



# Press Release

## For Immediate Release

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### **Ritchie Engineering (YELLOW JACKET) Press Release**

**BLOOMINGTON, Minn.** — Ritchie Engineering Co., Inc. announced it has signed a distribution agreement permitting the company's YELLOW JACKET Products Division to distribute HECAT's full line of flushing products.

The YELLOW JACKET line of A/C refrigerant management systems will be rounded out with the addition of HECAT's flushing products. System failures create contamination and debris issues inside the heat exchangers, which are commonly reused. Failure to properly address and remove these contaminants will to cause repeat system failures. HECAT's products and processes far exceed the performance capabilities of any other cleaning method available. Made in the U.S., HECAT tools help solve problems by reducing comebacks and parts warranty claims, and by producing rapid return-on-investment and satisfied customers, the company says.

**Air Conditioning:** When a system failure occurs (compressor), the only way to remove contamination (metal debris, waste oils, sealers, dye, etc.) is by effectively flushing the components that will be reused. Many repeat compressor failures are caused by inadequate or the absence of flushing. Most aftermarket compressor manufacturers require proper flushing as part of their warranty requirements.

**Automatic Transmission:** When an automatic transmission is repaired or replaced, the OE oil cooler circuit is often clogged with contamination (metal debris, clutch material, varnishes, etc.) produced by the failing or failed unit. Proper cleaning, clearing and flow verification of the oil cooler circuit is required in order to return to the OE designed oil cooling and flow.

**Engine Cooling:** Many factors are contributing to the buildups that are clogging heater cores and radiators as well as the intake, block and head passageways. Abrasives are causing repeat core and water pump failures. Fluid exchange equipment is limited in what it can remove. The HECAT Coolant Pulsator is the answer and earned the 2008 PTEN (Professional Tool & Equipment News) Innovation Award.

HECAT flushing products will be sold through YELLOW JACKET Authorized Distributors.

"We're pleased to have been chosen by HECAT to be their master distributor," said Ralph Vergara, Ritchie Engineering automotive sales manager. "We are committed to providing our customers the most complete line of A/C service equipment while improving their productivity and profitability."

"For years, we have been independently working side by side and serving the same industries," said Karl Matis, president of HECAT. "During this time, we have both recognized a mutual focus and dedication to providing quality products, customer satisfaction and the promotion of proper service and repair procedures. A strategic alliance will better serve and benefit customers of both organizations."

HECAT, Inc. is a manufacturer of specialty internal heat exchanger flushing and cleaning equipment, tools, adapters, chemicals, and procedures for automotive, aviation, fleet, and industrial services. HECAT® products are designed to be an integral part of any proper air conditioning, automatic transmission, engine cooling, and system decontamination, reconditioning, and repair process. For a clearer insight into the company's products, processes, patents, technology, and applications; visit the website at [www.hecatinc.com](http://www.hecatinc.com), e-mail [tech-info@hecatinc.com](mailto:tech-info@hecatinc.com), or call 800-380-9501.