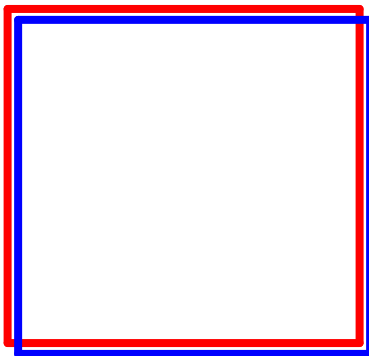


## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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This Disclosure Document provides information regarding the operation of a Matco Distributorship. Matco is a manufacturer and distributor of professional quality mechanics' tools and service equipment (the “**Products**” or “**Matco Products**”). If you enter into a Distributorship Agreement with Matco, you will purchase, resell, and service the Products, which currently consist of at least 19,000 items, as a mobile distributor under the Matco System.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Matco Distributorship ranges from \$108,079.50 to \$382,766. This includes the following payments to Matco or its affiliates: the initial franchise fee of \$10,000; approximately \$55,500 to \$92,000 for the minimum initial inventory; \$899 for the initial software license fee and \$395 license fees for the credit card and signature pad processing software; \$450 for the software support and maintenance fee; \$195 for the webpage set-up fee; \$99 for a document processing fee; and approximately \$22,000 for the Time Payment Reserve Account (if you do not participate in a Matco financing program).

This Disclosure Document summarizes certain provisions of your distributorship agreement and other information in plain English. Read this Disclosure Document and all accompanying agreements carefully. You must receive this Disclosure Document at least 14 calendar-days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to, the franchisor or an affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale or grant. **Note, however, that no governmental agency has verified the information contained in this document.**

You may wish to receive your Disclosure Document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact Matco's National Franchise Sales Department at 4403 Allen Road, Stow, OH 44224; phone: 330-929-4949.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the Disclosure Document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your contract carefully. Show your contract and this Disclosure Document to an advisor, like a lawyer or an accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this Disclosure Document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as “A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise,” which can help you understand how to use this Disclosure Document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTCHELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at [www.ftc.gov](http://www.ftc.gov) for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

**ISSUANCE DATE: March 6, 2025, as amended, May 7, 2025**

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## How to Use This Franchise Disclosure Document

Here are some questions you may be asking about buying a franchise and tips on how to find more information:

QUESTION	WHERE TO FIND INFORMATION
<b>How much can I earn?</b>	Item 19 may give you information about outlet sales, costs, profits or losses. You should also try to obtain this information from others, like current and former franchisees. You can find their names and contact information in Item 20 or Appendices B and C.
<b>How much will I need to invest?</b>	Items 5 and 6 list fees you will be paying to the franchisor or at the franchisor's direction. Item 7 lists the initial investment to open. Item 8 describes the suppliers you must use.
<b>Does the franchisor have the financial ability to provide support to my business?</b>	Item 21 or Appendix A includes financial statements. Review these statements carefully.
<b>Is the franchise system stable, growing, or shrinking?</b>	Item 20 summarizes the recent history of the number of company-owned and franchised outlets.
<b>Will my business be the only Matco Tools business in my area?</b>	Item 12 and the "territory" provisions in the franchise agreement describe whether the franchisor and other franchisees can compete with you.
<b>Does the franchisor have a troubled legal history?</b>	Items 3 and 4 tell you whether the franchisor or its management have been involved in material litigation or bankruptcy proceedings.
<b>What's it like to be a Matco Tools franchisee?</b>	Item 20 or Appendices B and C list current and former franchisees. You can contact them to ask about their experiences.
<b>What else should I know?</b>	These questions are only a few things you should look for. Review all 23 Items and all Exhibits in this disclosure document to better understand this franchise opportunity. See the table of contents.

## What You Need To Know About Franchising *Generally*

**Continuing responsibility to pay fees.** You may have to pay royalties and other fees even if you are losing money.

**Business model can change.** The franchise agreement may allow the franchisor to change its manuals and business model without your consent. These changes may require you to make additional investments in your franchise business or may harm your franchise business.

**Supplier restrictions.** You may have to buy or lease items from the franchisor or a limited group of suppliers the franchisor designates. These items may be more expensive than similar items you could buy on your own.

**Operating restrictions.** The franchise agreement may prohibit you from operating a similar business during the term of the franchise. There are usually other restrictions. Some examples may include controlling your location, your access to customers, what you sell, how you market, and your hours of operation.

**Competition from franchisor.** Even if the franchise agreement grants you a territory, the franchisor may have the right to compete with you in your territory.

**Renewal.** Your franchise agreement may not permit you to renew. Even if it does, you may have to sign a new agreement with different terms and conditions in order to continue to operate your franchise business.

**When your franchise ends.** The franchise agreement may prohibit you from operating a similar business after your franchise ends even if you still have obligations to your landlord or other creditors.

### **Some States Require Registration**

Your state may have a franchise law, or other law, that requires franchisors to register before offering or selling franchises in the state. Registration does not mean that the state recommends the franchise or has verified the information in this document. To find out if your state has a registration requirement, or to contact your state, use the agency information in Appendix F.

Your state also may have laws that require special disclosures or amendments be made to your franchise agreement. If so, you should check the State Specific Addenda. See the Table of Contents for the location of the State Specific Addenda.

## Special Risks to Consider About *This* Franchise

Certain states require that the following risk(s) be highlighted:

1. **Out-of-State Dispute Resolution.** The Distributorship Agreement requires you to resolve disputes with the franchisor by arbitration and/or litigation only in Ohio. Out-of-state arbitration or litigation may force you to accept a less favorable settlement for disputes. It may also cost more to arbitrate or litigate with the franchisor in Ohio than in your own state.
2. **Mandatory Minimum Payment:** You must make minimum royalty or advertising fund payments, regardless of your sales levels. Your inability to make the payments may result in termination of your franchise and loss of your investment.
3. **Spousal Liability:** Your spouse must sign a document that makes your spouse liable for all financial obligations under the franchise agreement even though your spouse has no ownership interest in the franchise. This guarantee will place both your and your spouse's marital and personal assets, perhaps including your house, at risk if your franchise fails.

Certain states may require other risks to be highlighted. Check the "State Specific Addenda" (if any) to see whether your state requires other risks to be highlighted.

