



AutoZone Vendor Summit Celebrates Accomplishments and Contributions of Top Suppliers

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MEMPHIS, Tenn., June 19, 2017 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- AutoZone recognized 14 of its top suppliers at the annual AutoZone Vendor Summit on May 31, 2017 in Memphis, Tenn. Each company was selected for demonstrating exceptional collaboration, innovation and commitment to customer satisfaction throughout the last year.

Five vendors received AutoZone WITTDJR® awards ("What It Takes to Do the Job Right"): Bearing Tech, MotoRad, Old World Industries, Spectrum Brands GAC and Wilmar Corporation. These vendors consistently ensured that AutoZone's Do-It-Yourself ("DIY") customers and professional installers have the parts and products necessary to best fix vehicles and keep vehicles running smoothly.

Eight vendors were selected for the prestigious AutoZone Extra Miler award: ATK-VEGE, FDP Virginia, LKQ Corporation, Meguiar's, Inc., Neotek, The Hillman Group, Shell Oil and Tiger Accessory Group. The Extra Miler award honors those vendors who are "unfazed by obstacles, go above and beyond the call of duty, exceed expectations and consistently do more than expected."

AutoZone named Standard Motor Products (SMP), a 25-year AutoZone partner, 2017 Vendor of the Year, recognizing its strong category management support and collaborative teamwork. SMP helped improve sales results by focusing on innovation and differentiation across its product categories.

"Our 2017 Vendor of the Year, Standard Motor Products (SMP), and our Vendor Summit award winners make tremendous contributions to AutoZone's success," said Bill Hackney, Senior Vice President, Merchandising, Customer Satisfaction. "These suppliers collaborate, innovate and most importantly, help us meet customers' needs. We celebrate their accomplishments and thank all of our suppliers for their support for and commitment to our customers and to AutoZone."

About AutoZone:

As of May 6, 2017, AutoZone sells auto and light truck parts, chemicals and accessories through 5,381 AutoZone stores in 50 states plus the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico in the U.S., and 499 stores in Mexico, 26 IMC branches and nine stores in Brazil for a total count of 5,915.

AutoZone is the leading retailer and a leading distributor of automotive replacement parts and accessories in the United States. Each AutoZone store carries an extensive product line for cars, sport utility vehicles, vans and light trucks, including new and remanufactured automotive hard parts, maintenance items, accessories, and non-automotive products. Many stores also have a commercial sales program that provides commercial credit and prompt delivery of parts and other products to local, regional and national repair garages, dealers, service stations, and public sector accounts. IMC branches carry an extensive line of original equipment quality import replacement parts. AutoZone also sells the ALLDATA brand diagnostic and repair software through www.alldata.com. Additionally, we sell automotive hard parts, maintenance items, accessories, and non-automotive products through www.autozone.com, and accessories, performance and replacement parts through www.autoanything.com, and our commercial customers can make purchases through www.autozonepro.com and www.imcparts.net. AutoZone does not derive revenue from automotive repair or installation.

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