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THATCHAM CHOOSES JOHN BEAN

Thattham, the insurer funded research centre, has chosen a top of the range John Bean Visualiner 3D Arago wheel alignment system following an extensive market research and technical evaluation process. The system's 3D digital imaging technology will be used to analyse vehicles before and after impact tests to provide accurate diagnosis of under body damage.

3D Arago enables vehicle set up and alignment readings to be taken in under two-minutes through a simple process that automatically guides the technician with clear instructions and easily understood on screen colour graphics. Use of 3D modelling also ensures that chassis measurements are not compromised by the non-measurement of wheel run-out promoted by some manufacturers.

Stuart Anstie, Thattham's Technical Manager for Vehicle Body Repair, comments: "As the chassis systems of the vehicles we evaluate become ever more sophisticated, so does the need to precisely analyse post-impact damage to their suspension. The 3D Arago provides us with an advanced solution that's ideal for body repair, combining simplicity and ease-of-use with numerous technical features."

Chris Behan, General Manager, Snap-on Equipment, added: "Snap-on has enjoyed a long-standing relationship with Thattham and we are delighted with the decision choose the 3D Arago after such a rigorous procurement process. We have designed the 3D Arago to be simple and straightforward to use, making it quick and easy to accurately diagnose wheel alignment faults."

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Snap-on Equipment is a fully owned subsidiary of Snap-on corporation, a leading global innovator, manufacturer and marketer of tools, diagnostics and equipment. The company was formed in 1997, following the merger of Hofmann and John Bean (formerly Balco), both leading names in the garage equipment industry. Snap-on Equipment designs, manufactures and markets an extensive range of equipment for car and commercial vehicle service. Products under the Hofmann, John Bean and Cartec brands include brake and suspension testers, chassis dynamometers, tyre changers, wheel balancers and wheel aligners, emission analysers, MOT bays and headlight adjustment equipment. Customers are supported through comprehensive in-house service, training and financing operations.

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About Thatcham

The Motor Insurance Repair Research Centre, or 'Thatcham' as it is widely known was formed in 1969 by British Insurers. The Centre is independently operated and has its own Board of Directors. Its main aim is to carry out research targeted at containing or reducing the cost of motor insurance claims, whilst maintaining safety standards. Thatcham provides products and services for a number of functional areas within the collision repair industry: Insurers; Motor Manufacturers; Equipment Manufacturers and Suppliers. Employing over 140 members of staff, the Centre is well equipped with a range of collision repair equipment, which is used for both Research and Training purposes. The Centre also has a vehicle impact testing laboratory and a sled facility for non-destructive testing.

To find out more, visit: www.thatcham.org

Note to editors:

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Caption:

Stuart Anstie, Thatcham's Technical Manager for Vehicle Body Repair and colleagues alongside the John Bean 3D Arago wheel alignment system.

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