the vehicle near the rear license plate. These cameras

have now incorporated technology for object detection, along with providing a rear view to a monitor within the vehicle. These camera systems are typically used for object detection, but may be used for other functions such as self-parking.

Many other vehicle manufacturers are placing cameras in the side or in the exterior mirrors of the vehicle. These are used for blind spot and side collision detection. Many vehicles now include forward facing cameras that are mounted in the grille area. Recent additions to camera technology include 360⁰ view cameras that reduce the need for multiple cameras on a vehicle.

In order to diagnose camera issues, the use of a scan tool and access to vehicle specific information will be necessary. First, use vehicle specific information along with your scan tool to identify what, if any, ADAS system components are used on your vehicle. If any fault codes are found, use the vehicle specific

diagnostic procedure to correct the issue.

Mitchell 1 ProDemand recently released an ADAS Quick Reference button on their Quick Reference Ribbon at the top of the repair page. This section will allow the technician to quickly obtain information on which ADAS systems are installed on the vehicle they are working on. Not only does the information address which system could be installed on the vehicle, it informs on what types of repairs would necessitate a calibration of each ADAS system, along with the procedure and specific tool or target requirements. Mitchell 1 has done an exceptional job of obtaining and placing this information in an easy to find and understand format (see image on page 45).

Common issues include fault "U" fault code module communication failures, dirty camera lenses and mis-alignment of the camera. Technician induced issues include replacing the windshield

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▲ Image of front ADAS sensor on Toyota Tacoma.



▲ Image of side warning sensor on Toyota Tacoma. It should be noted if paint repairs are done, the original color must be matched.

with glass that is not consistent with the OE requirements of clarity or even the angle of the glass, which can distort the camera's image. The most common issue, and possibly the worst, is camera misalignment. Even some seemingly simple tasks such as replacing a headlamp or a radiator can affect the alignment of a camera or module.

You must keep in mind that the camera provides an image to its module, which uses the image to determine if a potential hazard exists. If the image is distorted, or even more common, the image is not reporting the location of the hazard in the correct relationship to the position of the vehicle, the module will not be able to correctly determine if a hazard really exists. A camera that has been moved as little as a degree or two from its calibrated position can change the reported position of obstacles by as much as 20 feet closer or further from the vehicle.

In order to assure each component is reporting potential hazards correctly, calibrating components to the position of the vehicle is necessary.

### Repairs that will likely require an **ADAS** calibration:

- · Glass replacement
- Interior or exterior mirror removal or replacement

- Thrust alignment
- Steering angle reset
- Suspension modifications
- · Any repair affecting ride height, including tire or wheel size changes
- Removal or repositioning of any sensor, camera, radar, or LIDAR unit

It is essential to recognize ADAS components while repairing vehicle systems and take care to position them correctly and calibrate them after any repair.

Because these systems are relatively new, some vehicles have required software updates (reprogramming) in some of their modules, which may also necessitate performing a calibration of the sen-

Aligning or calibrating cameras, radars, or LIDAR systems is vehicle specific, although the steps prior to preparing most vehicles for calibration are similar.

### **Calibration Preparation Steps:**

- · Assure tires are inflated to specification
- · Ensure fuel tank is full
- · All windows, sensors, and cameras are clean
- Remove extra cargo from passenger and trunk
- Ensure suspension or tires have not been modified

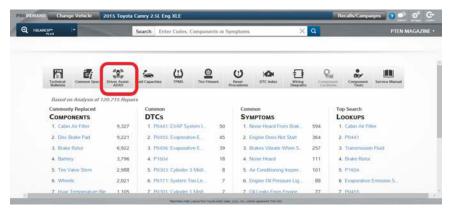
Some vehicles utilize a dynamic test only to calibrate the camera to the position of the vehicle. A dynamic test starts with assuring the mountings are secure for the imaging device, and that the vehicle's electrical system is fully charged and has no issues. Use vehicle specific information to enable the system to start a dynamic calibration. This is typically accomplished by using your scan tool to place the system in a calibration mode, driving the vehicle on a clearly marked highway, and driving it at a specific speed and time determined by the vehicle manufacturer.

Some issues that can prevent a calibration from completing include lanes that are not clearly marked, heavy traffic, rain, snow or fog, or even Botts Dots type of lane markings instead of traditional painted lines. Excess window tint or driving into the sun may also affect the ability to perform a calibration.

Other vehicles use a static calibration for calibrating their systems. In order to perform a static calibration, prepare the vehicle according to the vehicle manufacturer's specific instructions found in your information source.

