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New Snap-on Thin Wall Socket Makes Removing Lug Nuts from Caterpillar Mining Trucks a Breeze

KENOSHA, Wis. – August 12, 2014 – Caterpillar® mining trucks feature 72 lug nuts on each wheel with only six millimeters between the lug nuts, so accessing them is a big challenge. The new Snap-on® 3/4-inch Drive 1-7/16-inch Deep Thin Wall 6-Point Impact Socket (SIM462TW) makes removing these lug nuts much easier since this innovative socket features a smaller outside diameter, allowing for quick and simple access to each lug nut.

“Our new thin wall socket is ideal for working on Caterpillar mining trucks as the slim wall design facilitates easy removal of the lug nuts,” said Scott Amundson, product manager for Snap-on. “The broach depth of Snap-on impact sockets will start to thread the nut onto the stud, saving time and increasing productivity. Competitive sockets, on the other hand, have a deeper hex so the user needs to start the nut by hand, making it harder and more time consuming to install or remove the lug nuts.”

The new [Snap-on 3/4-inch Drive 1-7/16-inch Deep Thin Wall 6-Point Impact Socket \(SIM462TW\)](#) features the Flank Drive® wrenching configuration where the socket grips the fastener on the flanks/flats, increasing torque by 15 to 20 percent. Snap-on impact sockets are heat treated to a low hardness range making the SIM462TW able to withstand impact blows; heavy, continuous use; and wear and tear much better than competitors’ chrome sockets.

Customers can learn more about the new *Snap-on* 3/4-inch Drive 1-7/16-inch Deep Thin Wall 6-Point Impact Socket (SIM462TW) by contacting their participating Snap-on franchisee or representative, visiting www.snapon.com/handtools or by calling toll free 877-SNAPON-4 (877-762-7664).

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