

Hunter Highlights

DSP600 Digital Imaging Alignment Sensors Approved for Mercedes-Benz Service Worldwide



DaimlerChrysler AG has approved Hunter's DSP600 digital imaging alignment sensors for use by its Mercedes-Benz dealers worldwide. Hunter now makes the only digital imaging alignment system that is approved for Mercedes-Benz service. The faster and more durable DSP600 sensors are standard equipment with Hunter's Series 811-based HTA-MB-R alignment system, created to meet the specific service needs of Mercedes-Benz automobiles. DaimlerChrysler AG has also

approved Hunter's new RX DC scissor alignment rack, offering Mercedes-Benz dealers another option when complying with the automaker's highly selective service standards. The RX DC design saves bay space and features approach ramps that accommodate low ground clearance vehicles such as the new Mercedes-Benz SLR. The rack's PowerSlide central slip plate locking system is controlled from the rack console, saving valuable time and effort during alignment service.

Hunter Innovations Draw Crowds at Automechanika

Automechanika 2004 in Frankfurt, Germany, the leading European automotive aftermarket trade fair, was the setting for some important benchmarks in the continuing expansion of Hunter's international product lines.

A historical meeting took place at the Hunter booth during the trade fair. Visiting DaimlerChrysler AG executives presented Hunter President Stephen Brauer with documents stating the worldwide approval of Hunter's DSP600-equipped HTA-MB-R alignment system. This marked the first digital imaging alignment system to be approved by DaimlerChrysler AG for the worldwide service of Mercedes-Benz automobiles.



Fritz Schöbel (left), DaimlerChrysler AG's Manager, After-Sales Network Planning & Strategy / Workshop Planning and Hunter President Stephen Brauer (second from left), toast DaimlerChrysler AG's official worldwide approval of Hunter's HTA-MB-R alignment system with DSP600 digital imaging sensors. They are joined (from left) by DaimlerChrysler AG's Oliver Kern and Rolf Schmidbauer, and Mercedes-Benz USA's Armin Nickel.

The 2004 Automechanika show also provided an ideal opportunity for Hunter to introduce its new GSP9600 CRT wheel balancer to the European market. While CRT interface balancers are not uncommon in Europe, Hunter's GSP9600 borrows innovations from the advanced GSP9700 Road Force Measurement® System to offer speed, accuracy and ease-of-use unmatched by European competitors.

In addition to European industry buyers, the Hunter booth entertained guests from throughout the world. Hunter distributors from 21 European countries were joined by guests from as far away as New Zealand and Argentina.



Hunter exhibited a range of new wheel balancer technology at Automechanika, attracting crowds for the duration of the event.

New Hand-Held Ride Height Remote Provides Exact Measurements in Seconds



Hunter's new Hand-Held Ride Height Remote offers technicians more speed and flexibility when taking vehicle ride height measurements. The technician simply extends the integrated measuring cable between two measurement points, touches the transmit button and the value is instantly transmitted to the aligner

console and displayed on the monitor. The remote function lets the operator control the procedure without having to return to the console.



Hunter's new Hand-Held Ride Height Remote is accurate to within one millimeter.

National Meetings Bring 300 Hunter Sales Representatives to St. Louis

Hunter's St. Louis Research and Training Center recently hosted all of the company's more than 300 independent sales representatives for a series of new product and product upgrade introduction seminars. The meetings provided Hunter Sales Representatives with classroom and hands-on training in the operation and service of Hunter's newest alignment, shop management and wheel service technology. The attendees traveled from throughout the U.S. and Canada.



Hunter Training Manager Jeff Piel conducts a hands-on alignment session for Hunter Sales Representatives in a Research and Training Center service bay.

600-Ton Niagara Brake Press Installed at Durant Alignment Rack Metal Fabrication Line



The new Niagara brake press arrives in Durant after transportation from Colorado on a twenty-four-wheel, six-axle trailer. Because of the machine's exceptional size and weight, structural modifications to the plant building and foundation were necessary before the press could be moved to its permanent home on the factory floor.

The addition of a 600-ton Niagara Brake Press has nearly doubled the steel forming capacity of Hunter's alignment rack fabrication line in Durant, Mississippi. The massive brake press easily bends to shape up to 20-ft. sections of 5/16" plate steel that will become runways and other components for Hunter alignment racks. CNC backgauges and a programmable crowning attachment will soon be fitted to the machine further increasing output and allowing Hunter to fill a wider range of orders more quickly.



Flat steel alignment rack runway sections are hoisted into position where the new brake press will form them to shape using up to 600 tons of force. The new press replaces an existing shorter length capacity 350-ton press.



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