

Press Release



JOHN BEAN, LEADERS IN IMAGING ALIGNMENT, INTRODUCE THE BFH 800, FULLY AUTOMATIC PREMIUM WHEEL BALANCER USING 3-D IMAGING TECHNOLOGY.

March 30, 2006 -- The BFH 800, from John Bean, a division of Snap-on Equipment, uses an industry-first method of using patented optical imaging to automatically obtain all balance parameters during the balance cycle.



John Bean, a division of Snap-on Equipment, pioneered imaging technology in alignment systems to provide a significant reduction in time to alignment readings. The BFH 800 builds on this heritage to introduce imaging technology to wheel service. Put your shop in a leadership position with the most advanced premium wheel balancer on the market.

The BFH 800 is a no-compromise solution for premium wheel balancing. Fully automatic inputs remove the chance for error allowed by other systems. The BFH 800, using Patented VPI Imaging Balance technology uses a unique front-mounted "side-by-side" piezo system placing the tire electronically between the sensor piezo assemblies for unparalleled accuracy. The result is a ride performance to satisfy even the most discriminating driver. A color TFT

graphic displays all the information required to properly and quickly complete the balance step. Adding to the wheel service value of BFH 800, the optional printer provides documented readings before and after the procedure. Your customers will be able to see the value. Due to the level of automation, the BFH 800 is the fastest floor-to-floor balancer available today; there is no wheel balancer as fast in the industry.

John Bean BFH 800 Special Features Include:

- **Power Clamp** - Precise clamping is required for super accurate results. The BFH 800 power clamp automatically locks the tire and rim assembly in place. Clamping pressure is automatically monitored for consistent pressure for repeatable results. No additional checking procedures are required. Right the first time, every time.
- **Automatic Wheel Data** - Just close the hood, CCD optics will automatically determine all wheel parameters, distance, width and diameter. Additionally the optics determine the

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wheel type, and recommend the best combination of tape and clip weights for balance accuracy. For clip weights, the internal data base chooses the best fit specialty clip weight style and displays this weight color on the TFT screen. This step eliminates guesswork, wasted weights, and improves productivity for the shop owner.

- Automatic Spoke Function - Cosmetic appearance is very important on today's expensive wheel styles. For tape on weights, the correct wheel weight and placement is critical for proper wheel balance and flawless cosmetic appearance. To aid the technician, during the single spin cycle, spokes are automatically counted and the technician is directed by screen prompts and a laser pointer to apply tape weights behind the spoke(s) for optimum cosmetic appearance.
- Optional Diagnostics – Choose either rim only or tire and rim matching choices. Graphic displays and screen prompts provide matching solutions for improved tire and rim performance.

To find out more about the John Bean BFH 800, call 1-877-482-4866 or visit www.snaponequipment.com. Based in Conway, Arkansas, Snap-on Equipment is one of the world's leading sources of automotive service equipment. Snap-on Equipment is a division of Snap-on Incorporated, a leading global innovator, manufacturer and marketer of tool, diagnostic and equipment solutions for professional tool users. Products are sold through its franchised dealer van, company-direct sales and distributor channels, as well as over the Internet. Founded in 1920, Snap-on is a \$2.4 billion; S&P 500 company headquartered in Kenosha, Wisconsin, and employs approximately 11,500 people worldwide.