

Automechanika 2018: Valeo presents its latest automotive aftermarket innovations

Paris, September 11, 2018 – Valeo is unveiling its latest innovations for the replacement parts and repair markets at the 25th Automechanika trade show in Frankfurt, Germany, from September 11 to 15, 2018.

Via its subsidiary Valeo Service, Valeo is the global automotive aftermarket specialist, adding some 10,000 new products to its aftermarket catalog in 2018, at a rate of nearly 200 new products per week. The goal is to provide first-rate coverage for vehicles on the road worldwide, including passenger cars, commercial vehicles and trucks.

At this year's Automechanika, Valeo is debuting its most comprehensive range yet of transmission system repair technologies. The line-up showcases the Group's clutch expertise, particularly in dual mass flywheel technology, and the contributions made possible by Valeo's acquisition in October 2017 of industry specialist FTE Automotive (namely their active actuator technology used in automatic transmissions).

Valeo is also unveiling two new systems to improve driver visibility and safety, which are now available on the replacement market: Valeo AquaBlade™, part of the Valeo Silencio wiper range, which reduces braking distance by up to four meters at a speed of 50 km/h, and Valeo MatrixBeam headlights, which allow drivers to leave their high beams on without blinding oncoming drivers.

The pioneer and world leader in vehicle electrification, Valeo is also the only automotive supplier to offer Stop-Start technologies for the aftermarket, helping to reduce fuel consumption and CO₂ emissions.

Maintenance professionals are using spare parts and products with increasingly technical content and are therefore in need of more advanced technical support. In response, Valeo is making service innovation a priority and has developed new digital solutions with the input of front-line aftermarket operators, all with a view to simplifying their daily lives. Thanks to Valeo Tech @ssist, easily accessible online, finding the right product details and technical information has never been more straightforward. A new connected assistance service allows Valeo technicians to see what mechanics see, via a free smartphone app, and provide them with assistance and advice in real time as if they were right there with them in the garage. Lastly, the Group has launched an innovative rewards program for mechanics. Its defining characteristic is its total freedom from cumbersome procedures for signing up and accumulating points.

New products, new services: Valeo is changing the face of the automotive aftermarket, once again demonstrating its capacity for innovation, the cornerstone of its strategy, with R&D drawing a budget of nearly 1.9 billion euros in 2017.

Valeo is an automotive supplier, partner to all automakers worldwide. As a technology company, Valeo proposes innovative products and systems that contribute to the reduction of CO₂ emissions and to the development of intuitive driving. In 2017, the Group generated sales of 18.5 billion euros and invested 12% of its original equipment sales in Research and Development. Valeo has 185 plants, 20 research centers, 36 development centers and 15 distribution platforms, and at June 30, 2018, employs 115,000 people in 33 countries worldwide. Valeo is listed on the Paris stock exchange and is a member of the CAC 40 index.

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