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## DEMA 2006 Special: Day 1 - 8th October 2006

8 November 2006

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The DeeperBlue.net Reporting Team are here on location at [DEMA 2006](#) to report on all the latest happenings.

The show has gotten off to a great start with the 600+ exhibitors filling the vast convention center. Numerous first time DEMA attendees could be seen stopped in their tracks as they entered the main show floor.

During the course of the show we'll be bringing you the latest products, gadgets, tools and services being launched or showcased on the floor. Keep an eye out for daily wrap ups here in the [Special Feature](#) section as well as news flashes in our [News Section](#).

After getting the booth ready and everyone collecting their Media Passes the team headed out to the show floor to report on the following interesting products or booths:

### PADI

The Professional Association of Diving Instructors plans to launch an online version of the academic portion of its introductory Open-Water Diver course in the Spring of 2007.

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(John Liang)

### Hotsuits Heated Wetsuits

The latest wave from down under is the new Hotsuits external heat pack, the "Heated Kidney Belt." This product is perfect for cold water divers, night diving, multiple dives, or for those who are prone to getting the chills. How does it work? It's simple. A gel-filled pack slides into a superstretch neoprene belt which fastens around the waist with Velcro. The belts are

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The gel pack rests on the small of the back (thus the "kidney" reference) and delivers 129 degrees of heat

(54 degrees Celcius) to the diver for approximately one hour. The heat is activated by pressing a button in the center of the pack. The best part about these heat packs is they are exponentially reusable. Just boil them in water for 15 minutes to recharge your pack again and again! Also available are heated wetsuits, which feature built-in pockets for the gelpacks in the kidney area as well as under the armpits. 5mm Semi-dry and 3mm wetsuits are available.

Check out [www.hotsuits.com.au](http://www.hotsuits.com.au) for more information and pricing.

(Linden Wolbert)

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