The sensors must be aligned both vertically and horizontally to the vehicle's centerline. Most static calibrations also require specific tools or targets designed





▲ This image illustrates the Mitchell 1 ProDemand Quick Access tab on homescreen.

to assure that cameras, LIDARs, or other sensors are installed and aligned correctly to the centerline of the vehicle.

Some of the tools required include levels, bubble gauges, laser pointers, and targets with stands. In some cases, specific brackets to attach the tool to a sensor will be required. Target systems utilized for static calibrations are vehicle

specific and are required to be placed at specific locations, distances and heights from the vehicle. Many static calibrations will also require a dynamic calibration in order to complete the process.

Other requirements for performing static calibrations are a level bay, clear access around the vehicle, and good lighting with no direct sunlight. In conclusion, since ADAS is here to stay and as this technology develops, the requirement to repair and calibrate those systems correctly will only become more critical. Taking time prior to any repair to use your information sources to determine if any ADAS system will be affected by the service. Ensuring you have the tools required to calibrate the system after any repair will not only be essential, but profitable.

Historically as automotive technology advanced, repair procedures also required change. With ADAS becoming more common, not only will we be required to check for TSB's before any repair, using specific vehicle information to determine what ADAS systems are installed and how they could be affected by working on the vehicle is now necessary. PTEN

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### **AIRCAT Pneumatic Tools VIBROTHERM DRIVE 1178-**VXL 1/2" Impact Wrench

Reduced vibration and tuned exhaust keep noise to a minimum.

by Emily Markham, Assistant Editor

### THE REVIEW:

orking in the shop can get noisy, but with the **AIRCAT Pneumatic Tools** VIBROTHERM DRIVE 1178-VXL 1/2" Impact Wrench, technicians can eliminate some of that noise, and they won't have to sacrifice on the tool's power, says reviewer Jeff Buckley.

Buckley, owner of My Father's Shop in Midlothian, Texas, put the VIBROTHERM DRIVE to the test. This model is designed to have a much quieter impact with a greater amount of power, so Buckley compared the noise level of the AIRCAT tool against the usual impact wrench used in his shop. With its new mechanism to reduce vibration and tuned exhaust to keep noise to a minimum, Buckley noticed a difference.

"[The VIBROTHERM DRIVE] actually does quiet down the noise quite a bit, so whether you have one of these going in the shop or several, it's going to be a bit quieter," Buckley said.

The testing didn't stop there though. Buckley used the tool in a variety of jobs around the shop, including standard tire service, brakes, and suspension. Featuring 1,300 ft-lbs of loosening torque at 90psi, Buckley decided to test the power of the VIBROTHERM DRIVE on a particularly stubborn crankshaft bolt, and the tool removed the bolt with ease.

When a tool isn't tough enough to do a job, it can cost technicians valuable time when they have to go searching for a tool that can. According Buckley, "[The VIBROTHERM DRIVE] seems to have plenty of power to do the standard jobs that we need to do as mechanics."

Buckley was impressed with the AIRCAT impact wrench from the moment he laid his eyes on it. Pulling the tool from its box and removing it from the black, cloth bag, he said, "The first thing [you] notice when you get this out is this is a really good-looking tool."

The molded handle offers a comfort-

### **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**

The AIRCAT Pneumatic VIBROTHERM DRIVE Impact Wrench Series is designed for professional automotive technicians and service shop professionals. The impact wrenches offer high torque, low vibration, low noise, low weight, shorter length, longer working life, and operating comfort and convenience, the company says. AIRCAT includes a three-year warranty on the tool.

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> able grip that "fits right in the

palm of your hand," Buckley says. He adds, the switch for forward and reverse is simple enough to flip with just a flick of your thumb.

Additionally, Buckley found the VIBROTHERM DRIVE easy to use, with little set-up required the technician only had to install the connector to prepare for use. Though Buckley found it unnecessary

for this very straightforward tool, the impact wrench does come with an instruction manual.

After finishing the reviewing process for the VIBROTHERM DRIVE, Buckley had just one thing to say, "I know where this one's going — into my toolbox!"

To see the VIBROTHERM DRIVE 1/2" Impact Wrench in action, check out Buckley's video review. PTEN



### Lisle **Double Ended Clip Lifter**

The simplistic, versatile, and durable design impressed the reviewer.

by Tyler Fussner, Assistant Editor

### **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:**

The Lisle Double Ended Clip Lifter, No. 35460, features a smaller opening designed for lifting the center pin and a wider opening that lifts the fastener from the panel. This tool also works with plastic fasteners, plastic clips, upholstery, or door panels. It offers a zinc finish with a 3-1/2" grip, and the overall tool length is 8".

