

Press release



Bosch Automotive Aftermarket on the right track with new motorsport wheel alignment

- New Bosch wheel alignment tool perfects vehicle setup in just minutes
- Revolutionises race engineers' ability to tune handling and setup during practice and qualifying sessions
- Builds on Bosch's long history of supporting all levels of Motorsport

Saving time and improving accuracy in the pit lane, the new Bosch wheel alignment rig helps race teams perfect the vehicle setup in just minutes. Developed by Bosch Motorsport authorised dealer Motorsport Systems, in response to feedback from the racing community, the new system has already seen action as part of the British Touring Car Championship.

Bosch Motorsport has a long history of supporting top teams with vital components and integrated systems. However, this new solution is born from Bosch equipment's expertise in workshop-based wheel alignment, and promises to revolutionise race car setup.

Traditionally many race teams have not had access to an accurate wheel alignment tool while at a track, especially in the confines of the pit garages. This new solution from Bosch promises to revolutionise race engineers' ability to fine tune handling and setup during practice and qualifying sessions.

Specially adapted to be portable, but retaining its accuracy, the rugged equipment allows the precise measurement of toe, toe-out on-turns, caster and the all-important camber quickly and easily. Packed in a flight case, the system offers quick set up, and is controlled via a rugged, touch-screen tablet. With large, clear adjustment graphics and live on-screen measurements, it remains both powerful and easy to use with an intuitive interface.

Designed to handle any vehicle with a wheel base of up to six meters, the new Bosch technology is suitable for all race car applications. The man behind the development of the system, Rich Benton of Motorsport Systems, knows the impact that the system will have. "There's been a desperate need for something this portable and rugged and yet easy to use. It will let engineers quickly dial in changes to the car's set up as soon as the driver returns to the pits. As a result it will prove vital in getting the best from the car on any given day."

The new equipment will be in use by the Speedworks Motorsport team during the seasons 11 races at tracks across the UK.

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