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# **Snap-on Drives Forward with Award-Winning Innovation**

## Receives Three MOTOR Magazine Top 20 Tools Awards

**KENOSHA, Wis. – Oct. 12, 2009** – Snap-on Incorporated (NYSE: SNA), a leading global innovator, manufacturer and marketer of tools, diagnostics and equipment solutions for professional users, is pleased to announce three of its divisions have each received a *MOTOR* Magazine Top 20 Tools Award. *MOTOR*'s technical editors chose Snap-on for its product innovation and ability to make the jobs of professional shop owners and technicians easier by helping them fix their customers' cars and light trucks more accurately and quickly.

The winning products are the low profile ratchet/socket set, the VERUS® handheld diagnostic tool and the Quadriga ATC 1000 laser-guided tire changing system.

"Snap-on's goal is to enable serious professionals, simplifying their tasks, saving them time and increasing their productivity. We do this by continually bringing new, innovative tools and equipment to our customers throughout the world," said Nick Pinchuk, Snap-on chairman, president and CEO. "We thank *MOTOR* Magazine and our customers for recognizing our efforts. We are honored to have three of our products on *MOTOR*'s prestigious Top 20 Tool Award list for 2009."

### Low Profile Ratchet/Socket Set

With Snap-on's new 10-piece 3/8" drive metric low profile ratchet/socket set (210RAFM), professional technicians have all the speed, power and durability to do those challenging jobs in tight quarters quickly and efficiently. The set includes the 80-tooth low profile ratchet and nine-12 point low profile sockets. Because the system is up to 33-percent shorter than the competition, the combination of the low profile ratchet and socket has more clearance in the tightest working areas. This is especially beneficial as cars become smaller and more compact.

#### **VERUS®**

VERUS® is a powerful evolution in handheld diagnostics. It gives professional technicians everything they need to manage the customer, the diagnosis and the repair in one advanced unit. It offers a unique combination of features like true multitasking, so technicians don't have to leave the fender to use their repair information system, shop management systems, technical forums, OEM Web sites, online parts suppliers and Internet resources. Technicians can create customer records and vehicle history files, as well as access OEM-specific codes, data and functional tests for 40 vehicle makes.

## Quadriga ATC 1000

Designed for high-volume tire shops handling a wide variety of wheel types, the Quadriga boasts automatic wheel lifting and clamping; and laser-guided, automatic bead breaking and tire demounting. These processes are controlled by using a joystick and foot pedals. The Quadriga will change the way professional technicians change tires by significantly improving safety, wheel service consistency, and by reducing the costs associated with wheel damage.

## **About Snap-on**

Snap-on Incorporated is a leading global innovator, manufacturer and marketer of tools, diagnostics, equipment, software and service solutions for professional users. Products and services include hand and power tools, tool storage, diagnostics software, information and management systems, shop equipment and other solutions for vehicle dealerships and repair centers, as well as customers in industry, government, agriculture, aviation and natural resources. Products and services are sold through the company's franchisee, company-direct, distributor and Internet channels. Founded in 1920, Snap-on is a \$2.9 billion, S&P 500 company headquartered in Kenosha, Wisconsin.

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