

Press Release from the Atlas Copco Group

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Atlas Copco leads innovation with energy-cutting compressor

Stockholm, Sweden, May 21, 2013: Atlas Copco has introduced a groundbreaking compressor that sets a new industry standard in energy efficiency. The new compressor can cut energy consumption roughly by half compared to traditional fixed-speed compressors.

The new compressor gained immediate acceptance by the market, selling more than 500 units in the two weeks following the launch last month. It is the result of several years of research and development. The greatest innovation is the integration of the interior permanent magnet motor with the compressor element, creating a lighter, quieter and more efficient machine.

"Our new compressor sets a whole new standard by cutting energy consumption up to 50%," said Stephan Kuhn, President of the Compressor Technique Business Area. "It will benefit both our customers and the environment. It's a great example of how our investment in R&D is paying off."

Atlas Copco's compressors are used virtually everywhere in today's global economy: on construction sites, oil platforms, in hospitals, in the manufacturing and process industries, to name a few places. The new compressor requires only half the space than its predecessors. It's also quieter, with a noise level comparable to a normal conversation. Atlas Copco last year invested 24% more on research and development, continuing its commitment to make the most innovative products.

To learn more about the exciting product range named GA VSD⁺, please visit http://www.atlascopco.com/gavsdplus.

Atlas Copco is an industrial group with world-leading positions in compressors, expanders and air treatment systems, construction and mining equipment, power tools and assembly systems. With innovative products and services, Atlas Copco delivers solutions for sustainable productivity. The company was founded in 1873, is based in Stockholm, Sweden, and has a global reach spanning more than 170 countries. In 2012, Atlas Copco had 39 800 employees and revenues of BSEK 90.5 (BEUR 10.5). Learn more at www.atlascopco.com.

Atlas Copco's Compressor Technique business area provides industrial compressors, gas and process compressors and expanders, air and gas treatment equipment and air management systems. It has a global service network and offers specialty rental services. Compressor Technique innovates for sustainable productivity in the manufacturing, oil and gas, and process industries. Principal product development and manufacturing units are located in Belgium, Germany, the United States, China and India.