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## **Hypertherm receives LEED Gold designation for its Lebanon facility**

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Hypertherm, a U.S. based manufacturer of plasma, laser, and waterjet cutting systems, has received LEED Gold designation for its new manufacturing facility. The facility is the only one of its kind in the State of New Hampshire to receive a Gold or Platinum designation.

The 160,000 s/f facility, in operation for about a year, received a total of 62 points from the U.S. Green Building Council. The USGBC's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design program represents best in class green building practices measuring the design, construction, maintenance and operation of green buildings.

"We are grateful to the amazing team of professionals who helped us stay true to our core values and environmental goals by guiding us through this process," said Barbara Couch, director of corporate social responsibility for Hypertherm. "The end result coupled with today's LEED Gold announcement is more than we ever could have hoped for."

The new facility will accommodate Hypertherm's growth in a number of areas. In addition to fostering the eventual creation of up to 500 new jobs, the facility includes advanced research and development space, training classrooms, and engineering labs.

Hypertherm designs and manufactures advanced cutting products for use in a variety of industries such as shipbuilding, manufacturing, and automotive repair. Its product line includes handheld and mechanized plasma systems and consumables, as well as fiber laser and now waterjet products, in addition to CNC motion and height controls and CAM cutting software. Hypertherm systems are trusted for performance and reliability that result in increased productivity and profitability for hundreds of thousands of businesses. The New Hampshire based company's reputation for cutting innovation dates back more than 45 years, to 1968, with Hypertherm's invention of water injection plasma cutting. The associate owned company, consistently named one of the best places to work in America, has more than 1,300 associates along with operations and partner representation worldwide.

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