

Lube Stop Nationally Ranked Among Top 25 Quick Oil Change Companies

Recent Opening of Tallmadge Shop Marks Tenth Location in Akron Area

Berea, Ohio, April 5, 2004 – The Lube Stop, Inc. (Lube Stop), NE Ohio’s largest independently owned quick oil change company, today announced that it was ranked 21st in *National Oil & Lube News* magazine’s 2004 ranking. The ranking included the largest 58 chains located across the United States, representing some 6,999 quick oil change shops, or 43 percent of the total number of facilities in the country.

“It’s great to be receiving this kind of national-level attention, especially since all of our shops are located in Northeast Ohio,” said Tom Morley, president of Lube Stop. “Being acknowledged as one of the most established quick oil change companies in the country means we’re doing a lot of things right and our plan is to continue to improve in order to ensure we provide our customers with the best service possible.”

National Oil & Lube News (NOLN) issues its quick oil change company ranking annually and determines eligibility based on the number of quick oil change facilities a company owns. Covering the fast oil change industry since 1986, NOLN is the industry’s oldest and largest trade publication.

"Our TOPS in the Industry ranking lists the top fast lube and oil change companies by the total number of stores each operates," said Garrett McKinnon, editor of NOLN. "Lube Stop has been included among the top half of those companies for more than a decade."

Lube Stop Opens Tallmadge Location

Also today, Lube Stop announced the recent opening of its Tallmadge location, the company's tenth shop in the Akron area. The three-bay facility located on the corner of East Tallmadge Avenue and Brittain Road was previously owned and operated by another quick oil change operator. The Tallmadge Avenue shop is the seventh facility Lube Stop has obtained through acquisition in the Akron-Canton area and represents the 38th store currently in operation.

"The Akron area continues to represent a great growth opportunity for us," said Tom Morley, president of Lube Stop. "With the acquisition of the Tallmadge shop, Lube Stop can now provide Akron-area residents with another convenient location to bring their vehicles for preventative maintenance, performed by Northeast Ohio's premier quick oil change company."

About Lube Stop

Founded in 1985, Lube Stop is the oldest and largest privately owned quick oil change company in Northeast Ohio. With 38 convenient locations in the Cleveland and Akron-Canton areas, Lube Stop is headquartered in Berea and employs 240 people. Every month over 30,000 customers choose Lube Stop, and its Complete 19-Point Service, for their vehicle's preventive maintenance needs while waiting in the comfort of their own vehicles. More corporate information, a shop locator, and online coupons are available at LubeStop.com.

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