### Michigan Disclosure Addendum

**THE STATE OF MICHIGAN PROHIBITS CERTAIN UNFAIR PROVISIONS THAT ARE SOMETIMES IN FRANCHISE DOCUMENTS. IF ANY OF THE FOLLOWING PROVISIONS ARE IN THESE FRANCHISE DOCUMENTS, THE PROVISIONS ARE VOID AND CANNOT BE ENFORCED AGAINST YOU:**

- (A) A PROHIBITION ON THE RIGHT OF A FRANCHISEE TO JOIN AN ASSOCIATION OF FRANCHISEES.**
- (B) A REQUIREMENT THAT A FRANCHISEE ASSENT TO A RELEASE, ASSIGNMENT, NOVATION, WAIVER, OR ESTOPPEL WHICH DEPRIVES A FRANCHISEE OF RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS PROVIDED IN THIS ACT. THIS SHALL NOT PRECLUDE A FRANCHISEE, AFTER ENTERING INTO A FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, FROM SETTLING ANY AND ALL CLAIMS.**
- (C) A PROVISION THAT PERMITS A FRANCHISOR TO TERMINATE A FRANCHISE PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF ITS TERM EXCEPT FOR GOOD CAUSE. GOOD CAUSE SHALL INCLUDE THE FAILURE OF THE FRANCHISEE TO COMPLY WITH ANY LAWFUL PROVISIONS OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND TO CURE SUCH FAILURE AFTER BEING GIVEN WRITTEN NOTICE THEREOF AND A REASONABLE OPPORTUNITY, WHICH IN NO EVENT NEED BE MORE THAN 30 DAYS, TO CURE SUCH FAILURE.**
- (D) A PROVISION THAT PERMITS A FRANCHISOR TO REFUSE TO RENEW A FRANCHISE WITHOUT FAIRLY COMPENSATING THE FRANCHISEE BY REPURCHASE OR OTHER MEANS FOR THE FAIR MARKET VALUE, AT THE TIME OF EXPIRATION, OF THE FRANCHISEE'S INVENTORY, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, FIXTURES, AND FURNISHINGS. PERSONALIZED MATERIALS WHICH HAVE NO VALUE TO THE FRANCHISOR AND INVENTORY, SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT, FIXTURES, AND FURNISHINGS NOT REASONABLY REQUIRED IN THE CONDUCT OF THE FRANCHISED BUSINESS ARE NOT SUBJECT TO COMPENSATION. THIS SUBSECTION APPLIES ONLY IF: (i) THE TERM OF THE FRANCHISE IS LESS THAN 5 YEARS; AND (ii) THE FRANCHISEE IS PROHIBITED BY THE FRANCHISE OR OTHER AGREEMENT FROM CONTINUING TO CONDUCT SUBSTANTIALLY THE SAME BUSINESS UNDER ANOTHER TRADEMARK, SERVICE MARK, TRADE NAME, LOGOTYPE, ADVERTISING, OR OTHER COMMERCIAL SYMBOL IN THE SAME AREA SUBSEQUENT TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE FRANCHISE OR THE FRANCHISEE DOES NOT RECEIVE AT LEAST 6 MONTHS ADVANCE NOTICE OF FRANCHISOR'S INTENT NOT TO RENEW THE FRANCHISE.**
- (E) A PROVISION THAT PERMITS THE FRANCHISOR TO REFUSE TO RENEW A FRANCHISE ON TERMS GENERALLY AVAILABLE TO OTHER FRANCHISEES OF THE SAME CLASS OR TYPE UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES. THIS SECTION DOES NOT REQUIRE A RENEWAL PROVISION.**

- (F) A PROVISION REQUIRING THAT ARBITRATION OR LITIGATION BE CONDUCTED OUTSIDE THIS STATE. THIS SHALL NOT PRECLUDE THE FRANCHISEE FROM ENTERING INTO AN AGREEMENT, AT THE TIME OF ARBITRATION, TO CONDUCT ARBITRATION AT A LOCATION OUTSIDE THIS STATE.\*
- (G) A PROVISION WHICH PERMITS A FRANCHISOR TO REFUSE TO PERMIT A TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OF A FRANCHISE, EXCEPT FOR GOOD CAUSE. THIS SUBDIVISION DOES NOT PREVENT A FRANCHISOR FROM EXERCISING A RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL TO PURCHASE THE FRANCHISE. GOOD CAUSE SHALL INCLUDE, BUT IS NOT LIMITED TO:
- (i) THE FAILURE OF THE PROPOSED FRANCHISEE TO MEET THE FRANCHISOR'S THEN CURRENT REASONABLE QUALIFICATIONS OR STANDARDS.
  - (ii) THE FACT THAT THE PROPOSED TRANSFEREE IS A COMPETITOR OF THE FRANCHISOR OR SUBFRANCHISOR.
  - (iii) THE UNWILLINGNESS OF THE PROPOSED TRANSFEREE TO AGREE IN WRITING TO COMPLY WITH ALL LAWFUL OBLIGATIONS.
  - (iv) THE FAILURE OF THE FRANCHISEE OR PROPOSED TRANSFEREE TO PAY ANY SUMS OWING TO THE FRANCHISOR OR TO CURE ANY DEFAULT IN THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT EXISTING AT THE TIME OF THE PROPOSED TRANSFER.
- (H) A PROVISION THAT REQUIRES THE FRANCHISEE TO RESELL TO THE FRANCHISOR ITEMS THAT ARE NOT UNIQUELY IDENTIFIED WITH THE FRANCHISOR. THIS SUBDIVISION DOES NOT PROHIBIT A PROVISION THAT GRANTS TO A FRANCHISOR A RIGHT OF FIRST REFUSAL TO PURCHASE THE ASSETS OF A FRANCHISE ON THE SAME TERMS AND CONDITIONS AS A BONA FIDE THIRD PARTY WILLING AND ABLE TO PURCHASE THOSE ASSETS, NOR DOES THIS SUBDIVISION PROHIBIT A PROVISION THAT GRANTS THE FRANCHISOR THE RIGHT TO ACQUIRE THE ASSETS OF A FRANCHISE FOR THE MARKET OR APPRAISED VALUE OF SUCH ASSETS IF THE FRANCHISEE HAS BREACHED THE LAWFUL PROVISIONS OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND HAS FAILED TO CURE THE BREACH IN THE MANNER PROVIDED IN SUBDIVISION (C).
- (I) A PROVISION WHICH PERMITS THE FRANCHISOR TO DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY CONVEY, ASSIGN, OR OTHERWISE TRANSFER ITS OBLIGATIONS TO FULFILL CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS TO THE FRANCHISEE UNLESS PROVISION HAS BEEN MADE FOR PROVIDING THE REQUIRED CONTRACTUAL SERVICES.

