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VMAC Celebrates 25 Years Of UNDERHOOD™ Air Compressor Innovation

Nanaimo, B.C. — VMAC is celebrating the 25th anniversary of UNDERHOOD™ air compressors. The first UNDERHOOD70 air compressor was shipped in the fall of 1997, and since then, VMAC has sold over 25,000 UNDERHOODs for Ford, RAM, GMC, Chevrolet, International, and Mercedes-Benz Sprinter service vehicles.

“UNDERHOOD is an integral part of VMAC’s history and an example of disruptive innovation,” explains Tod Gilbert, VMAC’s President. “The release of UNDERHOOD marked the start of VMAC’s journey to become one of the only true rotary screw air compressor manufacturers in North America. The core compressor components are designed and optimized for the mobile air industry resulting in the lightest and most powerful compressors for their size.”

“Twenty-five years later, no other air compressor manufacturer has been able to develop an industrial air compressor that is installed within the vehicle’s engine compartment,” continues Gilbert. “That capability is unique to the UNDERHOOD system, which is still designed, engineered, tested, assembled, and shipped from VMAC’s facility in Nanaimo, BC.”

VMAC’s design process includes working closely with the OEMs to engineer each UNDERHOOD system for a specific vehicle make and model. VMAC’s long-term partnerships with the OEMs ensure that each UNDERHOOD system fits perfectly and works optimally while keeping the vehicle’s OEM warranty intact.

“We can design these systems and adapt to OEM model year changes because of our ability to manufacture the entire UNDERHOOD air compressor system in-house,” says Stuart Coker, VMAC’s Director of Operations. “VMAC controls the manufacturing process at our facility, beginning with prototype molds in our foundry and continuing through to machining and assembly.”

After 25 years, VMAC’s UNDERHOOD product line includes systems for the most popular service trucks and vans, delivering up to 40, 70, and 140 CFM at 100% duty cycle. UNDERHOOD air compressors are chosen by major North American fleet customers who need to save space, reduce truck GVW, and minimize maintenance without compromising air power.

In addition to UNDERHOOD air compressors, VMAC also designs and manufactures direct-transmission mounted air compressors & multi-power systems, diesel, gas, and hydraulic driven air compressors, and multi-function power systems.

Watch as Chris, an engineer at VMAC, shows the UNDERHOOD development process at VMAC’s facility:

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About VMAC

A multi award-winning organization, VMAC has been named one of Canada’s Best Managed Companies, Best Workplaces™ in Canada, and is Great Place To Work Certified™. With over 35 years of history, VMAC is the leading air compressor manufacturer in North America. VMAC’s mobile air compressors and multi-power systems have earned a reputation for extraordinary design, build quality, durability, and reliability in extreme conditions among operators and fleet managers worldwide.

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