



Hengst Filtration wins Münsterland Award for Innovation

Filter expert distinguished for "Blue.on", a resource-friendly alternative to screw-on oil filters

The filter specialist Hengst has been honored with a particular distinction: "Blue.on", a product that the company developed as a sustainable alternative to spin-on oil filters, was honored with the Münsterland Award for Innovation.

The idea behind "Blue.on" was to develop a sustainable oil filter concept that can be applied on the conventional spin-on filter interface. Presently, approximately 800 million vehicles equipped with spin-on oil filters are driving on the world's roads. These filters require that the entire filter unit be replaced during an oil change and involve the undesirable necessity of disposing of the remaining oil as hazardous waste. This necessity puts an enormous strain on the environment, as it causes waste volumes in the realm of 500,000 t of steel (50 Eiffel Towers) and 142,000 t of waste oil (one Suezmax tanker) per year.

On the other hand the "Blue.on" developed by Hengst Filtration consists of a solid plastic lid, the replaceable filter cartridge and a base with integrated valve technology. Lid and base remain on the engine as lifetime components. When the oil is changed, only the filter cartridge, which can be completely thermally recycled, is replaced. With the "Blue.on", manufacturers can retrofit existing engine systems in the short term and the thus the "Blue.on" makes an important contribution to environmental protection.

Every two years Münsterland e.V. confers the award on creative and innovative developments from Münsterland. An independent jury consisting of six business and scientific experts selects the nominees and the award winners.

In the "Business" category, Hengst was able to prevail against its competitors and convinced the six-member jury from business and science.

At the award ceremony, Mr. Frank Knura, Head of Corporate Clients at Sparkasse Münsterland Ost, presented the award to Ingo Brunsmann, Group Vice President Engine & Mobile at Hengst Filtration. "We are very proud to have won this award. For us, this award is a confirmation of our work and it shows that we are on the leading edge with our products."

PR_Hengst_Innovationspreis_Münsterland.jpg: At the award ceremony, Mr. Frank Knura, Head of Corporate Clients at Sparkasse Münsterland Ost, presented the award to Ingo Brunsmann, Group Vice President Engine & Mobile at Hengst Filtration.



PR_Hengst_Innovationspreis_Blueon.jpg: The "Blue.on" filter consists of a lifetime lid and base with integrated filter bypass and check valve, as well as a replaceable filter cartridge. Rather than replacing the entire filter unit, only the cartridge must be replaced. The old cartridge can be incinerated without harm to the environment.

Hengst: worldwide Leading in Filtration

Hengst SE supplies products, systems and concepts for all aspects of filtration and fluid management – from development to high-tech production. The company is a development partner and OEM supplier for the international automotive and motor industry. State-of-the-art filtration concepts from Hengst are also used widely in many other everyday and not-so-everyday applications. The agricultural sector, the navy, and manufacturers of cleaning equipment and electric tools for private or professional use rely on custom-tailored solutions from Hengst. The company's filter systems can be found in an ever-growing number of devices – from household vacuum cleaners to professional electric tools to modern robots. Customers around the world value the expertise, brand quality, service and customer orientation of Hengst.

Made in Münster: for a clean environment

In 1958 Walter Hengst established Ing. Walter Hengst KG in Münster. In doing so he laid the foundation for the successful development of an enterprise that is managed today by Jens Röttgering in the third generation as Hengst SE. Hengst employs a staff of about 3,000 at 19 locations worldwide. With its products and services the company protects people, machines and systems, saves resources and improves living conditions. The company's vision: "We lead the world in Filtration making our planet a purer place". For Hengst, responsible management also means combining the operations of an international enterprise with the working methods of a start-up. The result: Hengst works in an atmosphere of affirmative decision-making and unbureaucratic, streamlined structures with a high level of innovative spirit to achieve outstanding quality.

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