



Automechanika Shanghai coming up

The world's second largest Automechanika show, after Automechanika in Frankfurt, is to be held from December 10-12. This year will see an increase in exhibition floor space to 80,500 square metres, an increase of 29,500 square metres from last year. This reconfirms the status of Automechanika Shanghai as one of China's leading professional forums for the automotive parts, components and aftermarket industry.

The 2008 event at the Shanghai New International Expo Centre will showcase a complete range of products for automotive original and aftermarket equipment, from low to high-end, from basic to hi-tech. In line with the profile of the global Automechanika

brand, products to be displayed will be Parts & Systems, Accessories & Tuning, Repair & Maintenance, IT & Management, and Service Station & Car Wash.

Automechanika Shanghai is organised by Messe Frankfurt in partnership with the China National Automotive Industry International Corporation (CNAICO). Automechanika Shanghai is a member of the 13 Automechanika trade fairs around the world. For further information, visit www.automechanika.messefrankfurt.com or email auto@hongkong.messefrankfurt.com

In 2007, the fair had a record attendance with more than 22,000 visitors from 103 countries and regions.

Forms and Gears' engine block fixtures for John Deere

Forms and Gears, Asia's leading fixture builder, has recently designed and developed state-of-the-art hydraulic fixtures to machine three- and four-cylinder engine blocks for American tractor manufacturer John Deere.

The fixtures have been designed to accommodate robot loading and unloading which reduces manpower and improves productivity. Imported hydraulic elements from Japan have been used to ensure that high cutting parameters can be used thereby decreasing

cycle times and increasing productivity. With an obvious cost advantage over European and Japanese competitors, Forms and Gears is increasingly being asked to develop precision fixtures for auto components not only from Indian manufacturers like Ashok Leyland, Tata Motors, Mahindra and Mahindra but also from MNCs like Hyundai, Ford, Caterpillar and Cummins.

Meanwhile, Ashok Leyland has recently awarded a contract to the company for developing fixtures for its axle arm components.