

AAAA Collision Repair Expo offers free regional bus service

To make it very easy to visit the 2009 Collision Repair Expo, to be held at the Sydney Exhibition Centre in Darling Harbour from 2 to 4 April, the AAAA will provide a free “collect and return” bus service for workshop owners, managers and staff from selected NSW regional centres.

AAAA Executive Director Stuart Charity said this free bus transport is in addition to the Monroe Park'n'Ride service, which will provide free parking at the Harold Park Paceway in Glebe and a free shuttle bus service to the Expo at Darling Harbour. “We understand that central Sydney can be a difficult and expensive place to visit. So, we are pleased to be in a position to offer these free services to save time and money for workshop owners and managers,” said Stuart Charity.

“With free entry at the Expo, it is possible for teams from workshops all around NSW to visit this show at no cost, other than time off the tools. We are finalising bus routes and schedules and will keep the industry informed with details, so businesses can plan their visit to Expo.

Plan early to attend

“While April 2009 may seem a long time away, we urge people to start planning now to attend this specialist showcase of products and services for the collision repair industry. With the Christmas break looming and running to January, and the Expo in the first week of April, businesses have only February and March to get organised,” said Stuart Charity.

“The best way to stay on top of Collision Repair Expo news is to register on line now. Then you will receive regular updates on all the activities happening in and around the show next year. This is a trade only show and online registration is easy and free of charge – just visit our website at www.collisionrepair.com.au. For those travelling to Sydney from interstate or overseas, we have a range of competitively priced hotel rooms available in the Darling Harbour precinct. Again, visit the website for details.

“Sydney and Australia has never seen a dedicated collision repair trade show of this scale or scope. We are pleased to announce that the New South Wales Environmental Protection Authority and Sydney Exhibition Centre have approved the operation of the Lowbake spray booth, with its in-built auditorium, during the Expo. This exhibit will enable the major refinish companies exhibiting at the Expo to demonstrate new technologies and processes live in regular sessions running for the duration of the event. All scheduled demonstrations in the Lowbake facility were fully booked at the inaugural Collision Repair Expo in Melbourne in 2007.

“The Collision Repair Expo International Seminar series will feature a range of international and domestic keynote speakers on topics such as Global Manufacturing and Design Trends, Lean Production Philosophies and Welding High Strength Steels. Six seminars will be run over the three days of the Expo and entry will be free of charge with registrations on a first in basis.

“Many of the major suppliers in the Australian collision repair industry will be launching new products and technologies at this Expo. This provides body shops with a unique opportunity to learn about the very latest industry developments from Australia and around the world, and will help keep your business one step ahead of your competition. And Collision Repair Expo visitors will also be able to attend the Australian Auto Aftermarket Expo next door at no charge,” he said.

Water based finishes feature

Brookvale, based Chemspec Coatings will launch its new water based DTM primer “Hydrolux” at Collision Repair Expo. Director Ryan Erasmus said that in addition to this environmentally improved system, Chemspec Coatings would exhibit the internationally renowned colour matching tool “Easimatch”. “The body shop’s profit is our profession, and we supply leading edge product to help them generate that profit,” he said.

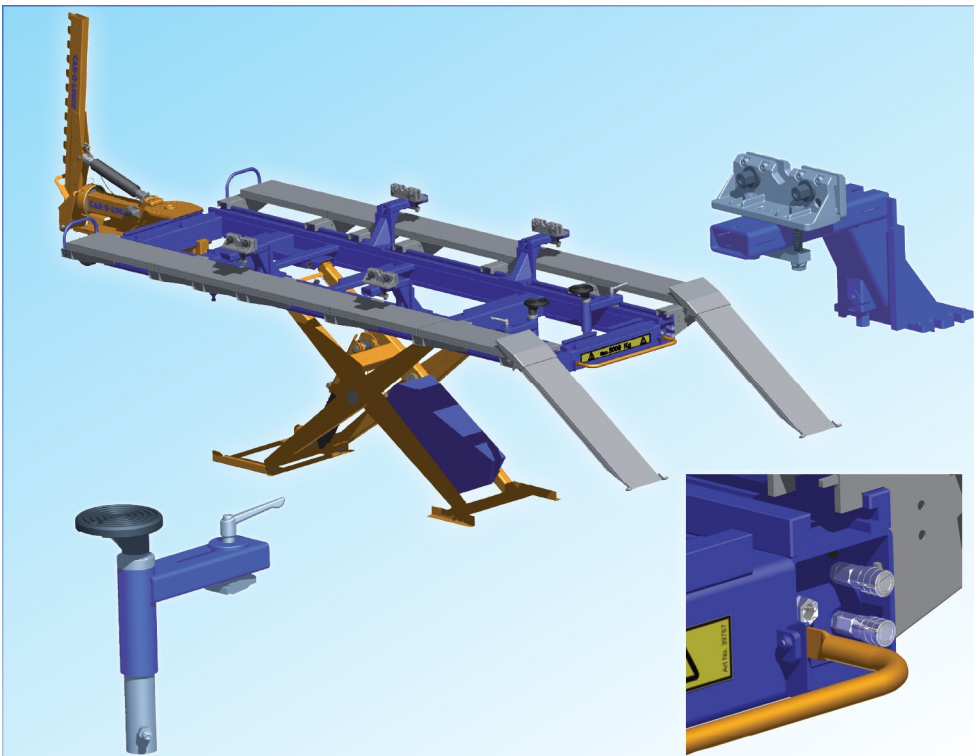
New bench technology

Fresh from its introduction at this year's Automechanica, the lean productivity Quick 42 Bench will be launched in Australia by Car-O-Liner at the Collision Repair Expo. According to Car-O-Liner Australia Managing Director Julie Thomas, this bench is arguably the quickest and most versatile on the market.

This bench is designed to handle work ranging from light cosmetic repairs to heavy structural work. It is quick loading, with automatic (one-stage) tilting. With a compact platform measuring 4.2 m long and over one metre wide, it accepts most of today's vehicles, yet has a full sized, powerful 10 ton draw aligner and can lift up to 3000 kg.

"The Quick42's speed and versatility gives the panel shop owner faster turn-around, with minimal downtime to assist productivity and improve the bottom line," said Julie Thomas. "At the Expo, we will also feature the latest computerised measuring machines and the Elektron MI-200 Inverter Welder.

For further information, or to register for the Expo visit www.collisionrepair.com.au



Car-O-Liner's Quick42 bench features quick set-up and versatile operation, allowing the user to cover light body work to heavy structural repairs.

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