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#### How to select the right scan tool

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Editor's Note



## What does the future of vehicle technology look like?

The race is on for automakers and technology companies to stake their claim when it comes to the future of the vehicle market.

**By Erica Schueller,** Editor Erica@VehicleServicePros.com

s the market for autonomous vehicles continues to evolve, companies sometimes must reinvent themselves to stay relevant.

I recently came across a headline that gave me pause in the New York Times: "Intel Buys Mobileye in \$15.3 Billion Bid to Lead Self-Driving Car Market."

Intel, the same technology company that developed microprocessors found in nearly every personal computer built in the late 1980s and 1990s, is now shifting gears to be part of the automotive technology market.

Mobileye, a main player when it comes to advancing autonomous vehicle technology, provides a bulk of the sensors used on vehicles today for driver assistance systems.

The article focuses on the benefits this acquisition will have to the computer chip maker's portfolio: "[B]y acquiring Mobileye, whose digital vision technology helps autonomous vehicles safely navigate city streets, Intel aims to broaden its offerings beyond just chips to a wider suite of products that driverless vehicles will require. It hopes, as a result, to appeal to automakers that want to offer autonomous driving but lack the inhouse expertise and do not want to rely on the likes of Google."

What kind of implications does this have for automakers?

It appears partnerships and collaboration more than anything at this point. After all, Intel already agreed to a partnership with Mobileye and BMW last summer, prior to the acquisition, to introduce an autonomous vehicle in the next five years.

Not to mention, this acquisition comes weeks after the Consumer Electronics Show (CES) in Las Vegas this past January, where automakers and technology companies continue to join forces to showcase a number of new vehicle technologies.

Taking a look to the future, here are some points to watch, based on these industry shifts:

- As partnerships evolve and technology companies become more involved in the development of vehicles, it adds another player into the mix of who owns the data. This isn't welcome news, if you're familiar with the current state of aftermarket phone repairs, for example. Access to information on how to repair smartphones, and the introduction of "right to repair" legislation for this industry lags far behind the automotive aftermarket repair world. Technology companies may understand the benefits of proprietary data better than any other industry.
- If automakers and technology companies develop fleets of vehicles to service autonomous vehicles used for ride-sharing programs - it's more likely they'll have service centers, too. Consumers may not even have vehicles to service or repair.
- Programming and computer diagnostics will play a more integral role in diagnosing and repairing these vehicles. This only points to a continued and increasing shift on the education and training involved with vehicle repairs.

Not to put the doom and gloom on your plate as we look ahead. This technology is exciting for our industry. It's just a matter of figuring out where independent repair shops fit in. How will the changing landscape force aftermarket shops to reinvent themselves - one, five, 10 years down the road, and beyond? **PTEN** 



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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.



#### Shaft length features seven locking positions

The **Beta Tools 1/2" Drive Ratchet with Extendable Shaft**, No. 920/55L, offers a twist-n-lock mechanism that allows the shaft to stay in place without movement. The shaft length features seven locking positions, and is extendable from 11" to 16.5" long. Extending the ratchet to its maximum length gives users 70 percent more reach, leverage and torque, according to the company. Beta Tools uses the same sliding forward/ reverse switch as the company's other signature ratchets.

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#### Comes with 10 types of grinding stones

The **Mighty-Seven Mini Air Die Grinder**, No. QA-651N, features an ergonomic handle with an injected composite grip and a one-hand switch for easy operation. The set comes with one air die grinder, a 3mm (1/8") collet, 10 grinding stones (including five 3mm and five 6mm grinding stones), a 1/4" plug, a 2-pc spanner wrench set and an oil box for air tool maintenance. The entire set

comes in a heavy duty carrying case for organization and protection. **Circle 21 on card, or enter at "e-inquiry" on VehicleServicePros.com** 

#### Live face to face technical support

The Farsight Live Multi Vehicle Diagnostic System (MVDS) is a rugged, expandable Windows 10 tablet that comes preloaded with European, Asian and domestic diagnostic software, OEM software validation, and available patented ATS engine analyzers and lab scope. The MVDS offers live on-screen face-to-face

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The Power Probe 3S, an update of the company's Power Probe III, was designed to make circuit testing simpler. The PP3S has compact, ergonomic housing for secure grip and improved circuit access. The PP3S has a menu-driven screen that makes accessing all the different test modes easier, the company says. The tool features a 50-percent larger screen and high-resolution display, as well as a flip screen feature to allow for display screen readings while holding the tool upside down.

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#### Ideal for shop use or road service work

The **Mahle Heavy Duty Axle Jack**, No. CAJ-25, manufactured by Gray Manufacturing, has a capacity of 50,000 lbs. The compact design and low starting height makes it ideal for shop use or road

> service work. The air-driven motor powered hydraulic system eliminates manual pumping.

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#### Features a specially formulated foam nitrile coating

The Galeton Otterback Foam Nitrile 3/4 Coated Knit Gloves, No. 12870, are designed to be lightweight and offer enhanced grip, due to the specially formulated foam nitrile coating. The coating is over the palm, fingers and back of knuckles for added protection. The 13-gauge polyester knit shell enables the back of the hand to have breathability to help keep hands cool and dry.

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#### Solid aluminum scraper head

The **E-Z Red Scrapers** offer a durable scraper head made of solid aluminum. The scrapers are available in various sizes, including 4", 6", 8" and 13". There is also a kit that includes the 4", 8" and 13" scrapers in a molded box.

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The **Rupes Slim Backing Pads** have a 150mm diameter and a M8 or 5/16" fitting, making them suitable for different models. The pads feature a multi-hole pattern and 10 channels that provide increased air flow and dust extraction during sanding on both horizontal and vertical surfaces. The pads have a low center of gravity designed for better control and precision during all phases of the sanding process.

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#### Soft grip designed for comfortable usability

The **Cornwell 1/2**° **Drive Long Flex Head Handled Ratchet**, No. SRFB76LH, offers 30 gear teeth to provide a 12-degree handle swing angle. The head thickness is 3/4° and the head width is 1-3/4° with an overall length of 27°. The handle has a soft grip designed for comfortable usability.

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#### Designed to make changing hooks simple

**Morgan's Pin-Loc Starter Kit**, No. PL-5K, offers a design that allows hooks to be changed by removing the pin, changing the hook and reinserting the loc-pin. The kit uses heat-treated chrome-moly steel couplings and comes with a shaft adapter (No. PL-SA). The kit includes the following attachments: Thin Hook (No. PL-1), Large Hook (No. PL-8), Small Hook (No. PL-9) and Straight Hook (No. PL-11). Additional hooks and attachments are also available.

