

Venom Mini-Ductor has real bite

Induction Innovations, Inc. have announced the launch of VENOM, the third generation of its highly popular Mini-Ductor handheld induction heater. The 230V version will be previewed for advanced orders at Automechanika Birmingham in June and will be released to the aftermarket later in 2016.

Like its predecessor, the Mini-Ductor II, Venom generates Invisible Heat to release ferrous and some non-ferrous metals from corrosion and thread lock compounds without the dangers of open flames. It does this up to 90% faster, with ¾" nuts turned red hot in less than 15 seconds.

The new Venom induction heater also has 7 new features;

- Angled design with trigger makes hard to reach areas more accessible
- A new Coil Twist Lock means coils now lock down with one simple turn
- A new LED usage indicator
- A fault override delay with lockout
- A new fan operation aids cooling

- The new user controlled LED switch indicates when the internal power supply is operating
- The Venom has a two year parts and labour warranty

The Mini-Ductor Venom comes as a complete kit with coils and case and has a multitude of uses including; removal and release of ABS sensors, Brake bleeder nuts, Corroded exhaust, Fuel tank straps, Inline connectors, Manifold bolts, O2 sensors, Seat belt bolts, Steering/suspension components, u-bolts AND Zirk fittings.

The Venom will be previewed at the Automechanika Show at the NEC 7-9th June on the Sykes Pickavant stand, 9H58. Induction Innovations' Director of Business Development, Johanna Smith, will be on hand to demonstrate the tool and answer any questions visitors may have.



VARTA offers dynamic battery performance

Manbat Ltd is now offering the high quality automotive VARTA Dynamic battery range.

VARTA Black Dynamic is a reliable and trustworthy choice for the standard car with typical energy requirements. It is competitively priced and includes Labyrinth lid technology, which provides safe gas discharge and is more resistant to leaks for an extra safe and maintenance free properties battery. In common with the rest of the Dynamic range, the Black contains PowerFrame grid plates, which deliver extremely efficient energy transfer and therefore, reliable cold cranking power and long-term performance. This comprehensive range comes in 40Ah to 90Ah capacities and is ideal for smaller cars.

The VARTA Blue Dynamic provides extra starting power for dependable performance over a longer time period.

Top of the range is the VARTA Silver



Dynamic which provides extra power and premium performance, with exceptional starting power that meets the toughest energy demands.

VARTA also offers battery solutions for micro-hybrids vehicles that incorporate a start-stop function. This comes in the form of two additional batteries in the Dynamic range; the Blue Dynamic EFB, which provides the ideal solution for small to medium sized start-stop cars without regenerative braking technology and the Silver Dynamic AGM that delivers exceptional performance for the most powerful and highly equipped start-stop enabled cars

Swim in memory of Schaeffler employees



Some big-hearted swimmers have gone to great lengths to raise money for charity in memory of two former Schaeffler employees. The team of six completed 400 lengths to raise funds in memory of former Automotive Aftermarket Division Sales Manager Alan Dean and warehouse worker Mike Powell who tragically lost their battle against cancer.

Organiser Warren Barnett (Automotive Aftermarket Division Operations Director) commented, "Everyone did incredibly well during the swim. Overall we completed 400 kilometres and have raised hundreds of pounds from donations by staff, customers and friends."

Warren said that anyone who would like to donate can do so by following <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/schaeffler-swimathon2016> and selecting the Schaeffler Swimathon 2016 page. If you would like to donate to Alan Dean's Macmillan page, you can choose to do that by selecting the link and selecting the Schaeffler Aftermarket page.

IAAF appointment



The commercial vehicle section of the Independent Automotive Aftermarket Association (IAAF) has appointed Exol Lubricants sales director Steve Dunn, as its new Commercial Chairman.

Steve has been a member of the IAAF committee for a number of years, is well respected in the CV aftermarket and will share his expertise with the council and with IAAF to drive the CV section forward. In his role, he will also become a member of the IAAF council, a voluntary group of senior automotive executives that come together regularly to debate industry issues and set IAAF policy.