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THE FACT THAT THERE IS A NOTICE OF THIS OFFERING ON FILE WITH THE ATTORNEY GENERAL DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVAL, RECOMMENDATION, OR ENDORSEMENT BY THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

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**IF THE FRANCHISOR'S MOST RECENT FINANCIAL STATEMENTS ARE UNAUDITED AND SHOW A NET WORTH OF LESS THAN \$100,000.00, THE FRANCHISOR MUST, AT THE REQUEST OF THE FRANCHISEE, ARRANGE FOR THE ESCROW OF INITIAL INVESTMENT AND OTHER FUNDS PAID BY THE FRANCHISEE UNTIL THE OBLIGATIONS TO PROVIDE REAL ESTATE, IMPROVEMENTS, EQUIPMENT, INVENTORY, TRAINING, OR OTHER ITEMS INCLUDED IN THE FRANCHISE OFFERING ARE FULFILLED. AT THE OPTION OF THE FRANCHISOR, A SURETY BOND MAY BE PROVIDED IN PLACE OF ESCROW.**

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**THE NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FRANCHISOR'S AGENT IN THIS STATE AUTHORIZED TO RECEIVE SERVICE OF PROCESS IS: DEPT. OF ENERGY, LABOR, & ECONOMIC GROWTH, CORPORATIONS DIVISION, P.O. BOX 30054, LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909; 7150 HARRIS DRIVE, LANSING, MICHIGAN 48909.**

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**ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING THIS NOTICE SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:**

**DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE  
CONSUMER PROTECTION DIVISION  
ATTN: FRANCHISE  
670 G. MENNEN WILLIAMS BUILDING  
LANSING, MICHIGAN 48913  
(571) 373-7117**

**\* NOTE: NOTWITHSTANDING PARAGRAPH (F) ABOVE, WE INTEND TO, AND YOU AGREE THAT WE AND YOU WILL, ENFORCE FULLY THE PROVISIONS OF THE ARBITRATION SECTION OF OUR AGREEMENTS. WE BELIEVE THAT PARAGRAPH (F) IS UNCONSTITUTIONAL AND CANNOT PRECLUDE US FROM ENFORCING THE ARBITRATION PROVISIONS.**



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## (1) THE FRANCHISOR AND ANY PARENTS, PREDECESSORS, AND AFFILIATES

References to “you” in this Disclosure Document mean the individual, corporation, partnership, limited liability company or other business entity purchasing a Matco Tools Distributorship, and, in some situations, “you” may also refer to that entity’s Principal Owner or other owners.

### Matco and Its Predecessors

Matco Tools Corporation (“**Matco**” or “**Matco Tools**”) is a Delaware corporation, incorporated on January 12, 1993, with its principal office at 4403 Allen Road, Stow, Ohio 44224, telephone number (330) 929-4949. Matco is a wholly-owned subsidiary of MTH Holding LLC (“**MTH**”), and operates as an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of GLFD Holdings LLC, and Vontier Corporation (“**Vontier**”). MTH is Matco’s parent company. MTH is a Delaware limited liability company with its principal office at 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. MTH does not operate Matco distributorships, and has not offered franchises in any line of business.

Vontier is a Delaware corporation, incorporated on August 5, 2019, with its principal place of business at 5438 Wade Park Blvd, Suite 600, Raleigh, NC 27607. Vontier was a wholly owned subsidiary of Fortive Corporation (“**Fortive**”) until October 9, 2020. Fortive is a Delaware corporation, incorporated on November 11, 2015, with its principal place of business at 6920 Seaway Blvd., Everett, Washington 98203. On October 9, 2020, Fortive spun-off a portion of its business, assets, and portfolio companies, including Matco, into Vontier (the “**Vontier Spin-Off**”). After the Vontier Spin-Off, Fortive retained a partial ownership interest in Vontier, but as of January 19, 2021, Fortive no longer has any ownership of Vontier. Fortive was an indirect parent of Matco from July 3, 2016, until the Vontier Spin-off. Previously, Fortive was a wholly owned subsidiary of Danaher Corporation (“**Danaher**”) until July 2, 2016. Danaher is a Delaware corporation, with its principal place of business at 2200 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Suite 800W, Washington, DC 20037-1701. Danaher created Fortive when it spun-off a portion of its business, assets, and portfolio companies into a new diversified industrial growth company (the “**Fortive Spin-Off**”). That transaction was completed as of July 3, 2016. Neither Vontier, Fortive nor Danaher operate Matco distributorships, and nor have they offered franchises in any line of business.

Matco’s other intermediate parent company, GLFD Holdings LLC, is a limited liability company that was formed in Delaware. Its principal business address is 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. GLFD Holdings LLC does not operate Matco distributorships and has not offered franchises in any line of business.

From January 12, 1993, until June 3, 2016, Matco was known as NMTC, Inc., d/b/a Matco Tools, and it was a subsidiary of a separate entity, which was also called Matco Tools Corporation (“**MTC**”). MTC was Matco’s parent company. MTC was a New Jersey corporation with its principal office at 4403 Allen Road, Stow, Ohio 44224. MTC’s parent was Danaher. On June 1, 2016, as part of the Fortive Spin-Off transaction described above, MTC merged with NMTC, Inc., and then NMTC, Inc. changed its name to Matco Tools Corporation.

Matco does business under the name “Matco Tools Corporation,” “Matco Tools,” and “Matco,” and under no other names. Matco’s agent for service of process in this state is disclosed on Appendix G and/or on the acknowledgement of receipt pages which are the last pages in this Franchise Disclosure Document.

Matco is a manufacturer of toolboxes, a distributor of professional quality tools and service equipment, and seller of independent franchise distributorships under the Matco brand name. Matco has developed a distinctive business system (the “**System**”) supporting the promotion of the Matco brand and

establishment and operation of Matco mobile Distributorships which sell tools, toolboxes, service equipment, automotive diagnostic services, software subscriptions, and other goods and services, including, for example, apparel, model cars and other collectible items, and consumables (such as mechanic's hand soaps), and such other items that Matco may in its sole discretion offer (collectively, the **"Products"** or **"Matco Products"**). Matco mobile Distributors offer and sell Products to professional mechanics, technicians, service professionals, and other businesses which operate from a single location and purchase tools for their own use. The Products currently consist of more than 19,000 items, many of which are manufactured by or for Matco, and are distributed by Matco and sold to Matco's Distributor network. In addition, Matco may also sell special order items, based on customer demand, and other factors. A high standard of customer service is essential to the Matco brand and the cornerstone of Matco's System, and that customer service standard typically involves a one-on-one sales and service relationship between a Principal Owner (defined below), operating from a Matco mobile distributorship, and a Potential Customer (defined below).

The System is identified by means of certain trade names, service marks, trademarks, logos and emblems, including the marks "MATCO®" and "MATCO® TOOLS" (the **"Marks"**).

