



We saw a number of products introduced at the AAPEX and SEMA shows again this year. Here you'll find some of the tools and equipment selected by our editorial staff that piqued our interest. For product details on all the products we saw at the show, visit: VehicleServicePros.com/AAPEXSEMA2015



Autologic Diagnostics, Inc.

Autologic Assist

Autologic Assist is believed to be the industry's first fully integrated diagnostic support system. It combines the expertise of more than 100 dealer-trained technicians with state-of-the-art technology and access to online third-party vehicle data that's delivered via a multifaceted, single-screen device. This simultaneous integration of these data resources and diagnostic tools, coupled with real-time access to technicians that specialize in European vehicles, gives repair shops a competitive edge, allowing technicians to detect and repair vehicles quickly with fewer mistakes.

Editor's comments: Dominating the Euro market for aftermarket scan tools, Autologic delivers its newest product aimed at providing real-world feedback from other users of the Autologic scan tool system. Autologic Assist provides a tech support network hotline available if users gets stumped, with experts on hand to address any questions. The system scans the vehicle, retrieves codes, offers repair information and connects to tech support. The system is also capable of ordering necessary parts.

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GearWrench Electronic Torque Wrenches, Nos. 85076 and 85077

GearWrench Electronic Torque Wrenches offer additional features compared to other torque wrenches in the company's line, including Target Torque Alert, which can be set to give a warning as the target torque setting is approached. This allows more control so there is less chance of over-torquing a fastener. These torque wrenches can measure in ft/lbs, in/lbs or Nm to increase versatility. They feature a tolerance of +/-2 percent for clockwise tightening from 20 percent to 100 percent of their full scale and come in a blow molded case for secure storage. The 3/8" Electronic Torque Wrench, No. 85076, offers torque ranges between 7.4 and 99.6 ft/lbs. The 1/2" Electronic Torque Wrench, No. 85077, offers torque ranges between 25.1 and 250.8 ft/lbs.

Editor's comments: It was best to see this tool in action, because it truly showed how the Target Torque Alert feature worked. Once the user comes close to the preset torque setting, the tool handle begins to vibrate. As the user gets closer to reaching the set torque, the tool vibrates more and will indicate when the torque is reached.

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SP Tools

11880 Pitman Arm Popper

The **SP Tools 11880 Pitman Arm Popper** helps techs safely and efficiently remove large Pitman Arms on 3/4- to 1-ton pickup trucks. Constructed of large, forged components and quality material to resist corrosion, this tool remains secured and locked in place when in use. This forged design requires less torque and space compared to current tools and methods, according to the company, often eliminating the need to remove the steering box. With less force required, techs also do not need to use an impact gun for the procedure. For use on Ford F250/350, Dodge 2500/3500 and Chevrolet/GMC 2500/3500 vehicles.

Editor's comments: This specialty tool serves to help a technician remove an arm off a steering gear box quickly and efficiently, and eliminates the need to remove the steering box from the vehicle. Designed to be durable and strong, the tool fits a wide range of vehicles.

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