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For use on diesel and gasoline engines

The **OEMTools Oil Pressure Gauge Set**, No. 27262, for use on diesel and gasoline engines, is designed with a 2-1/2" easyto-read gauge with a protective boot and a range of 0-200 psi. The set includes standard and metric adapters found on most U.S. and import cars, trucks and stationary engines. The set comes in a blow molded case.

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#### Designed to reduce neck strain and fatigue

Miller Electric's T94 Series Welding Helmets are designed to reduce neck strain and fatigue while improving operator comfort, visibility and productivity. The helmets offer a chiseled shell design that provides skin coverage and accommodates half-mask respirators. The ClearLight Lens Technology improves color and clarity in both welding and light states to reduce eyestrain, the company says. The helmet has four operating modes: weld, cut, grind and X-mode.

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#### Attaches directly to the air hose

Intercomp's Fill, Bleed and Read Air Gauges make a tedious process into a smooth and easy operation, according to the company. The air gauges attach directly to the air or nitrogen hose. Standard features include a digital pressure gauge with rubber protective cover, a 22" hose with a high-quality swivel nozzle and an industrial grade bleeder valve.

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#### Incorporates interchangeable tooling

The **ProMaxx Rocky II ProKit** is designed to make the removal and replacement of broken exhaust manifold mounting studs/ bolts faster and easier. The new design incorporates interchangeable tooling that allows for extractor-less repairs. The Rocky II can repair both gas and diesel engines. The Rocky II includes a limited lifetime warranty and unlimited technical support. The kit is made in the U.S.A. **Circle 34 on card, or enter at "e-inquiry" on VehicleServicePros.com** 

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#### **Completely upgradeable**

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#### Four-second window testing

The Lujan Window Tint Meter, No. VLT171, is a 2-pc meter capable of measuring windows and displaying a visual light transmittance percentage. It features one-button operation, four-second testing, automatic shut-off and a 10-year LED light source. The VLT171 comes complete with a calibration sample and a durable hard case.

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#### Patented two-in-one scissors

The patented **Beta Tools Two-in-One Scissors**, No. 1128BAX, offer both traditional blades and a milling profile designed to enlarge holes on plastic without using drills. The special movement of the blades reduces cutting effort up to 20 percent, according to the company. The scissors have large handles with soft rubber inserts for comfort. The diamond-like carbon coating was designed for durability and smooth operation. These scissors come with a molded carrying sheath.

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#### Valve design increases pulse energy by 30 percent

Hecat's FAC-400 A/C Component Flusher and Mark IV Transmission Oil Cooler Flusher includes a pulse valve design that produces a 30 percent increase in pulse energy, according to the company. The increased pulse energy is meant to improve scrubbing and cleaning, and also provides the energy to clean complex micro and parallel pathways of high efficiency heat exchangers.

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#### Adjustable temperatures of 120 to 1,100 degrees F

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#### Bypass the datalink port on vehicle

The **Diesel Laptops Bypass Cables** allow users to bypass the datalink port on a vehicle without the hassle of working with separate OEM cables. The 2-pc cable system includes a master harness that provides a 9-pin connector and power supply, and a connection end that is changeable by ECM. Users can purchase the master cable and pick the ends they need, or purchase the Master Cable Kit, which includes the most commonly needed cables.

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#### Helps maximize vehicle performance

The **CTEK Battery Sense 2.0 Smartphone App** is a Bluetooth enabled battery monitor designed to prevent unnecessary breakdowns and help maximize vehicle performance. Battery sense is easy to install and data is delivered through a free iPhone or Android app. Battery sense can detect if the battery is providing standby power, will send push notifications to users' phones if the battery state of charge falls to a critical level and the app can accommodate multiple vehicles.

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#### Durable rubber toe and heel protection

Georgia Boot's Amplitude offers comfort features and durability, according to the company. The Amplitude collection offer full-grain leather uppers, a high performance interior mesh line, the Georgia Waterproof system and durable rubber toe and heel protection. The oil- and slipresistant outsole is made from flexible rubber and features abrasion resistance.

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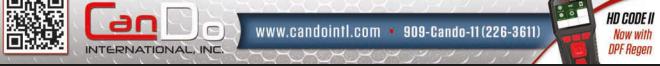
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#### Designed for fast, safe and clean filling of DEF

The CTA Manufacturing DEF Filler Funnel Kit, No. 7220, allows fast, clean and safe filling of DEF (Diesel Exhaust Fluid), according to the company. The funnel body features a widemouthed opening and built-in hand for one-person filling of 10L containers. The kit features a threaded connector to fit all standard DEF systems, an elbow adapter, a shut-off valve, an air-bleed line and a built-in screen. Circle 47 on card, or

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sary cables and adapters. JPRO is sold as an annual subscription with free upgrades and support throughout the life of the subscription.

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#### Has a 30-lb refillable refrigerant tank

The **Snap-on Polartek A/C Machine**, No. EEAC330, is an entry-level recycling machine. It works on R-134a refrigerant and has a 30-lb refillable refrigerant tank. The EEAC330 has a 5" graphic display, side pocket for hose storage and vehicle database. The vacuum pump is 3 cfm,

two-stage and onboard oil injection is automatic. The EEAC330 includes a two-year warranty.

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Internal: Inch 1-13/16"-4" Metric 46mm-102mm External: Inch 1-1/2"-4" Metric 32mm-102mm

#### HEAVY DUTY SNAP RING PLIERS 1485: (INTERNAL)

Internal: Inch 3-1/16"- 6-1/4" Metric 78mm-159mm

External: Inch 3-1/2"-6-1/2" Metric 89mm -165mm)

- Spring ratchet locking mechanism securely holds against snap ring tension
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#### HEAVY DUTY PLIERS WITH TIP KIT



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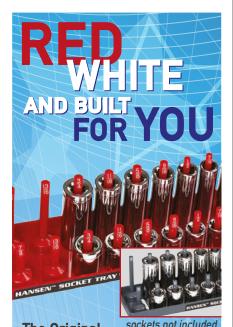
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Gas-, oil- and grease-resistant

**Coastal Boot's Lawman**, available from Snap-on, features full-grain leather uppers, stacked heel and a Vibram minilug outsole that is gas-, oil- and greaseresistant. The boots are made in the U.S.A. The boots are available in black, and wide width (EE) sizes 8-10.5, 11, 12 and 13.