MTC began offering distributorships in 1979, and since then MTC and Matco (beginning in 1993) have sold the majority of the Products through independent distributors throughout the United States. As of December 31, 2024, there were 1,811 independent distributors selling MATCO® Products in the United States. The Distributorship Agreement offered and described in this Disclosure Document differs from agreements Matco entered into with its Distributors before 1993, in that the current Distributorship Agreement provides for additional duties and obligations for both parties. Matco has operated distributorships similar to the type described in this disclosure document prior to 2006, for a period in 2010 and 2011, and again beginning in 2013. Matco currently operates four distributorships in New Jersey, one in Ohio, and thirteen in Pennsylvania.

As described above and in Item 20, in all other U.S. states except for the States of Ohio and Pennsylvania, Matco's usual course of business does not involve the actual development and operation of Distributorships, which is the business you will engage in under the Distributorship Agreement.

Matco also sells the Products through commercial sales representatives to businesses and educational institutions including students, schools, commercial and industrial accounts with central purchasing operations, multiple locations, state, local and federal agencies and/or to other commercial customers who generally purchase tools for their own internal use or supply tools to their employees through tuition-based kits, new apprentice programs, hiring/longevity incentives, tool cribs or other means. Matco's commercial sales group also sells Products through foreign-based wholesale distributors in countries outside of North America. In 2024, these sales accounted for approximately 4.2% of Matco's revenues. Matco may also employ persons or utilize independent manufacturers' representatives and specialized resellers to make sales calls and to support customers in specific market segments. Matco also uses export distributors and agents to promote its products in locations outside of the United States.

Matco has offered franchised distributorships since 1993. Other than as indicated in this Disclosure Document, Matco (or prior to February 1993, its predecessor MTC) has not offered distributorship agreements, franchises, or business opportunities in any other line of business. Matco is not engaged in any business other than the manufacture, distribution, sale and servicing of tools and equipment as described in this Disclosure Document. Matco's affiliates have not offered franchises similar to the distributorship described in this Disclosure Document or in any other lines of business.

MTC is a predecessor of Matco. MTC was formerly known as Mac Allied Tools Corporation (**"Mac Allied"**), an Ohio corporation, incorporated in September 1946. Mac Allied changed its name to Matco

Tools Corporation in August 1978, and in April 1981, Matco Tools Corporation was acquired by and became a wholly-owned subsidiary of Chicago Pneumatic Tool Company (“CP”), a New Jersey Corporation. Matco Tools Corporation was merged in July 1984 into a sister company of CP, The Jacobs Manufacturing Company (“**Jacobs**”), a New Jersey corporation, incorporated in July 1953, and became known as “Matco Tools, a Division of The Jacobs Manufacturing Company.” In June 1986, Danaher purchased CP and later sold it in June 1987, retaining Jacobs, including its Matco Tools Division. Jacobs’ name was changed to Matco Tools Corporation in November 1991, and the other divisions within Jacobs were established as separate operating companies. In January 1993, Danaher formed NMTC, Inc., which acquired a substantial portion of the assets of MTC, including the existing distributorship agreements of MTC. As described above, MTC merged with NMTC, Inc., and NMTC, Inc. changed its name to Matco Tools Corporation.

Vontier’s businesses and brands operate in the professional instrumentation and industrial technologies business segment, which consists of mobility technologies and diagnostics & repair technologies platforms. Through various subsidiary companies, Vontier manufactures and sells products under major brand names such as Coats® tire changers and equipment.

In 2005, Matco Tools Canada (“**Matco-Canada**”), a limited partnership organized under the laws of the Province of Ontario, Canada, began offering Matco Tools franchised distributorships in Canada. Matco-Canada does not operate Matco distributorships, and has not offered franchises in any other line of business. Matco-Canada is owned by NMTC Partners Inc., an Ontario corporation, and GTHM Canada Holding Ltd., a British Columbia limited company. NMTC Partners Inc. is Matco’s general partner. NMTC Partners Inc. was incorporated on April 8, 2005, and its principal business address is 4 Robert Speck Parkway, Ste. 1600, Mississauga, ON L4Z1S1. GTHM Canada Holding Ltd. was incorporated on August 6, 2019, and its principal business address is 2800 Park Place, 666 Burrard St., Vancouver, BC V6C2Z7. NMTC Partners Inc. is wholly owned by Matco Tools Corporation. GTHM Canada Holding Ltd. is wholly owned by GLFD Holdings LLC a Delaware limited liability company that was incorporated on August 5, 2019. GLFD Holdings LLC has its registered office at 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware USA 19801. Neither NMTC Partners Inc., GTHM Canada Holding Ltd., nor GLFD Holdings LLC operate Matco distributorships, nor have any of those companies offered franchises in any line of business.

NMTC Partners Inc. and GTHM Canada Holding Ltd. were also included in the Vontier Spin-Off. NMTC Partners Inc. and GTHM Canada Holding Ltd. remain Matco-Canada’s immediate parent companies after the Vontier Spin-Off, and NMTC Partners Inc. remains Matco-Canada’s general partner. However, Matco-Canada’s ultimate parent is now Vontier.

### The Distributorship Rights Offered

Matco offers you the right to enter into a distributorship agreement (the “**Distributorship Agreement**”), which grants you the right to purchase, resell, and service the Products as a mobile distributor (“**Distributor**”) under the System (the “**Distributorship**”). A Distributorship is a business which operates principally from a vehicle, purchases the Products from Matco, and sells the Products to retail customers. These retail customers (Potential Customers, as defined in Item 11) are typically professional mechanics or other individuals in the automotive after-market and related markets who in the normal course of business are required to use and furnish his/her own tools. Prior to signing your Distributorship Agreement, Matco will count the number of Potential Customers at locations identified in your territory along a proposed route (the “**List of Calls**”). These will be identified in Exhibit A to your Distributorship Agreement. Matco designates a List of Calls for a territory by identifying a maximum of 325 Potential Customers, which include the mechanics, technicians, or other service professionals who work at the business, as well as the business itself, in cases where Matco’s survey shows that the business

also purchases tools of the type offered or sold by Matco or its distributors, either for itself and/or for its employees. (However, “225s” will have fewer Potential Customers, and “ETDs” will have more Potential Customers, as described below). See Item 11 for more information. You are not limited to offering and selling Products to those 325 Potential Customers.

If you wish to modify your List of Calls, including by adding a location or Potential Customers, you must submit a written request to Matco identifying the proposed changes to the List of Calls with an explanation for how the proposed changes to the List of Calls will help you advance your business and continue to meet Matco’s Customer Service Standards.

