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# Snap-on Receives Three *MOTOR Magazine*Top 20 Tools Awards for 2012

**KENOSHA, Wis.** – **September 13, 2012** – Snap-on Incorporated (NYSE:SNA), a leading global innovator, manufacturer and marketer of tools, diagnostics, equipment, software and service solutions for professional users, announced it recently won three 2012 *MOTOR Magazine* Top 20 Tools Awards for its Integrity Test Drive by John Bean, SOLUS Ultra® scan tool and Ball Joint Remover for Subaru® vehicles. The latest honors bring to 37 the total number of awards Snap-on companies have won since the competition began 21 years ago.

The winners were chosen by *MOTOR Magazine's* technical editors from hundreds of entries as innovative products that help technicians diagnose and repair vehicles correctly – the first time. According to the editors, the continual development of such tools and equipment is essential so that automotive technicians can properly service today's technologically advanced vehicles.

"We're honored to once again be recognized by *Motor Magazine* for our innovative, productivity-enhancing solutions," said Tom Ward, president – Repair Systems and Information Group. "We're dedicated to providing our customers with the tools, diagnostics and equipment they need to perform better and more efficiently in the repair shop every day. Our goal is to make work easier for professionals and these products achieve that end."

### **Integrity Test Drive by John Bean**

The Integrity Test Drive by John Bean is a unique system that performs a complete vehicle inspection in a matter of minutes, including alignment, battery, brake efficiency, brake pad thickness, diagnostic codes, and generates a complete color coded report that highlights the results of each inspection. The vehicle condition report documents the inspection and helps the service advisor communicate the needed services to the customer, easing the sales process.

The Integrity Test Drive combines several, productivity-enhancing products that work together, giving technicians the ability to quickly inspect more vehicles as well as to provide customers with a complete 'health' snapshot of their vehicle.

#### SOLUS Ultra

The Snap-on® SOLUS Ultra proves that complex diagnostic capability does not need to be complex to operate. Designed for fast operation, simple connection and complete scanning abilities, SOLUS Ultra allows professional technicians to quickly identify the problem and get to the repair. It provides coverage for most vehicle systems, including requirements for hybrids, TPMS, steering, active suspension, clean diesels and more.

SOLUS Ultra uses clear, icon-based navigation and has an embedded operating system dedicated to diagnostic functions for unsurpassed speed and reliability. It offers enhanced scanner coverage for over 40 makes of domestic, Asian and European vehicles, 1980-newer. Capabilities include codes, live data (PIDS), functional tests, relearns and adaptations. Its Fast-Track<sup>®</sup> Troubleshooter provides experience-based fast-fixes such as code tips, symptoms, tests and timesavers, to get through repairs faster.

#### Ball Joint Remover for Subaru Vehicles

Adding to its long list of specialty tool needs identified as a consequence of its unmatched customer connection, Snap-on developed another innovative tool designed to save significant time and effort in performing an often difficult task. The easy to use Ball Joint Remover (BJR1) for select *Subaru* vehicles can save hours of time removing ball joints that are often encased in heavy corrosion. Previous removal methods were costly and could cause unnecessary damage to other parts on the vehicle.

The BJR1 is perfect for use on a variety of *Subaru* models: Baja (2003-2006), Forester (1998-2010), Impreza (1993-2010), Legacy (1990-2010) and Outback (2000-2010).

## **About Snap-on**

Snap-on Incorporated is a leading global innovator, manufacturer and marketer of tools, equipment, diagnostics, repair information and systems solutions for professional users performing critical tasks. 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 for customers in industries, including aviation, aerospace, agriculture, construction, government and military, mining, natural resources and power generation. 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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