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#### Scotchgard anti-fog coating

The **3M SecureFit Protective Eyewear 600 Series** features a scotchgard anti-fog coating that helps provide long-lasting clarity and retain its effectiveness, according to the company. The 600 series also offers an anti-scratch coating; photochromic, polarized or task-specific lens tints; and lens options in various colors and shades. **Circle 55 on card, or enter at "e-inquiry" on VehicleServicePros.com** 

#### Preserves electronic settings and memory

Clore Automotive's 12V Vehicle Memory Saver, No. 1924, provides auxiliary power to the vehicle while the vehicle's battery is replaced to preserve electronic settings and memory. The 1924 features a longlasting AGM battery, multiple connection options, automatic charging system and a compact shape for use in a vehicle cabin. **Circle 53 on card, or enter at "e-inquiry" on** VehicleServicePros.com



#### **ETL tested and certified**

The Allpart Two- and Four-Post Lift Power Units are ETL tested and certified, pressure-balanced for high volumetric mechanical efficiency and contain a highperformance, pressure balanced pump for fast lift speeds. The 12,000-lb, two- and four-post lift power units feature lowering flow control, a high horsepower and high torque electric motor, a fixed relief valve at 2,750 psi and low-leakage design valves. **Circle 56 on card, or enter at "e-inquiry" on** VehicleServicePros.com



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The Autel MaxiTPMS Premium Kit, No. TS508, is packaged as a kit with eight Autel MX-Sensors to offer TPMS service repair. The TS508 offers a quick mode and an advanced mode for sensor programming. It is grease- and waterresistant and features a TFT color display, auto power-off for battery life conservation and strong plastic housing with a protective rubber boot. The TS508 includes one-year warranty and free lifetime updates.

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#### Built with a 30-degree swivel head

The **Monster XXL 12**" Swivel Socket sets, Nos. MST99777 and MST99789, are made of cro-moly forged steel with black oxide coating and built with a 30-degree swivel head for more usable torque. The pinless joint design prevents binding and is safer than universal joint designs. The MST99777 11-pc metric set includes sizes 9mm, 10mm, 11mm, 12mm, 13mm, 14mm, 15mm, 16mm, 17mm, 18 and 19mm. The MST99789

10-pc SAE set includes sizes 6/16", 3/8", 7/16", 1/2", 9/16", 5/8", 11/16", 3/4", 13/16" and 7/8". Both sets come

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#### Rotating 180-degree handle doubles as a stand

The Matco Tools MFL1500 Cordless Rechargeable Stationary 10W COB LED Flood Light features a rugged aluminum housing, ABS corner bumpers and a one-touch battery level indicator. The MFL1500 provides 1,200 lm on high and 600 lm on low, and includes a strong magnetic clip and rotating 180-degree handle. This light is packaged in a blow molded case for storage and transport.

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#### Gear-driven mechanism for reduced stalling

The Mac Tools Heavy Duty Geared Air Saw, No. MPS1911, features a gear-driven mechanism designed to reduce stalling. The air saw offers an adjustable saw blade for precise depth of cut, 360-degree swivel exhaust to direct air away from the user, and a dual chuck that allows for the use of either an air saw blade or reciprocating saw blade. It also has a rubber grip and innovative throttle design with lockout feature.

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#### Made with outdoor enthusiasts in mind

The AllStart Boost Max Camo Edition offers a powerful jump starter, with a design geared toward outdoor enthusiasts. This jump starter features 450 cranking amps, 900 peak amps and weighs less than 2 lbs. The Boost Max is water-resistant to withstand outdoor conditions. It also includes a back-up charger for all types of electronic devices. **Circle 69 on card, or enter at "e-inquiry" on VehicleServicePros.com** 



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#### Hard chrome finish keeps rust away

The OEMTools 26-pc 1/2" Drive Ratchet and Socket Set, No. 23995, features a hard chrome finish that won't show prints and keeps rust away. The set includes a 36-tooth ratchet, extensions and popular size sockets. The sockets are thin-walled with a no-slip design that gives users more socket-to-fastener contact. The ratchet has a sealed head that keeps out dirt and provides a 10-degree arc for smooth operation. The set includes 6 pt, 1/2" drive sockets in the following sizes: 1/2", 5/8", 11/16", 3/4", 13/16", 7/8", 15/16", 1", 1/16", 1/18" and 12-19mm, 21mm, 24mm; 1/2" drive extensions (3" and 6"); 1/2" swivel U-joint; and 1/2" regular ratchet. The set comes in a sturdy organization case with replaceable metal latches.

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#### Inspect multiple pre-trip vehicle components

Unique Truck Equipment's Pre-Trip Inspection Tool allows drivers and technicians to perform pre-trip inspections easily and accurately, according to the company. The tool can check multiple vehicle components, including tire tread wear, brake stroke, brake shoe thickness and size of windshield crack.

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#### Available in SAE or metric sizes

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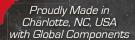
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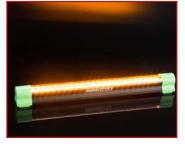
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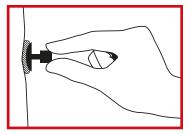
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# **Choosing the right tool for diagnosing a MAF sensor issue**

A side-by-side comparison of a scan tool versus a lab scope, for mass air flow fault diagnosis.

By Barry Hoyland, Contributing Editor

n the April 2016 Tool Briefing, we discussed how choosing the correct tool can save valuable time by allowing you to obtain a quick and accurate diagnosis. In that issue, we compared diagnosing an oxygen sensor issue using a DMM, a waveform viewer, a scan tool and a lab scope. This month we will be comparing the use of a scan tool and a lab scope to diagnose a mass air flow (MAF) problem.

For this Tool Briefing, we take a unique approach of comparing a number of different tools to use with the same diagnosis.

## TOOLS USED:

- Vehicle information source
- Scan tool
- Lab scope

## OBTAIN VEHICLE SYSTEM INFORMATION

In order to understand both the diagnostic process and the value of any tool, it is necessary to understand how the system works and what, if any, other components are related to the system you are working on. Along with system operation information and specifications, check for technical service bulletins (TSBs) that pertain to the specific vehicle. TSBs can be issued for common failures such as a wiring repair, an updated component, or in some cases, a reprogram of the PCM.

By far the best resource for this information will be within a repair information database such as Identifix Direct-Hit. Information necessary to understand the specific operating parameters on the vehicle you are working on are typically found in the "system and operation" category.

How other sensors are utilized in a system to verify system operation or are used in a calculation of another sensor's value should also be researched. If any codes are present, it is also very helpful to obtain the specific component operating conditions required to set the code. This data is found in your repair database as well.