Before commencing operations and within 45 days of signing the Distributorship Agreement, you must be a corporation, limited liability company, or other business entity. If you initially enter into the Distributorship Agreement as an individual, you must transfer the Distributorship Agreement to a corporation, limited liability company, or other business entity pursuant to an assignment and assumption agreement that Matco may designate from time to time. Matco must approve of any transferee minority owners who are not the individual who initially signed as the Distributor. Matco’s current form of Assignment, Assumption and Consent Agreement and the applicable Guarantee, Indemnification and Acknowledgement are attached to the Distributorship Agreement as Exhibit M. The daily operations of the Distributorship must be conducted under the active full-time management of one “Principal Owner” who is designated on Exhibit P to the Distributorship Agreement. The Principal Owner must own at least a majority of the outstanding equity interests in the Distributor entity (at least 51%). The Principal Owner is the individual responsible for all communications between you and Matco, and the individual who has the right to enter into agreements on your behalf. The Principal Owner (as well as any other owners and any other person whose assets are considered in any financing application) must sign the Guarantee, Indemnification, and Acknowledgment in the form attached to the Distributorship Agreement as Exhibit N. The Principal Owner must complete all training required by Matco. In addition, the Principal Owner, in connection with her or his duties in operating the Distributorship as an employee of Distributor, must comply with all of Matco’s standards and requirements as they may be modified from time to time in the Manual or otherwise in writing.

Matco typically will not grant a Distributorship to a Distributor with more than two owners. However, we consider each application on a case-by-case basis. Any individual who owns any ownership interest in the Distributor (including the Principal Owner) must be designated on Exhibit P of the Distributorship Agreement as an owner, and each of your owners, including the Principal Owner, as well as any other person whose assets are considered in any financing application, must personally bind themselves to the obligations described in the Distributorship Agreement by signing the Guarantee, Indemnification, and Acknowledgment that is attached to the Distributorship Agreement as Exhibit N. You may also designate a “**Business Partner**” who is one of your owners and who will assist the Principal Owner with aspects of operating the Distributorship.

It is important that your Principal Owner reviews your List of Calls to make sure that he or she is satisfied with it before you sign your Distributorship Agreement. We therefore encourage your Principal Owner to ride through your List of Calls and identify all of the shops and Potential Customers prior to signing your Distributorship Agreement. It is your responsibility to perform this due diligence. However, if you request, a Matco representative will be made available to ride with your Principal Owner to assist with this process and answer any questions that he or she might have. Before you sign your Distributorship Agreement, you will be requested to sign a List of Calls Acknowledgment (see Appendix K to this Disclosure Document) that your Principal Owner either did a ride-through of your List of Calls or chose not to do so.



In addition to the Distributorships, Matco also sells the Products through its Commercial Sales Department. The Commercial Sales Department generally sells tools to schools, companies, insurance replacement companies, government agencies, or other entities or businesses that purchase tools for their internal use. The tools are not generally the personal property of the mechanics or instructors employed by such companies; however, these companies may choose to gift or otherwise provide purchased Products to their mechanics or instructors, such as part of a retention or incentive program. Generally, the prospective purchasers from the Commercial Sales Department are companies, insurance replacement companies, government agencies, and similar entities that may purchase tools from other national tool companies, or factory and warehouse distributors, but not from individual distributors. Matco also serves the vocational school marketplace through a direct sales program. Products are sold to technical schools or training facilities, and/or directly to the individuals attending such schools or facilities. Products sold to full-time students and schools may be discounted in order to remain competitive. Commercial sales customers also may include auto and truck dealerships that participate in dealer equipment service or sales programs operated in conjunction with original equipment manufacturer (or “OEM”) relationships. OEM programs may include tool storage, shop equipment and other products normally purchased by the business at national account discounts. Matco may from time to time develop coupon or incentive programs with various national accounts or manufacturers. Several other tool suppliers may compete for these accounts, and pricing is very competitive and significantly below list price. This generally prevents a single Distributor from being competitive in such markets. Matco presently has a distributor commission program which permits its Distributors to join forces with Matco to assist in closing sales to accounts where a single Distributor working alone would be unable to do so. This program provides an opportunity for you to receive a commission on industrial account sales and/or vocational school sales closed by Matco, with your assistance, with a business identified on your List of Calls. Commissions will consist of a credit posted to the Distributor’s Open Purchase Account on products or services delivered to a location on the List of Calls. Commissions are not based on the Billing or Administrative Office address of the industrial account purchaser. The Distributor may be required to provide service to technicians, students or instructors, and on products delivered to the location in order to receive commissions. The actual service schedule will be determined by the business, government agency, or school during the sales process. Service requirements may include unpacking and set-up of the initial and/or on-going orders, warranty service, and/or participation in tool shows or seminars. The Commercial Sales Commission Program (which may include vocational/educational sales) may change during the term of your Distributorship. The Distributor must be registered in the system as the “servicing distributor,” and actively promote the sales, in order to receive commissions on any commercial or vocational/educational sales.

Matco offers incentives to certain qualified Distributors that have Principal Owners with experience operating as mobile tool distributors. We sometimes refer to these distributors as “**Conversion Distributors.**” Some of these incentives may include credits to a Distributor’s open purchase account to cover some of the costs of purchasing, converting or updating the mobile store, acquiring a new computer system, travel costs for training and other items. Also, these Conversion Distributors may be eligible for certain bonuses based on purchases of Products during the term of the Distributorship Agreement. Collectively, these incentives are referred to as the “**Conversion Incentive Program**” and are discussed in more detail in Items 6, 7, and 8. Otherwise, all other aspects of the Matco Distributorship opportunity discussed in this Disclosure Document are applicable to Conversion Distributors as they are to new Distributors. The elements of the Conversion Incentive Program, including the qualifications to be eligible for the programs, the initial incentives, and the performance based bonuses, may change over time at Matco’s discretion.

#### “225” Program

Matco has determined that there might exist certain areas or territories where Matco may not be able to identify a full complement of a minimum of 325 Potential Customers in the initial List of Calls, due to, for example, a small area with limited Potential Customers and/or great distances between various stops on a List of Calls that would make servicing such an area difficult, costly, or uneconomical. Matco has determined that it may, but is not obligated to, grant a very limited number of new and existing distributorships with an area with a limited number of List of Calls and/or a limited or reduced number of Potential Customers. Matco refers to these areas as “**225 Distributorships**” or “**225s.**” The standard form of 225 Amendment for existing Distributors is attached as Appendix L-1 to this Disclosure Document. The standard form of 225 Amendment for new Distributors is attached as Appendix L-2 to this Disclosure Document.

