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For researchers seeking to streamline their sample storage processes, Thermo Fisher Scientific and Hamilton Storage have partnered to offer the fully automated Thermo Scientific Decapper 500 and 550 Series tube capping systems.

For the first time, users can cap and decap both Thermo Scientific Matrix and Nunc automation tubes without owning multiple pieces of equipment. Historically, users have stored biological samples in multiple tube types, requiring them to buy multiple decappers. The new decapper system does the work of multiple systems and features Quick Switch technology that seamlessly transitions between different tube and rack types.

The Decapper 500 and 550 systems are perfect for use in medium- to high-throughput biotech, pharmaceutical and clinical laboratories doing compound storage, high-throughput screening, biobanking and genomic storage. The Decapper 550 provides additional functionality with its built-in barcode reader. The decappers can also cap and decap partial racks of tubes.

"To address customer demand for more flexible and functional decapping equipment, Thermo Fisher partnered with Hamilton Storage, an industry leader in cryogenic sample storage systems," said Chris Tsourides, senior business director, Thermo Fisher Scientific. "These two new decappers show what's possible when two industry innovators join forces. Together, we're delivering significant time and cost savings to scientists all over the world."

"We constantly seek new ways to streamline customer efficiencies, and with Thermo Fisher as a partner, our commitment is further strengthened," adds Matt Hamilton, president of Hamilton Storage. "This means that our mutual customers will benefit from a robust, time-saving and integrated-friendly workflow solution."

The Decapper 500 and 550 systems fill a gap between low-throughput, manual eight-channel handheld decappers and high throughput, entire-rack decappers for automated work stations. With the new decappers, Thermo Fisher now offers end-to-end solutions for customers' sample storage workflows, including 2D barcoded storage tubes, barcode readers, sealers and



cappers.