## THE SYSTEM: A BACKGROUND ON THE MAF SENSOR

Generally speaking, the mass air flow (MAF) sensor is the primary data input to the vehicles' fuel management system

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to calculate how much air is entering the engine. This allows the management system to provide the correct amount of fuel by varying the fuel injector pulse width, or injection timing, to match the amount of air entering the engine. Knowing how much air is entering the engine, the PCM is able to calculate the correct air/fuel ratio under all conditions.

Another factor used to determine fuel need is engine load. Air flow combined with throttle angle and RPM determine engine load. The PCM uses engine load to calculate the amount of fuel required to maximize performance, fuel economy and operate within the emission parameters for the vehicle at all times.

To simplify the technology used by most MAF sensors, a heating wire or film element is placed within the sensor to heat and maintain the element to a specific temperature above ambient air temperature. As air flows across the sensing element the amount of current used to maintain the specific temperature is measured to determine the  $\bigcirc$ 





Lab scope

▲ A lab scope will provide a real-time visualization of what the sensor is doing based on changes at the time they occur. For more information on the Pico Technology PicoScope Advanced Automotive Kit, No. 4425, visit: VehicleServicePros.com/12062840



▲ Be sure the diagnostic scan tool you use for this diagnosis provides freeze frame data, graphing capabilities and access to wiring diagrams and graphing. For more information on the Snap-on VERUS Edge, visit: VehicleServicePros.com/12120614

quantity of air entering the engine. In essence, more air flowing across the sensor will cause it to cool and it will need more current to heat the sensor back to the required temperature.

Current is measured and calculated to determine the amount of air flowing across the sensor. Because the MAF sensor is heating the element to a specific temperature above ambient air, the PCM



needs to know what the ambient air temperature is in order to set the heated temperature target.

## DIAGNOSIS WITH A SCAN TOOL

Start with obtaining any fault codes and look at freeze frame data associated with any codes that are present. Remember, some scan tools will default

ISSUE: Mass Air Flow (MAF) fault diagnosis to providing freeze frame data for the first code, or the highest priority code, that was recorded. With that in mind, make sure the freeze frame data is for your specific code.

Fault codes related to MAF sensors can be either performance-related due to higher or lower current than expected, or they can be codes for a MAF heater circuit caused by an open or short.

Other codes that can be related to MAF sensor issues include lean or rich fuel delivery. These can be due to a MAF sensor over- or under-reporting the amount of air entering the engine. Additional issues can be due to mechanical engine problems such as exhaust restrictions not allowing exhaust to escape and causing it to back up into the intake system, restricting fresh air from entering the intake.

Armed with any codes, follow the recommended fault tree for diagnosis and the wiring diagram to verify proper supply voltage and ground circuit integrity to the sensor and heater.

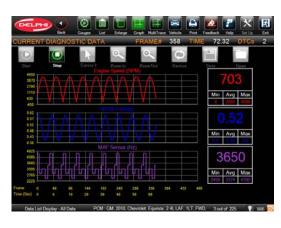
If there are no specific MAF fault codes but you suspect the sensor may be the reason of a rich or lean condition, it will be necessary to observe MAF readings while operating the vehicle under different conditions.

At idle, observe the PID for MAF GPS (grams per second). The widely-accepted specification for this is approximately 1 gram per liter of engine size; meaning a 2.0L engine should read around 2 GPS, a 3.8L engine should be around 3.8 GPS, and so on.

Remember we are speaking in generalities in this article. Due to some newer technologies, such as variable valve timing, intake runner control or some GDI engines that do not have a throttle plate, it is mandatory to check the specifications for the exact vehicle you are working on and use those specifications to diagnose the system.

Some vehicle manufacturers provide specifications for GPS at specified rpm. Using information obtained from Identifix, raise the engine speed to the specified rpm ranges and observe the MAF GPS at the rpm listed. Compare your readings with those obtained  $\bigcirc$ 





▲ This scan tool graphing screenshot compares rpm, 02 voltage and the MAF sensor. Note the graphs all rise at the same rate and time.

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Ambien						
Description				Value	Unit	
Ambient Temperature				61	°F	
Battery Voltage				14.02	Volts	
Engine Speed				1185	RPM	
Intake Air				79	°F	
MAF				5	gm/s	
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▲ This scan tool image shows a reading of faulty MAF. Everything seems somewhat normal until you see the engine size (2.5L) should not be flowing 5 gm/s at 1,185 rpm.

from your database readings— within 10 percent are generally acceptable. If there are small discrepancies, look for contamination on the sensor.

There are some approved cleaners on the market, such as CRC MAF sensor cleaner, that are safe to use for both MAF and oxygen sensors. Other cleaners, such as carb or brake cleaners, can damage the sensing film and should be avoided. Cleaners may work if the contamination has not baked onto the sensing element. If the contamination has baked on, the sensor will need to be replaced.

Use your scan tool to verify operation of other sensors the PCM uses to calculate load and air flow. PIDs for throttle angle and rpm should be checked to verify they are within range and are transitioning smoothly while operating the throttle. Both throttle angle and rpm are used to calculate load so it is critical they are reporting accurately.

Remember to only look at a few PIDs at a time, because the update rate of the scan tool is diminished when you are monitoring multiple PIDs.

Because the MAF is maintaining a heated temperature above ambient air, it is necessary to verify the ambient, or outside, air temperature is measuring properly. Observe the PID to make sure it is reading properly and is not fluctuating. This PID may be listed as "Intake Air Temperature" on the scan tool.

A useful feature of your scan tool is the graphing feature. You can use it to graph and monitor the MAF sensor to see if is making smooth transitions as engine rpm is varied up and down, and maintaining a stable reading at any steady rpm. You can also graph MAF, throttle angle and engine rpm to make sure they all correlate as engine speeds change.

We discussed briefly how load affects fuel delivery, and we know that the PCM calculates load using the MAF sensor. Either mechanical engine issues or faulty MAF readings can cause incorrect load values affecting both fuel delivery and performance.

By using the Calculated Load PID on your scan tool, it is relatively easy to determine if it is more likely you have a mechanical or a MAF sensor issue.

Start by warming the engine to normal operating temperature. To be safe, either have an assistant drive the vehicle while you are observing the scan tool readings, or use the record feature on your tool. Accelerate quickly to wide open throttle (WOT) and note the calculated load value and Short Term Fuel Trim (STFT) values.

