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**LINCOLN ELECTRIC UPGRADES ENTIRE LINE OF DIESEL ENGINE-DRIVEN  
WELDERS TO EXCEED CURRENT EPA STANDARDS**  
*Diesel Welders Emissions Reductions Meet 2011 Tier 4i Rules*

*Cleveland* — The Lincoln Electric Company leads the welding industry exceeding current U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) standards by reducing emissions on its entire line of engine-driven welders and raising standards on environmental awareness in compliance with the EPA's Tier 4i guidelines.

**Lincoln Electric Responds to EPA Challenge**

Lincoln Electric and its engine suppliers are going the extra mile to comply with the stricter guidelines of EPA Tier 4i (an interim standard with lower emission levels than those required to meet the current Tier 3) for its entire line of diesel engine-driven welders, including the Ranger and Vantage lines, in preparation of increasingly stringent emissions standards for off-highway diesels expected in 2014.

**EPA Standards for Diesel Engines**

Beginning in 2011, the EPA will require diesel engine suppliers to reduce exhaust emissions on engines manufactured for use in U.S. off-road products. Any diesel engine—including diesel engine-driven welders—must meet either the EPA Tier 3 or EPA Tier 4i. As of fall of 2008, Lincoln Electric's entire line of diesel engine-driven welders will be upgraded to the new standards and receive a new product number in connection with engine changes to EPA Tier 4i or Tier 4 Final.

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## **LINCOLN ELECTRIC UPGRADES ENTIRE LINE OF DIESEL ENGINE-DRIVEN WELDERS TO EXCEED CURRENT EPA STANDARDS ADD ONE**

### **Lower Emissions with Industry Renowned Features**

Products meeting the new EPA standards include Lincoln Electric's wide selection of Ranger and Vantage engine drives. These state-of-the-art, multi-process welder/generators are ideal for construction teams, pipe rig owners and rental fleet managers. With plenty of AC generator power and easy-to-operate welding output, these welders are designed to handle the most rigorous of applications.

Also available with lower emissions are Lincoln Electric's Pipeliner<sup>®</sup> 200D engine-drive—ideal for cross-country pipeline welding—and the Classic<sup>®</sup> 300D engine-drive with consistent DC generator welding output.

Lincoln Electric's upgraded engine-driven welders are now available at a welding supply store near you. Or, call 1-888-355-3213 or visit <http://www.lincolnelectric.com> to learn more.

The Lincoln Electric Company, headquartered in Cleveland, Ohio, is the world leader in the design, development and manufacture of arc welding products, robotic arc-welding systems, plasma and oxyfuel cutting equipment and has a leading global position in the brazing and soldering alloys market.

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