

## OTC debuts lubrication, wire service tools in North America

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- ▶ First-time North American expansion into lubrication, wire service specialty tools
- ▶ Lubrication tools feature innovative, technician-focused solutions
- ▶ Pioneering wire service tools vital to solving many common vehicle electrical problems

**Owatonna, MN** – Debuted at a recent industry tradeshow, OTC has developed and created a full line of lubrication and wire service tools. The new tool lines focus on improving efficiency for technicians with innovative tools for common fixes.

Wire service tools, available now, refers to anything needed to service vehicle wiring, including headlamps, brake and instrument lighting, window/mirror controls trailer harness installation or repair, HVAC motors and fans and more.

OTC's line of lubrication tools, available in late August, allow the greasing and lubrication of a vehicle's moving parts. Tools can also be used to extract and deliver grease or other fluids from bulk containers, transfer fluids from in vehicle systems through a dipstick tube, power steering reservoir or radiators.

The new tools are part of an overall expansion for OTC into wheel/tire service, strike/struck, Motorcycle/ATV service, lighting and gloves. The 2013 North American OTC Specialty Tools & Equipment catalog contains more than 450 new part numbers.

“Specialty tools for lubrication and wire service can greatly reduce the time needed for repairs, helping technicians diagnose, fix and move to the next issue quickly,” said Dirk Skogerboe, OTC Product Manager.

New wire service tools include:

- CrimPro™ and Crimpwell™ angled wire tools allowing access to close quarters with a 90-degree angled crimping head
- Terminal release tool set, helping technicians avoid breaking plastic clips and easily disconnect vehicle wiring harnesses
- Cordless solder tool kit, a freestanding, butane-powered torch that can be used as a soldering iron, torch or heat tool

In addition, OTC released safety blow guns and lubrication service tools, including:

- Pistol and thumb-style blow guns meeting OSHA safety venting standards, ideal for shop use
- Pneumatic and hand pump grease guns with extended length hoses
- Quick connect greasing accessory kit designed for universal vehicle applications

“In speaking with technicians all over the country, we’ve addressed many of their needs for specific application tools,” said Skogerboe. “Stand alone tools, kits and accessories provide everything needed for the job at hand.”

More information on OTC tools can be found at [www.OTCtools.com](http://www.OTCtools.com).

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