Normal load values for a naturally aspirated engine are in the 80 to 90 percent range at WOT. This reading equates to how efficiently air is entering and leaving the engine. If readings are higher than 90 percent or lower than 80 percent, it means either the MAF is misreporting the amount of air entering the engine, or there is a mechanical condition causing a restriction in either the intake or exhaust system.

If the load value is out of range, look at the STFT reading. If it is normal, it means the PCM is delivering the correct amount of fuel matching the amount of air that is entering the engine. It is likely the incorrect load value is caused by a mechanical issue which is restricting air flow and the MAF is correctly reading the amount of air entering the system.

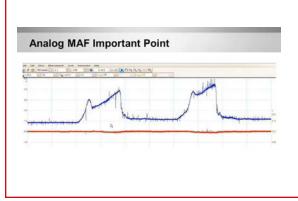
If the load value is incorrect and the STFT value is also correcting fuel by a large amount (over or under 20 percent), then it is likely the MAF is not reporting the amount of air correctly and the PCM is having to make fuel corrections to compensate for varying amounts of air reported by the MAF.

Another way to calculate this is by using a VE (Volumetric Efficiency) calculator formula and entering MAF, IAT and RPM readings from your scan tool. A VE calculator formula can be found at otcools.com.

## **2** DIAGNOSIS WITH A LAB SCOPE

Utilizing a lab scope for diagnosing most automotive sensors is in many cases the preferred method. A lab scope





This lab scope screenshot shows the rise in voltage with snap throttle (1V at idle, and around 4V at snap). Being as there are two snaps showing different voltages, numerous tests are necessary to determine a fault. A slight increase in voltage is normal when engine rpm is higher at the beginning of the test and when the test is repeated quickly.

will provide a real-time visualization of what the sensor is doing based on changes at the time they occur.

For example, you can correlate the signal from a MAF sensor compared to throttle angle and engine rpm to make sure they all respond in the same fashion as engine speed changes. You are able to monitor these same changes with the graphing function of your scan tool with some limitations of how quickly the tool updates.

The advantage of a lab scope is it allows you to designate the exact time and voltage scales you are using to observe the graphs, possibly giving you the ability to capture glitches you cannot see with a scan tool.

While observing a lab scope pattern, you can see if the response time is reacting quickly to inputs, such as throttle position during a snap throttle test. You are also able to monitor the pattern for "noise," marked by hash lines, indicating turbulence or erratic sensor operation. The hash lines represent small variations in the signal that can be an indicator of small voltage differences or minor changes in the signal. An example of a minor change in the MAF reading could be a sticking valve causing a pulsation in the air intake stream. This would translate to a small hash line in the voltage signal.

## THE APPROPRIATE TOOL FOR THIS DIAGNOSIS

Even though a scan tool and a lab scope will both provide valuable information, using a scan tool will in most cases provide a quicker and complete diagnosis.

This proficiency is accomplished by allowing you to see the multiple PIDs and factors that affect a MAF sensor's operation more quickly than testing each individual component with a lab scope. **PTEN** 



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Top 10 Tools



## Top tools for problem solving

Audeliz "Junior" Meijas strives to figure out the problems on vehicles where no one else can. He uses these tools to help him achieve that goal.

By Stefanie Von Rueden, Assistant Editor

TECHNICIAN: Audeliz "Junior" Meijas LOCATION: Southridge, Mass.

## SHOP: Five Star Automotive Specialists

Audeliz "Junior" Meijas has worked in a variety of areas in the automotive industry, including chain stores and dealers, since graduating from technical school in 2004. He has worked as a technician for Five Star Automotive Specialists for four years.

"I love the joy of figuring out the problem on vehicles where no one else can," he says. "I really enjoy performing repairs that require a specific set of skills and mindset to complete in the allotted time. I'm almost always up for the challenge."

Meijas works on a wide range of vehicles, since Five Star Automotive Specialists doesn't have any specific specialties. Their goal is simply to employ the most up-to-date software and equipment so that they can provide customers with dealer-level repair and diagnostics at a lower-than-dealer cost.



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The PH3050B offers dual elastomer cushions to absorb shock and impact, a direct multi-port front exhaust, a variable speed soft-touch trigger and a built-in air regulator to vary power for different applications. Meijas says that living in New England, he sees a lot of rust, and his motto is, "When in doubt, hammer it out."

H.B. Products offers an extensive line of Turbosockets for removing damaged hardware. The design works to improve socket grip as more torque is applied. Meijas notes that these turbosockets work great for removing rounded off bolts. **Circle 98 on card, or enter at "e-inquiry" on VehicleServicePros.com** 

The SUN3580 set offers many popular sizes of metric and SAE impact sockets. The sockets are forged from alloy steel, meet or exceed ASME specifications and come in a blow molded case. Meijas appreciates that the set is less expensive than what other competitors offer. "They have the same lifetime warranty," he says. "I have quite a few of them, and all of my swivel sockets, in all of the drives, are Sunex." **Circle 99 on card, or enter at "e-inquiry" on VehicleServicePros.com** 

The SRRFXLM52T offers a 90-tooth ratcheting system that provides high torque with a 4-degree swing arc. The extended box end provides greater access to recessed fasteners, and the flex end allows access in hard-to-reach areas. Meijas says they are one of his favorites because they can be used for everything. **Circle 100 on card, or enter at "e-inquiry" on VehicleServicePros.com** 

Meijas appreciates the Smart Smoke's digital display and push-button start. When connected to a vehicle's EVAP system, the Smart Smoke automatically performs a calibration and leak-test, with pass/fail results in less than five minutes.

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The JNC660 offers automatic recharging, provides 1,700 peak amps and 425 cranking amps of starting power. "It gets tons of use," Meijas says. "I use it almost every day on dead cars, and it still fires them up."