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### THE REVIEW:

he Lisle Double Ended Clip Lifter, No. 35460, requires no setup. There is no manual included, and none needed - it is very self-explanatory and straightforward. It comes well packaged and without accessories. Randy Kaiser, service manager and partial owner at Rost Motor, Inc. in Manson, Iowa, attests to the versatility of this clip lifter after using it to remove plastic push pins in his shop.

"It took the place of two or three different tools to do the same job. I have a universal set of trim tools and clip removers that I have used in the past; the clip removal tools never seem to fit quite right. This little gem [Lisle Double Ended Clip Lifter] fit the clips perfectly. It removed the center pin and then the clip, without damaging them or breaking off part of the clip," Kaiser said.

When dealing with the removal of plastic parts, there is a risk of inflicting damage, even beyond repair, when applying metal tools to do so. The Lisle Corporation Double Ended Clip Lifter was designed with universal applications and offers technicians the ability to fit a wide range of clips and pins in order to complete removal without forcing its fit; Kaiser says the tool does just that.

"You slide the end with the small opening under the center pin of the clip and lift it up. Then you take the other end of the tool and remove the clip from the opening. The angle of the end of the tool makes it very easy to remove the clips," said Kaiser. "It didn't mark up the object that I was removing clips from."

Durability and comfort are important aspects in the design of hand tools. "The metal in the tool seemed to be good quality and didn't bend or deform when I used it," Kaiser told us. "It has a nice, smooth finish. The handle in the center is very comfortable and has a little cushion to it."

This product can eliminate the need for multiple tools and kits to perform a single task - a major reason Kaiser rated the Lisle Double Ended Clip Lifter a 10 out of 10. "It is a nice, compact tool that is well designed," said Kaiser. "Instead of having to dig out your pocket knife, pocket screwdriver, regular screwdriver, and side cutter, you just need this one, handy tool." PTEN



### Makita Impact GOLD 9-pc 3/8" **Drive Socket Set**

With their durability and precision, these socket sets impressed Lead Technician Lou Fort.

by Vesna Brajkovic, **Contributing Editor** 

### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The Makita Impact GOLD 9-pc 3/8" Drive Socket Set comes in Metric (No. B-49862) and Standard (No.B-34833) sizes. The set offers a 1/4" hex to 3/8" square drive socket adapter which tilts up to 15 degrees for use in tight spaces. The sockets are made from heat-treated alloy steel for high-torque applications, and are ideal for use with impact drivers, impact wrenches, and ratchets. The black oxide coat on the sockets is designed to resist corrosion. The socket set comes in a flexible boot for storage. The metric set comes with the following 3/8" drive impact sockets: 8, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, and 18mm. The standard set comes with the following 3/8" drive impact sockets: 5/16", 3/8", 7/16", 1/2", 9/16", 5/8", 11/16", and 3/4".

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### THE REVIEW:

he fear of rounding off a fastener due to a loose fitting and poorly made socket is a real one for Lou Fort, lead technician at K.A.R.S Inc. in Huntingburg, Indiana. But with the Makita Impact GOLD 9-pc 3/8" Drive Socket Sets that feeling was eliminated.

"I was very surprised to find how precise all the sockets were," Fort says. "Even after some very heavy usage with high impact air tools these sockets are keeping true to their sizes."

Fort used the sockets, both in Metric (No. B-49862) and in Standard (No. B-34833), while performing daily repairs in the shop, from rebuilding differential assemblies to removing dash assemblies required for heater core replacement.

"All of the sockets have taken a beating with no signs of wear," Fort says.

The set also comes with a 1/4" hex to 3/8" square drive socket adapter which tilts up to 15-degrees for use in tight spaces, which Fort used with a Makita Impact Driver [No. XDT15ZB] when possible. To use the adapter, users must attach it to a driver and then attach whichever socket is needed.

"One does need to pay attention to the orientation of the 'Hole' in the sockets side so it lines up with the 'Ball' of the adapter," Fort advises. "Failure to do so will reduce the angle it will work at."

The 1/4" Hex Shank Adapter was a stand-out addition to the sockets sets. He says although the adapter seems like a "little thing," on certain jobs that adapter makes the biggest different.

"I am also quite impressed to how well the bit drive adapters are holding up," Fort says. "I honestly expected to break them in short order but haven't broken one yet."