Matco will not grant a 225 to a Distributor unless the Distributor and Principal Owner are specifically advised of the nature and scope of the 225 opportunity and specifically requests to service the limited area. Matco began offering 225 Distributorships (on a very limited trial basis) in August 2012 and, as of December 31, 2024, there were 41 “225 Distributorships.” Matco will grant “225 Distributorships” on a very limited basis, and solely at the request of Distributors. Most of the aspects and elements of a Distributorship will apply to a “225 Distributorship”, except that: (a) there will be a reduced number of Potential Customers on the List of Calls, with a maximum of 225 Potential Customers (unless otherwise approved by Matco, not to exceed 240 Potential Customers); (b) the required initial inventory level will be lower than standard Distributorship; and (c) the expected number of hours to service the route will be less.

#### Enhanced Territory Distributorship

Matco has determined that, in certain circumstances, it may be appropriate to grant to an existing Distributor an expanded List of Calls that includes more than 325 Potential Customers. Matco refers to these distributorships as “**Enhanced Territory Distributorships**” or “**ETDs.**” Matco typically only grants these ETDs to existing Distributors who seek to renew their Distributorship, such that the ETD granted to a Distributor by Matco will only be in effect during the renewal term. However, in some cases, Matco may grant an ETD to an existing Distributor at some point during an initial term. The standard forms of ETD Amendment to the Distributorship Agreement are attached as Appendix P and Appendix Q to this Disclosure Document.

Matco will not grant an ETD to a Distributor unless the Distributor and its Principal Owner is specifically advised of the nature and scope of the ETD opportunity, and the Distributor, through its Principal Owner, has specifically requested an ETD. Matco is offering the ETD on a limited, experimental basis, and may modify the terms of the ETD offering from time to time. Most of the aspects and elements of a Distributorship will apply to an ETD, except that (a) there will be a greater number of Potential Customers on the List of Calls; (b) the required initial inventory will be greater than that of a standard Matco Distributorship; and (c) the sales requirement will be higher.

#### Renewal Program

Matco also offers Distributors whose existing Distributorship Agreements are expiring the option to renew their relationship with Matco and continue operating their Distributorships by signing a new Distributorship Agreement and the Renewal Addendum, the current form of which is attached as Appendix N to this Disclosure Document. The Renewal Addendum amends the terms of Matco’s standard Distributorship Agreement to reflect the renewal of an ongoing relationship by, among other provisions, waiving the initial training requirement and the obligation to purchase an initial inventory of Products.

A Distributorship generally competes with mobile tool vendors who sell to professional mechanics and are associated with national tool companies other than Matco. Other sources of competition include independent mobile tool vendors who are not associated with a national tool company, local automotive tool and equipment warehouses, local automotive parts stores, local department and hardware store chains and mail order catalogs. Your List of Calls, and the Potential Customers on your List of Calls, may already be served by competitive tool vendors.

To operate the Distributorship, you and your employee(s) will have to comply with various state and local laws such as those relating to driver's licensing, vehicle licensing, vendor licensing, and automobile insurance requirements, zoning restrictions as well as parking, vehicle weight limitations and any applicable hazardous material transportation and pollution laws. In some states, a physical examination may be required to obtain a license to drive a commercial vehicle. There may be federal license or motor carrier regulations that apply to you, and these may include compliance with drug or substance abuse testing rules. Most states require liability insurance coverage for both the driver and vehicle. Insurability and insurance rates will generally be dependent upon your past driving record. There may be other laws applicable to your business including those relating to home-based business or the credit you grant, and Matco urges you to make inquiries about these laws.

### Background Checks

*For Prospective Franchisees/Distributors.* Matco will conduct a detailed criminal background check of all prospective Principal Owners. The prospective Principal Owner of the Distributorship must consent to the background check, or Matco will not proceed with the evaluation of the prospective Distributor's application. Matco will bear the cost of conducting the background check(s). The information in this Disclosure Document is current as of the date indicated as the Issuance Date on the cover of this Disclosure Document.

## **(2) BUSINESS EXPERIENCE**

### Mike Dwyer, President

Mr. Dwyer has been our President since November 2023. Prior to joining Matco, Mr. Dwyer was the President, North American Consumer for The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio from October 2021 to May 2023. Prior to that, Mr. Dwyer held other roles with The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company in Akron, Ohio, including Chief Customer Officer & General Manager, North American Consumer from October 2018 to September 2021, Chief Marketing Officer from September 2017 to December 2018, Global Head (VP) of Brand Marketing, Corporate from September 2015 to August 2017, and Marketing Director, North America, Consumer Business Unit from April 2014 to August 2015.

### Tim Reynolds, Vice President and Director

Mr. Reynolds has been the Vice President, Treasury of Matco Tools since September 2021. Previously, he was a Vice President and Director of Matco since October 2020 and the Director, Treasury with Vontier Corporation in Raleigh, North Carolina since May 2020. He has also held numerous board positions with various Vontier subsidiaries since October 2020. Prior to joining Vontier Corporation, Mr. Reynolds was the Manager, Treasury of Red Hat, Inc. in Raleigh, North Carolina from August 2012 until May 2020.

### Courtney Kamlet, Vice President and Secretary

Ms. Kamlet has been a Vice President and Secretary of Matco since September 2020 and the Vice



President, Group General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Vontier Corporation since May 2022. She has also been the Vice President, Associate General Counsel and Corporate Secretary of Vontier Corporation in Raleigh, North Carolina from November 2019 to May 2022. Prior to that, Ms. Kamlet served as Vice President & Assistant General Counsel-Corporate and Governance for Syneos Health, Inc. in Raleigh, NC from February 2015 to November 2019.

Jeffrey S. Darrah, Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

Mr. Darrah has been Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Matco since August 2023. Mr. Darrah also serves as Secretary of Matco's General Partner, NMTC Partners Inc. Mr. Darrah was previously Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of DRB System, LLC in Green, Ohio, from January 2022 to August 2023. Prior to that, he served as Vice President of Global Operations Finance for Diebold Nixdorf Inc. in North Canton, Ohio, from July 2018 to January 2022.

Laurie Reinbolt, Vice President, Sales

Ms. Reinbolt has been the Vice President, Sales of Matco since August 2024. Prior to joining Matco, Ms. Reinbolt was the Vice President, Sales Strategy with Advance Auto Parts in Columbus, Ohio from July 2009 to August 2024, and before that, the National Account Manager of Black & Decker in Columbus, Ohio from January 2000 to June 2009.

Ontoinette Threatt, Sr. Director, People & Culture / HR Leader

Ms. Threatt has been the Sr. Director, People & Culture / HR Leader with Matco since October 2024. Prior to that, Ms. Threatt was the HR Director of Matco from May 2023 to September 2024, the HR Manager of Matco from August 2020 to April 2023 and the HR Business Partner of Matco from June 2018 to July 2020.