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## **INFLATE**

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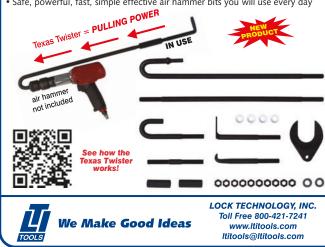


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- Removes all 1st generation 1996-2012 VW/Audi factory wheel lugnut locks
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- · Identical to factory set uses same factory part numbers

### LT4160 BMW WHEEL LOCK BOLT KIT

- · 20 piece factory reproduced master wheel lock key set
- · Removes all 2nd generation 2009-present VW factory wheel lugnut locks
- · Identical to factory set uses same factory part numbers
- NO WARRANTY CAN'T BE USED WITH AN IMPACT GUN
- LT4155 VW 2nd GENERATION WHEEL LOCK MASTER KEY SET
- 21 piece duplicate factory lugnut keys
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- · Includes anti-scratch nylon sleeved installer socket
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- · 20 piece factory reproduced master wheel lock key set
- · Removes all 2nd generation 2011-present BMW factory wheel lugnut locks
- · Identical to factory set uses same factory part numbers • NO WARRANTY - CAN'T BE USED WITH AN IMPACT GUN

## LT4170 PORSCHE WHEEL MASTER LOCK SET

- · Factory duplicate with factory part numbers
- · 20 Piece kit works on 2006-present models

#### LT4175 AUDI WHEEL MASTER LOCK SET

- · Factory duplicate with factory part numbers
- 20 Piece kit works on 2006-present models
- NO WARRANTY CAN'T BE USED WITH AN IMPACT GUN

### LT4180 MERCEDES "A" WHEEL LOCK MASTER KEY SET

- · 30 piece set works on 2006-present MERCEDES factory wheel lug nut locks
- Factory duplicate uses same factory part numbers
- NO WARRANTY CAN'T BE USED WITH AN IMPACT GUN
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## New AIRCAT 6700 Series

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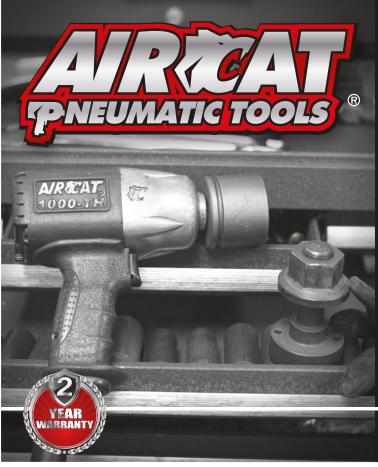
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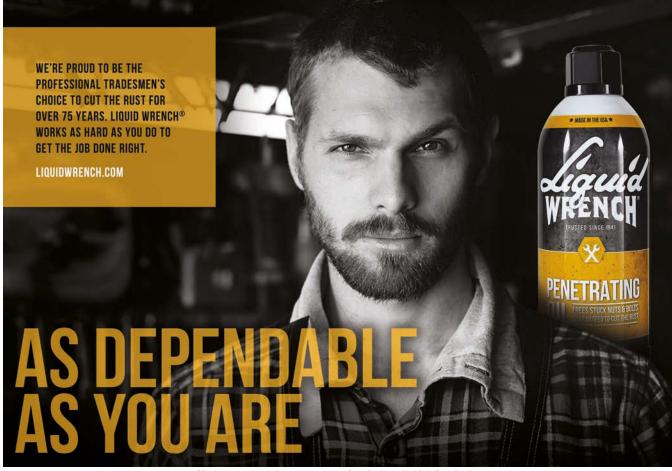
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## **Snap-on Tools** Stud Kits and GearLock



n late 2015 Snap-on Tools launched 2 widely popular Stud Remove and Install Kits, MSK10 covering 5 of the most popular SAE and MSKM10 covering 5 most popular Metric size studs. These innovative kits featured a uniquely designed and patented Removal Tool that uses a tapered collet which eliminates thread damage. A separate Install Tool is used to insert and tension down the stud then released from the stud.

### Stud Kit Add-on Kits MSK16 & MSKMA10

Snap-on is pleased to announce the roll-out of expanded coverage for their Stud kits. The MSK16 will include removal and install tools covering 8 new sizes of SAE studs and the MSKMA10 Kit will cover an additional 5 Metric size studs. The add-on kits provide cover for many HEAVY DUTY and INDUSTRIAL applications.

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MLS500 & CC100PK Snap-on is launching another innovative product that locks valve timing quickly saving significant time when



doing timing belt replacement. The MLS500 Dual GearLock is designed for use on Twin Cam and Quad Cam engines. It is aligned and engaged between the cam gears to lock against rotation during timing belt replacement. For some

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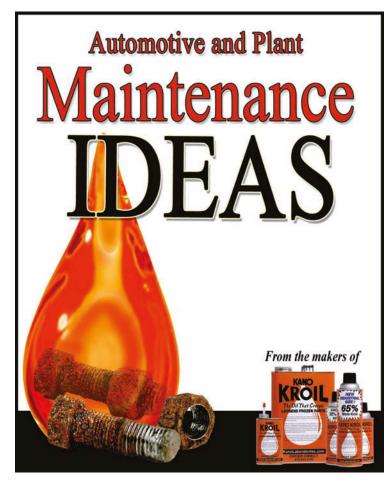
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## **E-Z Red Hood Hawk** Under Hood Clamp Light System

The reviewer found that the E-Z Red Hood Hawk provides a lot of light without being in the way.

by Stefanie Von Rueden, Assistant Editor

aving adequate lighting enables technicians to be more productive when working under the hood. According to Brian Noel, an automotive professor at the Cosumnes River College in Sacramento, Calif., the E-Z Red Hood Hawk Underhood Clamp Light System provides a lot of light without being in the way.

Noel says the Hood Hawk was easy to set up. As with any rechargeable tool, the light should be fully charged before use. Aside from that, Noel said, the setup was as easy as sliding the light into the hood clamp adapter and clipping the light over the edge of the vehicle's hood.

The light comes with a hood clamp, a pistol grip accessory and a USB cable and AC adapter for recharging. The manual was included but, Noel says, "the product is so easy to use it's almost unnecessary." He does note that it was helpful to know that the light has a high and a low brightness, and what the expected battery life is.

Noel liked that the underhood light could easily be adjusted to provide more light where necessary. "The Hood Hawk puts out a lot of light, doesn't get in the way and is quick and easy to set up," he says.

He also appreciated that the hood clamp had legs with oversized rubber grips that held onto surfaces without damaging the paint.

For general-purpose task lighting, Noel said that the Hood Hawk was more convenient than a typical drop light or flashlight. He added that for situations where the light needs to be more portable, the Hood Hawk can easily be removed from the hood clamp and attached to the pistol grip, or can even be used by itself.

"The Hood Hawk is useful for almost any maintenance, diagnosis or repair under the hood or undercar," Noel says.

When the light is being used for quick, focused light, it is not as convenient as a regular flashlight, Noel noted, but he says the Hood Hawk puts out enough light that focused light isn't needed as frequently anyway.