For more than 10 years, Fort has used sockets from all makes and types, and he still walks away impressed by these

"These sockets are amongst the high-

est quality sockets I have ever used and the adapters are, so far, a step above all the others I have owned and used," Fort boasts.

The Metric set does not have an 11, 16, or 19 mm socket, so Fort advises purchasing both sets together.

Both socket sets come with a siliconeformed holder to keep the sockets and adapter organized. The standard set's organizer is red whereas the metric set is Makita's signature color.

The sockets include size markings, but Fort says these are a "little hard to read, especially in low-light situations."

"If I could, I would add size marking to the silicone organizers for easier socket identification," Fort suggests as a future update to the tool. "I would also like to have the size markings on the sockets easier to read, colored laser etching perhaps?"

Overall, these socket sets are durable. even with daily use, and leave this technician of 10 years impressed. PTEN



### **MAHLE ArcticPRO ACX2150**

The reviewers attest to the machine's ability to save time by allowing technicians to multitask.

by Tyler Fussner, Assistant Editor

### THE REVIEW:

eturn on investment can be measured in minutes; time saved in the shop equates to lower costs. When integrating new equipment into the shop, the time-to-be-saved is always a priority consideration. Matt Chappell of Mad Matt's Diesel Performance in Aledo, Texas, and lead technician, Darrell Pile, attest to the ACX2150's ability to save time.

"I don't have to babysit the machine ... I can set the automatic features to recover, vacuum, and recharge," Pile says. The freedom granted through the ACX2150's automatic functions allows Pile to work on multiple aspects of the vehicle simultaneously.

"The unit arrived to the shop on a pallet and was well packaged," Chappell says. "It had everything but the refrigerant to get started." The ACX2150 was also packaged with an owner's manual, including set-up and operating instructions. Editor's note: The manual is also located on the homescreen as a small button that looks like an open book. Pile states that after figuring out where the buttons were located on the machine, it was "really simple"

"Overall - real good," he says. "Really easy to pick up right off the bat." Chappell says it took him a bit of time, initially, to refill the internal vessel. The manufac-

### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The MAHLE ArcticPRO ACX2150, No. 460 80445 00, is an R134a refrigerant handling system. The ACX2150 features an ergonomic design with a hinged service door to simplify unit service, a 7" capacitive touch LCD display, and an intuitive user interface. Its data and reporting metrics have the ability to log and monitor services which allows analytics for proactive service reminders, refrigerant use optimization, warranty reporting, and more. The unit also includes automatic updates, remote support for technicians, oil system management, network printing to print services provided for the customer, UV dye injection for leak detection, and a two-year warranty.

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turer notes there's a shortcut button on the homescreen that takes users directly to this function. The icon looks like a small internal vessel.

Along with the machine's automatic functions, Pile says a favorite feature of his is the post-operation print-out screen. This summary details critical data, such as how long the procedure took, how much refrigerant was pulled or charged through the vehicle, and whether oil was pulled or injected. Since the ACX2150 has Wi-Fi capabilities, this data can be sent directly to a shop's printer, or it can be emailed to technicians or even customers.

Chappell enjoys the machine's ability to update its software and systems using Wi-Fi. "We will leave the machine on overnight and it is ready to go the next morning; we're not waiting hours for the update, having to stop what we are doing," he says.

Mad Matt's Diesel Performance's previous A/C service unit was eight years old; both Chappell and Pile claimed there is a major difference in technology between their previous machine and the ACX2150. "[The] MAHLE machine is a lot nicer," Chappell says.

Pile states that there were two features he wishes the machine could perform. The first being the ability to check the vehicle's pressure levels while the engine is running. The other being a vehicle-assist on charging, utilizing the vehicle's compressor to pull refrigerant into the vehicle in instances when the machine cannot force refrigerant into the vehicle itself. *Editor's note: The reviewer* was using a beta version of the ACX2150 and may not have had access to all features. Check with user manual or the manufacturer to confirm these and other product options and features.

Overall, both Chappell and Pile give the MAHLE ArcticPRO ACX2150 a solid rating. With the machine's advanced technology, ability to free up technicians to perform other services, and the multi-functionality of the Wi-Fi capabilities, they are glad to have it in their shop. PTEN

### DIAGNOSTIC **DISCOURSE**



### Inspecting the pre- and post-scan

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.

