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Manufacturer wins landmark case against Chinese counterfeiter

Hypertherm, a manufacturer of industrial cutting systems and software, is pleased to announce it has won an important Intellectual Property court case in China.

A repeated Chinese counterfeiter was brought to court for manufacturing and selling counterfeit Hypertherm consumables. After thorough investigation, the court ruled in favour of Hypertherm and sentenced the main suspect to three years in prison. His accomplice was sentenced to serve one year. Both will have to pay fines as well of 25,000 USD and 7,500 USD respectively.

“We are concerned about our customers and their businesses. That is why we pursue these legal actions. We are pleased to see that our efforts are recognised by the legal system”, says Jurgen Boelaars, EMEA Marketing Manager Hypertherm Europe B.V. “Hypertherm devotes an enormous amount of resources to the development and engineering of technologically advanced cutting systems and consumables. These counterfeit consumables do not have the advanced manufacturing characteristics of genuine Hypertherm consumables. They do not last as long or perform as well. Poor quality cuts may require costly rework, and valuable equipment could be irreparably damaged. So in the end, our customers are paying more for an inferior product. We want to protect them from that.”

Examples of protected Hypertherm trademarks include Hypertherm, Powermax, HPR, FlushCut, HyAccess and ProNest. Hypertherm and their partners will continue their efforts to protect the market from counterfeit products and to eliminate counterfeit goods.

Hypertherm designs and manufactures industrial cutting systems and software for use in a variety of industries such as shipbuilding, manufacturing, and automotive repair. Its product line includes cutting systems, in addition to CNC motion and height controls, CAM nesting software, robotic software, and consumables. Hypertherm systems are trusted for performance and reliability that result in increased productivity and profitability for hundreds of thousands of businesses. The New Hampshire based company's reputation for cutting innovation dates back nearly 50 years to 1968, with Hypertherm's invention of water injection plasma cutting. The 100 percent associate owned company, consistently named a best place to work, has more than 1,400 associates along with operations and partner representation worldwide.