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The E-Z Red Hood Hawk Underhood Clamp Light System, No. XLUHLS, can be used as hands-free illumination under hoods, wheel wells and the vehicle undercarriage. The COB LED provides 1,000 lm on high and 550 lm on low. It is micro-USB rechargeable - both a cord and A/C adapter are included - and provides a three-hour run-time on high, and six hours on low. Padded bumpers protect the clamped surface from damage and provide a secure grip. The light adjusts through two axes, allowing versatility when directing the light onto a work area. It also includes an interchangeable hand grip for handheld use.

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> Noel found the Hood Hawk had an easier setup than other underhood lights he has used in the shop, which typically clamp onto both sides of the hood and straddle in between.

> As an improvement for the Hood Hawk, he did suggest making the battery removable so that it would be possible to have a spare fully charged battery.

> Overall, Noel found that the Hood Hawk was convenient, easy to use and provided plenty of light and utility without being in the way. **PTEN**

To watch a video demonstration of this product, visit: VehicleServicePros.com/ 12267261



## Associated Equipment KwikStart Industrial Jump Starter

The reviewer appreciated the longer 84" length of the leads included with this jump starter.

### by Stefanie Von Rueden, Assistant Editor

specially in colder weather, technicians need a reliable booster or jump starter to jump start dead vehicles. Eric Moore, owner of DeMary Truck in Columbus, Ohio, found that the Associated Equipment KwikStart Industrial Jump Starter, No. KS401, worked well and was easy to use.

"The KS401 was great for saving technicians the trouble of having to roll out jumper cables and line up an additional vehicle to jump start a dead vehicle," Moore says.

Moore appreciated the almost 84" long charger leads. He also liked that the charger had a USB port for charging personal electronics: something he has noticed is

increasingly common for newer boosters on the market. He says the the clamps have good spring tension, and that the enclosed charger allowed technicians to plug the extension cord right in, instead of having to keep track of an adapter or inverter.

When the temperatures dropped just before this past winter, Moore and his technicians used the KS401 to start numerous vehicles, cars, light trucks, snow throwers, a lawn tractor, gasoline-powered medium duty trucks and some smaller diesel trucks. On bigger trucks, Moore says that the KS401, "seemed to start strong but faded fast, and didn't end up starting all of the bigger vehicles."

The KS401 was shipped in a simple box without any accessories. It did include an

easy-to-follow manual that was printed in multiple languages. The only setup involved was ensuring that the KS401 was fully charged before use.

Moore did notice that since the digital voltage display was also a message center, it was sometimes a bit confusing for technicians because of the scrolling text. He ended up printing out an index for the information and taping it to the unit so his technicians could decipher it more quickly. As an improvement, Moore suggests making the information display easier to read or adding an analog gauge so technicians can tell the amount of charge at a glance. "We had good feedback for the KS401," Moore says. "With the only drawback being that the information display can be hard to understand."

Overall, Moore emphasized how much the longer leads were appreciated by tech's in the shop, in addition to the unit's ease of use.

"The Associated Equipment KS401 jump starter is very easy to use," he says. "There is a large red 'on/off' switch for 12V power, as well as a status button to push for an update on overall charge of the unit." **PTEN** 

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The Associated Equipment KwikStart Industrial Jump Starter, No. KS401, includes light diagnostics displaying voltage output of the vehicle battery, voltage output of the vehicle alternator and 7' long DC cables. The heavy duty portable power unit can be set on the ground and reaches the battery in most 4x4 pickups, sport utility and other high-profile vehicles. An ergonomic, impact-resistant case with rubberized base protects the unit. The 12V 22Ah sealed AGM battery delivers 1,700 peak amps and 360 CCA of cold crank power. The KS401 features a digital LED display with internal battery state of charge readings as well as a 12V power port and USB power port.

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## **SP Air Flex Head** Cut-Off Tool

The reviewer says this tool allows for increased maneuverability and utility in some situations.

by Stefanie Von Rueden, Assistant Editor

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The **SP Air Flex Head Cut-Off Tool**, No. SP-7231, is lightweight and features a three-position flexible head for access to tight work places. The tool has an ergo-nomic design with a cushion grip handle, rear exhaust, safety throttle lever and built-in power regulator. It has a direct drive motor with a graduated trigger and a metal guard for safety. The SP-7231 can cut muffler and radiator clamps, bolts, sheet metal, fiberglass and steel rods up to 3/4". The cut-off tool has an overall length of 8.6", weight of 2.6 lbs, free speed of 18,000 rpm and air consumption of 4 cfm. This tool is made in Japan.

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inding tools that work effectively for a certain job can save technicians time and frustration. The reviewer found that the SP Air Flex Head Cut-Off Tool was a well-made tool, but it won't fit every technician's needs.

Brian Noel, an automotive professor at Cosumnes River College in Sacramento, Calif., likes that the tool has a metal shield rather than a plastic one, so it will not be destroyed over time by sparks. He also appreciated the built-in regulator and adjustable exhaust.

"While the tool itself is bulkier than many cut-off tools, the flex head allows it to pivot in different positions, which can increase its maneuverability and utility in some situations," he says.

Noel and his students used the SP Air Flex Head Cut-off Tool primarily in a classroom setting for cutting sheet metal, metal brackets and general fabrication. For these applications, Noel says this cutoff tool was bulkier than other options, and the flexible head wasn't necessary.

"I could see this tool being very appealing to someone in the collision repair/ custom fabrication side of the industry, as it would likely make long cuts in body panels much easier to achieve without awkward positioning of the user's body or hands," Noel says.

Noel found that the tool operated similarly to other cut-off tools in most situations. Using the flex-head feature was as easy as sliding the collar and pivoting the head accordingly.

The tool did require some setup. Like any air tool, the Flex Head Cut-off Tool needed a quick disconnect fitting installed. A cutting wheel also needed to be installed along with the included shield. Noel adds that, if desired, a builtin regulator can be added to adjust the speed and power output of the tool.

The cut-off tool and shield were boxed along with wrenches to hold the mandrel while installing the cutoff wheel. There was also a one-page brochure about the tool and a generic booklet of precautions applicable to all air/pneumatic tools.

As an improvement, Noel notes that ideally, the tool would have the flex-head and still be able to maintain the slimmer size of other cut-off tools.

"The flex head feature is nice, but is probably overkill for most users outside of collision/custom fabrication areas of the industry," Noel says. "For most general technicians that need to do occasional cutting, the added bulk of the tool probably offsets the versatility of the flex head."

Overall, Noel found that the tool was well made and designed, and could work in a variety of applications. **PTEN** 



# **Snap-on Diagnostic Thermal Imager**

The reviewer appreciates the ability to employ the tool's infrared technology to check for problems just about anywhere on a vehicle.