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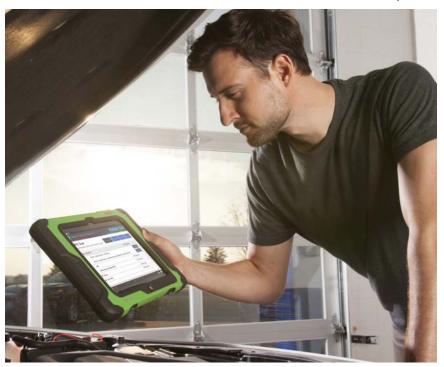
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find it rather interesting that this subject of pre- and post-scans seems to pop up these days. It's as if somebody is saying that we didn't do anything like this in the past and they are trying to tell us to be more careful today than in years past. I'm not so sure the grapevine has gotten this story correct, because every shop that I know has always done some sort of pre-scan, as well as a post-scan of the repairs they performed. We may not have called it that, but we did it just the same.

So, what gives these days? What's the big concern with it all? It comes down to how we are acquiring this pre- and post-scan information and delivering that information to our customers. With the changes in technology, the customer expects to be informed on not only what was wrong and how you corrected it, but they also want that information delivered as quickly and precisely as possible. That's where the technology plays a major role in how this is accomplished. First, let's take a nostalgic look at how it had been accomplished in years past.

### IN THE BEGINNING

Back in the day of the paper and pencil, a service sheet was filled out and a technician would be assigned to the task. The technician would then diagnose the complaint and write up what they found. Then, the service writer would inform the customer of the results and a decision was made as to when or how the repair would be handled. Eventually, the work order would be checked, initialed, and OK'd by the customer, and that mere



piece of paper would be sent back to the technician to have the actual work done. Upon completion of the repair, it was customary to take the vehicle for a test drive, noting anything odd or unusual, and then writing that down on the repair order (RO).

Then came the computer age. Many of the duties that involved passing the invoice back and forth became electronic. As we all know, the electronic age moves a lot faster than the pad and pencil days did. Now it's the internet, smartphones, cloud-based storage capabilities, endless information sources, and immediate answers to nearly every conceivable problem.

Technology has certainly changed how we handle the whole customer/ repair situation. However, that is only part of the issue. We also have to consider how the technology has changed the automobile itself. With all the interaction between different systems that are now interconnected, it's hard to determine where one system begins and another ends. This emphasizes the essential nature of the pre- and postscan in the repair process rather than its previous designation as a courtesy to the customer.

I asked Danijela Haskin, product manager of diagnostics at Bosch, about the importance of full health checks and pre/post scans on today's vehicles. Haskin said, "Pre- and post-scanning has become a very important topic, especially for body shops, over the last



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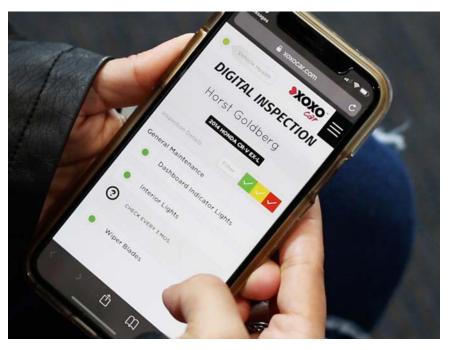
18 months. Our main approach [at Bosch] is to ensure vehicle scans are, most importantly, thorough and provide all the critical vehicle information needed, whether for technicians, shops, vehicle owners, or insurance companies. It's still up to the knowledgeable technician to translate vehicle symptoms based on the scan data and present the customer with a diagnosis in consumerfriendly language."

Michael Flink, Autel's Director of North American Sales, says the Autel Maxisys line of tools "has done this type of report from the beginning (6 years ago). In our diagnostics menu there is an 'Autoscan' or all system scan feature," Flink says. "After running [the scan], at the bottom is a 'Report' button which produces a printable PDF of the scan results, all the codes by module, with date, time, and VIN listed. Autel has now added an actual 'Pre-scan and Post-scan' button that performs and saves this report automatically on models popular for the collision industry." This feature also files reports by VIN and RO number.

#### **PRE-SCAN**

So, why pre-scan? These days it is essential. A pre-scan is more than the obligatory walk around the car, where you are marking any defects so you're not held liable for them or making sure the shop camera is operating and recording. A full 'health check' with the scan tool can reveal a lot more than codes. All the interconnections of computer data can be simplified through performing a full health check: such as a service code that seems so far-fetched that it shouldn't have anything to do with the problem the customer mentioned, but turns out it really does. Never underestimate the code definition until you've read up on the actual function and reasons for the code.

