

OTC debuts indestructable Best Forged Hammers (B.F.H.) line in North America

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- ▶ Indestructable rubber grip handle reinforced with steel rods never needs replacement
- ▶ Ideal for automotive, tire service, construction, industrial and general use applications
- ▶ Drop-forged, induction-hardened head reinforced with steel locking plates guarantee hammer head never comes loose

Owatonna, MN – OTC unveiled its North American line of hammers for tire service and industrial applications at a recent industry tradeshow. The line, dubbed Best Forged Hammers (B.F.H.), features an indestructible steel rod core rubber handle and drop-forged, induction-hardened head for extended life. Specially bonded steel locking plates eliminate any loosening of the hammer head, ensuring a secure fit and confident swing.

“With the new OTC hammer line, we are pairing unrivaled forged steel with a lifetime handle to offer the best automotive, tire service, construction, industrial, and general use hammers available,” said Rob Kochie, OTC Product Manager. “Each head is hand-forged, designed for the specific applications that service professionals face daily. Our hammers range from the standard sledge to ball peen, cross peen and specialty tire service.”

All OTC hammers feature a lifetime steel rod core rubber handle with increased impact and anti-vibration resistance.

The B.F.H. line includes:

- Double face sledge hammers, available in 6-, 8-, 10-, 12-, and 14-lb weights with handle lengths of 24” and 30”
- Club/hand drill hammer, available in 2.5- or 4-lb weights with handle lengths of 12” and 16”
- Cross peen hammer, available in 2- and 3-lb weight with handle length of 16”
- Ball peen hammer, available in 24- or 32-oz weight with handle length of 14”
- Tire service hammer, available in 5- or 10-lb weight with handle lengths of 20” and 32”, respectively

“We listened to what service professionals need and want, and then built it – a simple, yet tough hammer that is reliable and long-lasting,” Kochie said.



The Best Forged Hammer line of sledgehammers is available now, with Tire Service Hammers debuting in September. All hammers are available through all OTC distribution channels.

More information on OTC tools can be found online at www.OTCTools.com.

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About OTC Tools

OTC is a major manufacturer and supplier of professional vehicle electronic diagnostic equipment, automotive fuel maintenance and a wide range of servicing tools and equipment with various manufacturing facilities. Since December 2012, OTC became a Bosch brand and was integrated into the Automotive Service Solutions Business Unit of the Bosch Automotive Aftermarket Business Division. For more information on OTC, visit www.otctools.com.

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