Press Release

May 18, 2005 -- The BFH 1000, from John Bean, a division of Snap-on Equipment, uses an industry-first method of obtaining Balance Force Harmonics. It uses patented optical imaging to predict if tire and wheel harmonics will interact with suspension harmonics to create vehicle vibrations.

The BFH 1000, currently approved by GM, Chrysler and VW USA (with many other approvals pending), is the industry's first fully automatic, optical, non-contact tire and rim measurement system. It even offers patented automatic power clamping. The operator simply places the cone on the shaft, lifts the foot pedal and lowers the hood; the BFH 1000 does all the work.

With 3-dimensional data obtained from optical cameras, the BFH 1000 recommends wheel/tire matching solutions, provides precise laser-indicated weight placement (even strategically placing weight(s) behind spokes for optimum appearance), on-screen display of diagnostic data including tire and rim runout, and much more. The BFH 1000 combines all these capabilities to provide the fastest floor-to-floor balancer in the industry.

To find out more about the John Bean BFH 1000, 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.

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