

Atlas Copco awards recognize innovative breaker and compressor monitoring technology

Stockholm, Sweden, February 15, 2017: Atlas Copco's most prestigious awards this year recognize the development of a highly energy-efficient and ergonomic breaker, and a compressor monitoring technology that is generating significant savings for customers.

The John Munck Award for technical innovations is presented to Olof Ostensson and Thomas Lilja, who work in technical development for the Construction Tools division in Kalmar, Sweden. They developed the handheld pneumatic breaker RTEX, which cuts energy consumption by half, while being lighter and highly ergonomic. The RTEX has been embraced by customers, who benefit from lower fuel costs, reduced emissions, higher productivity and an improved operator environment. See a three-minute [video](#) on the RTEX.

The Peter Wallenberg Award goes to a team in the Compressor Technique Service division: Pieter Colen, Bob Rigouts, Louis De Jaegher and Damien Hoyen. They played key roles in advancing and promoting the groundbreaking SMARTLINK data monitoring system for compressors. The system lets Atlas Copco remotely measure the equipment performance and see exactly when service is needed. This gives customers peace of mind, allowing them to focus on their business instead of on the compressors. Thousands of customers globally have benefited from SMARTLINK since its launch in 2013. See a five-minute [video](#) on SMARTLINK.

"Our constant focus on increasing customers' productivity lies behind the development of both the RTEX breaker and the SMARTLINK monitoring system," said Ronnie Leten, Atlas Copco's President and CEO.

The John Munck Award, established in 1991, is presented each year to a product developer, designer or a team for outstanding contributions to the overall quality of an Atlas Copco product. The Peter Wallenberg Marketing and Sales Award -- named after Atlas Copco's former Honorary Chair -- recognizes the most innovative successfully implemented method in the field of sales and marketing. The award was established in 1996. The awards will be presented to the winners at the Annual General Meeting on April 26, 2017. For information on past award winners, please see <http://www.atlascopcogroup.com/en/innovation/awards/internal-awards>.

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Atlas Copco's RTEX breaker

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