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# INTERMAT

## Entente internationale



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**The World Highways Daily News team spent a week in Paris reporting on road technology developments at the Intermat exhibition**

Intermat 2009 received high levels interest from the outset, opening its doors to a procession of senior-level international construction equipment buyers and government representatives.

Despite the global financial crisis, the importance of the show to the regeneration initiatives being taken around the world was clear to see.

While the global recession may be impacting on construction equipment sales, exhibitors at Intermat had no complaints with the quality of enquiries from visitors, with serious buyers doing business.

While industry leaders were talking about how strategies developed during the downturn will serve the industry well in the future, several of the tyre

manufacturers were claiming that the indicators of recovery are already here. These companies predicted that the world shortage of tyres, which plagued the last growth period, could return as demand returns.

Intermat impressed with stories of innovation, new markets and alternative strategies to see the industry enter the next era of growth. Traditional manufacturing markets are also continuing to invest in R&D and introducing new technologies that aid productivity and the environment.

The range of launches seen at the show made it clear that the industry is responding to the need, with new models, new concepts and new systems, along with a number of

European debuts.

The Chinese had a strong presence and LiuGong announced it is to begin manufacturing in India - its first international factory.

Case president and CEO Jim McCullough commented that Intermat was a successful event for the company. He said, "We've had a respectable show and we saw plenty of activity to keep our people busy."

The French market is very important for Case, and McCullough said, "Case has got a long history in France and at Intermat. For many years this has been one of my favourite shows."

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## Higher lift capacity from **AUSA** handler

Spanish manufacturer Ausa says that its Tauralift T276H telehandler offers significant performance improvements over the model being replaced. This upgraded machine can lift a 2.7tonne load to a height of 6.1m and is powered by a low emission Kubota diesel.

The machine features hydrostatic drive to all four wheels and offers a top travel speed of 24km/h. The high visibility cab is ROPS/FOPS protected and tilts out of the way to provide maintenance access. The machine has joystick controls, three steering modes that allow it to manoeuvre in tight spaces and also features an

anti-vandal security system.

The machine can be specified with a Multi-Tach hydraulic system and side-shift and can use an array of hydraulic attachments. Other features include an adjustable height ergonomic seat, a safety belt, rear view mirrors, a rotating beacon, an audible reverse warning system, hydraulic quick hitch, tilting cabin for maintenance service, passive security system and road and work lights. Optional features include a semi-closed cab, different tyre choices and a 700litre bucket.

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