



## JOHN BEAN RESPONDS TO THE GROWING CUSTOM MARKET WITH EHP SYSTEM V TIRE CHANGER

CONWAY, AR (May 25, 2005) - The EHP System V Tire Changer by John Bean, a division of Snap-on Equipment, is answering the challenges service centers face when dealing with custom tire and wheel packages. This affordable, flexible machine allows shop owners and managers to service all customers, including those whose tire and wheel equipment goes beyond the scope of traditional changers.

The System V Tire Changer is designed for current tire and wheel technology and is adaptable to the anticipated needs of the future. With low-profile tires, oversize wheels, and run-flat tires, more consumers are choosing equipment that once would have been considered nonstandard; manufacturers are adding these items as factory options as well.



Some of the features of the System V Tire Changer include clamping ability up to 26 inches (30 inches with extenders), wheel handling up to 17 inches of wheel width, dual clamping cylinders for increased holding power and a two-position bead breaker with oversized blade. An air-operated pneumatic bead assist allows technicians to mount and demount challenging tires, such as those with low-profile or ultra-stiff sidewalls. To protect expensive wheels for that "factory-new look", nylon inserts and contact pads protect against potential wheel damage.

"The System V Tire Changer includes all the great qualities of previous John Bean changers, and adds entirely new capabilities," says the John Bean EHP System V product manager. "With this machine, shops can attract and retain customers who may have had to look elsewhere for service of their specialty tire and wheel packages. This growing market segment represents an incredible revenue stream for shops large and small."

The John Bean System V Tire Changer is currently available nationwide through Snap-on Equipment's Technical Automotive Group. You can contact Snap-on Equipment for more information at 1-877-482-4866 or visit [www.snaponequipment.com](http://www.snaponequipment.com).

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