Hilda Shipcka, Chief Revenue Officer

Ms. Shipcka has been the Chief Revenue Officer since August 2023. Prior to that, Ms. Shipcka was the Vice President, Marketing and eCommerce of Matco from June 2019 to July 2023. She was the Director of Marketing of Matco from April 2016 until June 2019 and Business Unit Manager of Matco from August 2013 until April 2016. Prior to 2013, Ms. Shipcka was the Senior Product Marketing Manager of Matco.

Michelle M. Farmer, Senior Director, Finance

Ms. Farmer has been the Senior Director, Finance of Matco since July 2019. Prior to joining Matco, Ms. Farmer was the Senior Director, Finance with Tektronix, Inc., a Fortive company in Solon, Ohio from August 2018 to July 2019 and Senior Director, Finance and CFO of Keithley Instruments, Inc., a division of Tektronix, in Solon, Ohio from December 2010 to August 2018.

Juli Foust, Director, Financial Services

Ms. Foust has been the Director, Financial Services of Matco in Stow, Ohio since January 2023. She was previously a Portfolio Owner Manager Sr. with PNC Bank in Brecksville, Ohio from June 2020 to January 2023. Prior to that, she held various other roles with PNC Bank Retail Lending in Brecksville, Ohio, including Head of Investor and Secondary Operations from July 2019 to June 2020, as well as Head of Retail Lending Servicing Center of Excellence (SCRA, Credit Bureau and Flood Operations) from July 2016 to June 2019.

#### Nick Ridgway, Director of Franchise Development

Mr. Ridgway has been the Director of Franchise Development with Matco since February 2024. Prior to joining Matco, he was the Director of Franchise Development with PIRTEK USA and PIRTEK Canada in Rockledge, Florida from January 2019 to February 2024 and Business Development Manager with PIRTEK USA and PIRTEK Canada in Rockledge, Florida from October 2016 to January 2019.

#### James Wuelfing, Director of Finance

Mr. Wuelfing has been the Director of Finance of Matco since November 2022. He is also the Tax Director of Vontier Corporation in Raleigh, North Carolina and has been since November 2022. Prior to that, Mr. Wuelfing was the Tax Director of Teva Pharmaceuticals from May 2020 until November 2022 in Parsippany, New Jersey; and the Tax Director of Newell Brands from May 2017 to January 2020 in Hoboken, New Jersey.

#### Mark D. Thomas, Vice President, Supply Chain and Distribution

Mr. Thomas has been the Vice President, Supply Chain and Distribution, with Matco since August 2013. He was also the Director, Supply Chain of Matco from July 2012 until August 2013; Purchasing Manager of Matco from December 2010 until July 2012; Manager, Financial Planning & Analysis from July 2009 until December 2010; and Product Manager, Allied and Aviation, from January 2006 until July 2009.

#### Luke O'Rourke, Director of SEC Reporting

Mr. O'Rourke has been the Director of SEC Reporting since December 2022. He was Director of SEC Reporting with Policygenius Inc. in Durham, North Carolina from June 2021 to December 2022. Prior to that, he held various roles with BMC Stock Holdings, Inc., in Raleigh, North Carolina, including Director, Financial Reporting from July 2020 to May 2021, Sr. Manager, Financial Reporting from August 2018 to July 2020 and Financial Reporting Manager from September 2016 to August 2018.

### **(3) LITIGATION**

#### **PENDING ACTIONS**

A. As of March 6, 2025 except as otherwise noted, the following case(s) have been filed against (or involved cases with counterclaims alleged against) Matco and/or its current or previous affiliated companies, by current or previous Matco Distributors and/or District Managers, and, in some cases, by Distributors jointly with their spouses or Business Partners, or possibly others. [For many of the cases summarized](#), the information below also includes any individuals who are current Matco officers, directors, or employees and named as additional defendants.

*William Faduie, Andrew Munger, Toby Clarkson, and Keston Lewis v. Matco Tools Corporation, Case No.: 5:23-cv-00337, U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio (filed June 20, 2023).* The Plaintiffs are customers of Matco's distributors who have purchased products from Matco distributors. This case arises from a data security incident on March 1, 2022, in which personal identifiable information (PII) may have been accessed or acquired by a third party, and Matco's subsequent investigation of that incident, followed by Matco's communications to potentially impacted persons such as the plaintiffs, and Matco's communications to certain government agencies as states Attorneys General. Plaintiffs filed this action on behalf of themselves, current and former employees of

Matco, and other similarly situated individuals as a class action. The plaintiffs have alleged that Matco acted negligently in failing to exercise reasonable care, was unjustly enriched, and violated Section 5 of the FTC Act and the Ohio Consumer Sales Practices Act, by engaging in acts that constitute unfair practices, and/or by failing to protect PII. The plaintiffs are seeking an order certifying the class, equitable relief enjoining Matco from engaging in wrongful conduct regarding the use or misuse of PII, injunctive relief requiring Matco to implement certain actions regarding the PII and future conduct, and an award of unspecified monetary damages, attorneys' fees, and costs. Matco has filed a motion to dismiss the claims, and its motion and all claims are currently pending. Matco intends to vigorously defend all claims in this matter.

*Jim's Speed Shop v. Matco Tools Corporation*, (filed September 24, 2024), Civil Action No. 24-A-08538-10; transferred to U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Georgia (November 27, 2024) Case No. 1:24-CV-5472-jpb-ccb. This matter was originally filed in 2021 before being voluntarily dismissed (see notes in "Concluded Actions," subpart D, below) and refiled in 2024. The Plaintiff is an automotive repair shop that purchased tools from a Matco distributor that were financed through Matco's PSA financing program. The Plaintiff alleges that Matco breached contract and statutory duties, and violated the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act, Georgia's Door-to-Door Sales Act, and the Fair Credit Reporting Act for not providing "necessary assistance" with respect to the use of the purchased products, failing to disclose higher interest rates, and reporting negative credit information to credit reporting agencies. This matter is currently pending and in the discovery process. Matco intends to vigorously defend all claims in this matter.

