

Belle Tire Boosts Productivity and Profits With DSP400 Alignment Pit Configuration



This Dearborn Heights, Michigan shop is a typical Belle Tire PN pit rack configuration. It features Hunter Series 611 Alignment Systems with DSP400 Sensors. Belle Tire uses Hunter 4,500 lb. Swing Air-Jacks on the front of the runways and larger 8,000 lb. versions on the rear to handle heavier camper/recreational vehicles and trucks.

Belle Tire, the Allen Park, Michigan based tire and service retailer, finds Hunter's PN Pit Rack with DSP400 Alignment Sensors an ideal configuration to meet the speed, efficiency and accuracy requirements of its business. The PN's 63-inch deep center pit provides easy access to the vehicle's underside without having to adjust the lift height. The "walkaround" pit provides effortless access for wheel service and alignment. Belle Tire uses Hunter exclusively to equip its 60-plus locations and specifies two DSP400-equipped PN pit bays whenever possible.

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Jaguar Makes GSP9700 Mandatory Equipment for Dealer Service



So that our retailer network can maintain the driving dynamics customers expect from their Jaguar, particularly with regard to balanced ride and handling, we have added the following equipment to the Jaguar Cars minimum required tools and equipment list:

- Road Force Variation (RFV) measuring tire balancer (e.g. Hunter 9700/9712) with printer and monitor
- Specialized mounting flange and cones

Jaguar has made Hunter's GSP9700 Vibration Control System mandatory equipment for approved service at the automaker's dealership service departments. The GSP97JAG package was developed by Hunter to meet the specific needs of Jaguar dealers. In addition to the award-winning GSP9700 standard features, the Jaguar-specific package includes exclusive wheel mounting cones

and adaptor plates. The printer feature provides a hard copy of the simulated road test and radial force variation results for customer consultation or management records. Hunter has also developed a Jaguar-specific Rolling Smooth vibration management certification training program that is available at Hunter regional training centers throughout the country.

Innovative High-Tech Education Center Chooses Hunter

Advanced Technology Center (ATC) of Daytona Beach, Florida is the latest addition to a long list of educational institutions that specify Hunter when equipping their service bay classrooms. ATC is a highly innovative public/private partnership designed to prepare students for the technology-driven American workplace. The school's new \$30 million facility includes fully-equipped service bays featuring Hunter's newest alignment systems and wheel service equipment. The center attracts students from area high school districts and community colleges.



ATC's Automotive Service Management Technology program uses a complete range of Hunter equipment in these service bay classrooms.

Photographs by Jean Marie Appleby, Daytona Beach Community College

From left, Hunter Sales Representative Michael O. Fanning, Hunter Distributor Bruce Baker and Advanced Technology Center instructor Keith Draper in front of ATC's new facility in Daytona Beach, Florida.



ATC students enjoy hands-on learning using state-of-the-art Hunter equipment.

Get New Vehicle Specifications from Any Online Computer Via WebSpecs.NET™



Hunter's new WebSpecs.NET™ feature makes the newest vehicle specifications, Hunter Inspection and Adjustment Illustrations and optional Digital Photos available from any Internet-connected computer. Shops now have two options when using the Internet to update their Hunter alignment system vehicle specification database. They can access WebSpecs.NET using their aligner or they can use their front-office or management computers and transfer the data to the aligner.

Front office staff can also access Adjustment Illustrations and optional Digital Photo updates for information, training and to explain needed service.

Hunter Visitors

Dealer Equipment and Services

From left: **Dave Smith**, Hunter Vice President of Sales and Marketing; **Tom Campbell**, Dealer Equipment and Services District Manager; **Mike Chambers**, Hunter Cleveland Regional Manager.



Continental Tire North America

From left: **Nick Colarelli**, Hunter Executive Vice President; **Joel Clasquin**, Hunter R&D Engineer; **Dave Scribner**, Hunter Product Manager; **Mike Douglas**, Hunter Manager R&D Electronics; **Ken Gormish**, Principal Engineer-Tire Evaluation/Uniformity; **Frank Meyers**, Section Manager-OE NVH Support, Tire Evaluation/Uniformity; **Mike Gerdes**, Hunter Manager R&D Mechanical.