

Thern Announces Design Changes for BIG RED Air Winches

New Features Added for Operator Convenience and Winch Performance

October ##, 2008, WINONA, MN. – Thern, Inc.'s line of popular TA Series BIG RED air winches now have more features and options. In direct response to customer input from the offshore drilling market, Thern engineers have re-visited air winch designs to improve operator convenience.

For easier operator control, Thern has a reversible air control valve that may be placed on both sides of the winch. Additionally, an extended handle has been added to the line guide to allow operators easier access when the auto disc brake option is installed.

Engineers have added a “neutral” lockout mechanism for the control valve, that is intended to prevent accidental start up of the winch while in the neutral setting.

Crossover air plumbing assemblies for automatic brake units feature corrosion resistance for operation in saltwater environments, with a corrosion resistant finish on the auto disc brake and air valve assemblies. All crossover plumbing and auto brake valves now feature a durable epoxy finish and fasteners have been upgraded to stainless steel construction.

Celebrating its 60th Anniversary in 2008, Thern, Inc. is a major designer and manufacturer of winches, cranes and hoists for virtually any industrial application. Founded in 1948, Thern is headquartered in Winona, MN. and markets its products worldwide. Learn more about Thern products at www.thern.com or contact us via email at info@thern.com or call 1-800-843-7648.

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