

Opened by Christian Estrosi, French Minister for Industry, EQUIP AUTO 2009 successfully met the challenge of putting on an exhibition centred on productivity and efficiency against a backdrop of economic crisis. The show ran from 13 to 18 October at the Paris-Nord Villepinte Exhibition Centre and recorded an attendance of 91,160 manufacturers and trade professionals, with international visitors making up 29% of that figure.



Exhibitors commenting on the success of the show included, from Celette, **Philippe Echavidre**, Export Sales and Marketing Director "We were quite apprehensive, but everything went much better than expected. During this period of recovery, it was important for us to be present. We not only witnessed a great turnout of the entire French customer base, across all regions, including the overseas territories, but also of our international customers, most notably from Scandinavia and Benelux. The customers who came were experts, with a buyer profile, looking for a short or medium-term investment."



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• **GYS** was demonstrating its Duogys Auto, a MIG/MAG semi-automatic welding unit designed for 0.6/0.8/1mm wires from 15A to 205A and suitable for welding aluminium and high strength steel car bodies.

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