

**Robert Bosch Australia wins the coveted API Magazine Green Product of the Year title in the annual GreenPlumbers® Awards for its 26eco+ Gas Hot Water System.**



(Joe Ierardo accepts the award on behalf of Bosch Thermotechnology at the GreenPlumbers® Awards Ceremony held on the evening of Tuesday 13 October 2009)

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Each year the Master Plumbers' and Mechanical Services Association of Australia (MPMSAA) awards our 'green ambassadors', seeking the greenest plumbers, projects and products around Australia.

This prestigious award is judged on technical aspects as well as the level of innovation of the product; in particular its ability to increase public awareness of environmental benefits. It is also measured by its value of contribution in water, energy and environmental savings whilst continuing to maintain customer satisfaction. The product is also to meet relevant Australian Standards.

Bosch Australia has led the way over the years in developing gas ducted heating and cooling systems that are unparalleled in the benefits they deliver to the householder and the environment. The Bosch 26eco+, which also scored as a finalist in the energy efficient award, is yet another example of the company's commitment to research and development making it the most efficient gas hot water system on the market with a 6.9 STAR rating.

Shane Alcock from Bosch says the company is dedicated to such innovations with a focus on protecting the environment and conserving resources.

"The 26eco+ is yet another example of Bosch's leadership in producing energy efficient products for the contemporary lifestyle," said Mr Alcock.

"Installation of this system is equivalent to taking one and a half cars off the road for an entire year saving tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions. The 26eco+ is 14 per cent more efficient than a standard domestic continuous flow hot water system making it 93.6 per cent energy efficient.

"We are honoured to have received this award and will continue to lead the way in new product development to enable Australians to make a contribution to the conservation of our precious resources," he said.

The Bosch 26eco+ gas hot water system is a highly efficient fully condensing appliance, which, unlike traditional hot water systems has a condensing unit to capture heat from the exhaust gas using it to preheat incoming cold water. A secondary heat exchanger within the appliance provides maximum efficiency while for greater water savings the unit can be teamed with up to four temperature controllers.