### by Mike Schmidt, Managing Editor

t did not take Barry Hoyland long to see the value in employing the Snap-on Diagnostic Thermal Imager, No. EETH300, and its infrared technology to detect various problems on a vehicle.

The owner of Vehicle Service Solutions of California says he appreciates the thermal imager's ability to be used on nearly every automotive system. According to Hoyland, the tool also provides quite a bit of value as a means to build a database of useful information for future diagnoses.

"If you grab it and just start testing things to form a baseline, then you'll be able to compare future readings to that baseline and start seeing the true value of the tool," Hoyland says.

One useful application for the EETH300, Hoyland says, is for testing whether or not a vehicle's shocks and struts are working properly.

"If functioning properly, a shock and strut will gain heat as you drive the vehicle," he explains. "So, if you have a baseline of what the temperature should be and take it out for a drive, you can see through infrared on whether the temperature is changing properly and if the interval valving of the strut or shock is functioning properly."

According to Hoyland, another specific application the tool would be useful for is addressing a parasitic drain on an electrical circuit.

"I think this would be a quick-grab tool where [technicians] could isolate which circuit has current flowing through it," Hoyland says.

Other useful applications for this tool Hoyland cites include: diagnosing A/C issues, testing brake functionality, determining whether or not a bearing is overheating and dealing with a battery drain.

"If you have a battery drain in the system, and you put the infrared imager on the fuse panel, you can see actually which fuse is generating current because of the heat signature of that one fuse," he explains "So you'd be able to see where a certain circuit is active."

Hoyland says there are a number of features he appreciates about the EETH300, like its rechargeability and image sharability. He says he likes that the tool allows for the ability of images to be captured on a mini secure digital (SD) card and uploaded to a computer and then easily shared with customers.

The tool arrived in a plastic form box complete with instructions, a quick-reference chart and a USB charger/plug-in adapter.

"I would suggest providing a carrying pouch or some sort of belt clip so the tool is a little more protected and easier to carry," he adds.

Overall, Hoyland appreciates the performance and versatility offered by the Snap-on Tools Diagnostic Thermal Imager, No. EETH300, as well as its database of guided tests, automotive applications and reference images.

"It's [a tool that] adds value the longer you use it," he says. **PTEN** 

## PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The Snap-on Diagnostic Thermal Imager, No. EETH300, uses infrared technology to make heat "visible" and reveal problems anywhere on a vehicle, such as brakes, heaters, A/C, engine performance, electrical and bearings. This technology includes detailed thermal images made up of 4,800 distinct temperature zones, an exclusive database of guided tests, automotive applications and reference images to help interpret results and automatic scaling to show the temperature of everything in the image. This tool can show the source of heat to track faults, such as bearing wear, friction, brake heat, misfires, electrical impedance and coolant blockage. The thermal image reveals heat sources, shows extreme temperatures up to 840 degrees F and has the ability to save and store images.

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It's power supply comes from an all-in-one battery with an integrated charge controller that is charged in an optional docking station. The Mega Macs 56 is designed for users who focus on European cars.

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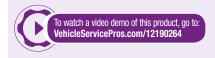
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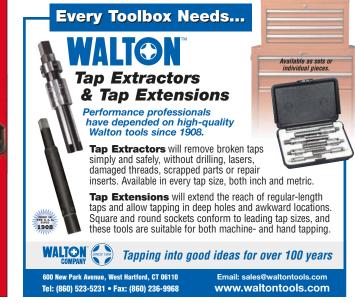
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Nemitz works out of a 22-drawer 10' wide by 29" deep by 6' tall Snap-on Master Series toolbox, with an added locker and hutch, as well as a power cabinet and tool cart.

## OWNER: Craig Nemitz Movin' & Lubin' New Berlin, WI

▲ Nemitz has a tool cart designed to house a Snap-on Verus Edge scan tool. The cart features a 32' display monitor and four drawers.

verything has a place in Craig Nemitz's Snap-on setup, from his hand tools to his diagnostic equipment.

So much so that outside of his main box, a silver Snap-on Master Series three-bay box with added hutch and locker, he has a power cabinet dedicated to Milwaukee Tool cordless tools and a diagnostic station specifically designed for the Snap-on Verus Edge scan tool.

Nemitz, general manager of Movin' & Lubin in New Berlin, Wis., was one of the first technicians in Wisconsin to purchase the diagnostic station. After seeing the cart displaying a Verus Edge on a Snapon Diagnostics distributor truck, he knew he had to have it for himself.

The tool cart features a 32' flatscreen display monitor, hooked up to his Windows-based Verus Edge scan tool, which sits in the first drawer of the cart, in a molded setting. The three other drawers on the cart house other diagnostic tools like multimeters, fuel pressure testers and TPMS tools.

"The main reason I wanted to get that cart, and set it up like that, was so I could

## **Diagnostics on the move**

In addition to a large main box, this general manager has a tool cart dedicated entirely to diagnostics

by Vesna Brajkovic, Assistant Editor

wheel it around and go right to the job with the cart," Nemitz says. "It was really just about being able to have everything right there for me. We have a fairly large shop, so to keep having to go back and forth to grab this tool, or grab this connector for my multimeter – or something like that, it just became too much of a hassle."

Additionally, hugging the main box is a blue Snap-on power cabinet, which he eventually wants to get powdercoated in "Milwaukee Tool Red" to match his diagnostic station. The cabinet houses several Milwaukee Tool impacts—some of his favorite tools to use—along with a sawzall, angle grinder, hammer drill and work lights, among other things.

Both the power cabinet and the scan tool station were purchased within the past two years as an addition to the main box, which Nemitz has had for six years.

The 22-drawers of the almost 10' long, 6' tall main box are 29" deep and organized by category, as are the three shelves and four pull-out drawers in the side locker.

The wood worktop is kept clear, featuring easy-to-reach tools displayed on the peg board of the hutch. "I'm an extremely organized person," Nemitz says. "My theory is that if I can go to my box and grab a tool with my eyes closed it's going to make me a more efficient tech."

Eventually, Nemitz says he would like to get a bulk storage cabinet for the top of the hutch to house any extra miscellaneous items that currently sit on top of the box, although he considers this addition to be low priority.

"I'd like to get [those items] all secured and inside the box, so it looks real clean from the outside," Nemitz says.

Although Nemitz likes to keep his tools in place and organized, he says if you look at his box you can tell they're well used. After all, he has been a technician for 13 years, starting out at Movin' & Lubin' as a support technician and working his way up to general manager. **PTEN** 

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