A perfect example of this was a diesel pickup that came in to the shop with a customer complaint about the air conditioning not working correctly. There was only one code stored in the powertrain control module (PCM) for the high-speed coolant fan. Upon further



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A code indicating the lack of a coolant fan can cause comparative issues to that of a faulty fan motor connection. The lack of a fan leads to a hotter condenser core, which leads to higher head pressures and no air conditioning. Even though there may be similarities between some codes and the actual problem, many codes have no obvious connection from one certain system to another initially. That's why a full health check of all operating systems is essential, and we shouldn't ignore the pre-scan information or skip over any of it.

### **POST-SCAN**

The post-scan is just as important. Not just to verify the repair, but to indicate that something else hasn't been left disconnected or has gone out of calibration as a result of the work that was performed. Keep in mind, a lot of the issues in today's cars have a certain drive time, mileage base, or other requirements that will only show up after a proper test drive has been completed.

The post-scan can be a teaching aid for younger technicians, as well. This is the time when everything should be functioning properly, and knowing how systems are supposed to work or be displayed on a scanner or scope is a great teaching tool for everyone involved.

Autel's Michael Flink agrees with using the post-scan as a teaching aid. "This is a huge need, especially in the collision industry. Every shop should be having their diagnostic person mentoring someone," says Flink.

Bosch's Haskin also advocates for diagnostic scan education. "Successful technicians are those who never stop learning. There's no better way for a younger tech to learn than by getting involved from the beginning so they can see how the vehicle evolves from the initial pre-scan, during repair, and the post-scan. Each step is critical and provides unique learning experiences. A developed apprenticeship program would benefit many and provide consistency in the educational programs."

For a customer it's not about the scanner screen display; they are more concerned with the results of the test. Even though a lot of us technicians tend to look at a job as finished as soon as it pulls away from the shop, the truth is, the job isn't done until the customer has a smile on their face. Tony Defazio with BOLT ON TECHNOLOGY told me about an additional feature they offer with their pre- and post-scan software. He said, "Text to Pay ... provides an even more compelling reason for auto repair shop owners to use these software solutions. Our new Text to Pay feature is available to all new and existing BOLT ON customers using the company's PRO Pack

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Make no mistake: customers are after the peace of mind that comes with knowing all is well with their vehicles.

Scanning for a code is now much different than it used to be in the early '80s. Manufacturers, technicians, shop owners, and the general public are after more precise answers for even greater, technologically advanced systems. There's no doubt that as we move forward with quickly advancing technologies, even more interaction and involvement will be on the horizon. PTEN



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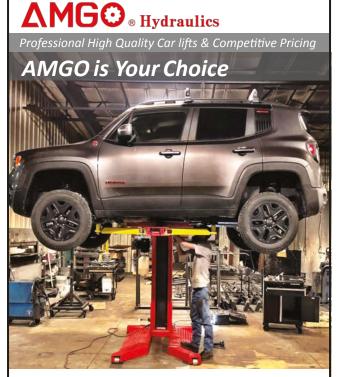


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### **Built for work**

This box helps a busy tech find the tools he needs.

by Stefanie Von Rueden, Assistant Editor

ark Myers of Manchester, Tennessee, has been an automotive technician for 24 years, and last year, he upgraded his previous toolbox to a Snap-on Epiq series box with two matching side cabinets.

"My last box was a Snap-on box as well," Myers said. "It just didn't have enough storage. I liked a lot of the features, so when I upgraded, I went with another Snap-on box."

Each drawer of Myers' current setup is filled to the brim with tools, and although he doesn't use a particularly rigid organizational system, he makes sure he is always able to find what he needs. To help with that, he uses storage trays to organize easy to lose items such as sockets, and keeps like tools

### **OWNER:**

### **Mark Myers**

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grouped together.

"The way I see it, a toolbox doesn't pay for the investment unless it helps you find the tool you need to use, when you need it," Myers says. "A toolbox is an expensive investment, and it has to work for you."

Myers says that the workstation under his hutch is his favorite part of the toolbox, because it gives him a nice, open area to work and has a built-in power strip that allows him to charge tool batteries. He keeps his workspace mostly

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clear, except for his laptops and frequently used tools such as impacts.

"The side cabinets were an add-on feature that provides extra storage," Myers says. "The drawer handles also have an upgraded finish, which looks nice."

Secondary to the looks though, is the performance, and on that front, Myers has been pleased with this toolbox purchase. Since this was a recent upgrade, he has no immediate plans for expansion, but he hasn't ruled out the possibility if he needs more space in the future. PTEN

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