*William Davis & Meghan Stevens v. Matco Tools, Inc., Vontier Corporation, et. al., Case No. CIVV-2500538, Superior Court of the State of California, County of San Bernardino, (filed April 4, 2025).* One plaintiff is the owner of Apple Valley Tools, LLC, which is a Matco franchisee that operates two Matco distributorships under two separate Matco Distributorship Agreements. The other plaintiff is the spouse of the owner and also claims to be an owner of Apple Valley Tools. The plaintiffs have named eleven current or former employees of Matco or Vontier as additional defendants, including several individuals identified in Item 2 of the Disclosure Document, namely Mike Dwyer, Lauri Reinbolt, Hilda Shipka, and Juli Foust. The plaintiffs have alleged violations of the California Control of Profits of Organized Crime Act (RICO); fraudulent business practices, including violations of California Civil Code §§ 1709-1711, and 17200, and violation of California Franchise Investment Law, Corporations Code § 31200; fraudulent inducement; retaliation and unfair business practices in violation of California Business and Professions Code §§ 20021, 20016, and 17200, and California Labor Code § 1102.5; securities fraud in violation of California Corporation Code § 25400; and violation of California Consumer Credit Reporting Agencies Act, California Civil Code §§ 1785.1 – 1785.36. The plaintiffs seek actual damages, punitive damages, rescission, restitution, an injunction preventing retaliation against the plaintiffs and the Matco Franchise Owners Association (MFOA), other compensation for financial losses, economic, regulatory, compliance, and reputational damages, and reimbursement of legal fees. The plaintiffs' aggregate request for monetary damages is in excess of \$35,000,000. In addition, the plaintiffs sought a temporary restraining order and injunctive relief regarding a number of claims in the complaint, including, among other things, to declare that the plaintiffs are not in breach of their Distributorship Agreement and that Matco cannot terminate the Distributorship Agreement, to order Matco to retract allegedly retaliatory emails regarding the MFOA, to order Matco to investigate and remedy all known failures of its MDDBS software, and to prohibit Matco's imposition of certain financing collection fees. Following a hearing on April 11, 2025, the Court denied the plaintiffs' request for temporary relief. This matter is currently pending. Matco intends to vigorously defend all claims in this matter.

*Matco Tools Corporation v. William Davis, American Arbitration Association, (AAA office location not yet assigned, but it has been requested to be at a California AAA office closest to Apple*

Valley, California), Case No. 012500009453 (filed February 25, 2025). Matco filed a Demand for Arbitration against William Davis, the franchisee identified in the California case described above, for various claims under the two Matco Distributorship Agreements executed with Apple Valley Tools, LLC, including failing to make loan payments to Matco on loans totaling over \$192,000. Mr. Davis has not responded to the Demand for Arbitration, and he subsequently filed a complaint against Matco in the Superior Court of California in the case described above. This matter is pending.

B. *Matco Collection Actions.* During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, any claims filed by Matco against Distributors for monies owed to Matco for goods sold and delivered to the Distributor that are still pending are described below.

*None.*

C. *Matco Post-Term Covenant Enforcement Actions.* During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, any claims filed by Matco against Distributors due to a Distributor's failure to comply with the post-term covenants in the Distributorship Agreement that are still pending are disclosed below.

*None.*

D. *Other Matco-Initiated Actions.* During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, any claims filed by Matco against Distributors for breach of contract or other claims not disclosed in subpart B or D above, and are still pending are disclosed below.

*None.*

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### **CONCLUDED ACTIONS**

During the 10-year period immediately preceding March 6, 2025, except as otherwise noted, Matco and/or its current or previous affiliated companies, and/or one or more of its current employees, have been the subject of the following legal proceedings (or were the subject of counterclaims in the following legal proceedings), which have since been concluded.

A. The following case(s) were resolved through a mutual settlement:

*None.*

B. The following cases resulted in settlement agreements between the parties on the dates so indicated whereby Matco agreed to pay a sum of money to the plaintiffs and/or forgive debt as set forth below:

*Daniel Cline, Illinois v. NMTC, Inc., d/b/a Matco Tools, a Delaware Corporation, American Arbitration Association, Johnston, RI office.* Case No. 01-17-0004-7119 (filed August 8, 2017). Claims: Mr. Cline, a former Matco distributor, filed a claim against Matco for violations of Illinois Minimum Wage Law, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act of 1987, and the Illinois Deceptive Trade Practices Act, as well as claims for unjust enrichment, fraud and deceit and negligent misrepresentation, arising from a business relationship between Mr. Cline and Matco under the Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement and related agreements. Mr. Cline claimed that the parties' distributorship relationship constituted an employment relationship. This file was closed by the American Arbitration Association on September 26, 2017 due to the parties' failure to submit payment.

*Matco Tools Corporation, fka NMTC, Inc., dba Matco Tools, a Delaware Corporation v. Daniel Cline and Roberta Cline, Illinois, American Arbitration Association, Atlanta, GA office.* Case No. 01-17-0005-0659 (filed August 24, 2017). Claims: Matco filed a claim against Mr. and Ms. Cline for breach of the Distributorship Agreement due to Mr. Cline's failure to pay amounts owed at the time of his resignation from his Matco distributorship. Matco sought damages in the amount of \$31,791. Mr. and Ms. Cline lodged the following counterclaims: violations of Illinois Minimum Wage Law, the Fair Labor Standards Act, the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act of 1987 and the Illinois Deceptive Trade Practices Act, as well as claims for unjust enrichment, fraud and deceit and negligent misrepresentation, arising from a business relationship between Respondents and Matco under the Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement and related agreements. Mr. and Ms. Cline alleged that the parties' distributorship relationship constituted an employment relationship. On January 5, 2018, Matco and Mr. Cline agreed to settle this dispute with Mr. Cline returning all tool inventory still in his possession with an approximate value of \$10,000, and Matco paying Mr. and Ms. Cline \$14,500 and forgiving the debt in the amount of \$31,791. Settlement and release documents were signed on January 9, 2018.

*John Fleming on behalf of himself and others similarly situated v. Matco Tools Corporation, a Delaware Corporation; NMTC, Inc. d/b/a Matco Tools, a Delaware Corporation and Fortive Corporation, a Delaware Corporation and DOES 1-20 inclusive; California, In the United States District Court, Northern District of California, San Jose Division; Civil Action No. 5:19-cv-00463-NC* (filed January 28, 2019). Class Action Complaint. Claims: failure to reimburse business expenses, failure to pay California overtime compensation, failure to provide meal and rest periods, related labor code violations, UCL violations and civil penalties under labor code Private Attorney General Act. Relief and/or Damages Sought: an order certifying the classes, declaratory relief, compensatory damages, PAGA civil penalties, restitution, reasonable attorneys' fees and costs and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. This case involves a franchised distributor, Mr. Fleming, who claims that, as an independent, franchised distributor operating under a Matco Distributorship Agreement, he is not an independent contractor, but an employee of Matco. Matco entered into a settlement agreement with Plaintiffs on November 19, 2021, which was granted final approval by the court on April 29, 2022. On May 27, 2022, Matco paid a total of \$13,462,174.90 in cash settlement payments and \$2,346,423.00 in debt forgiveness to members of the class.

*Nathaniel Baggs, individually, and on behalf of all others similarly situated, v. Matco Tools Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, and Does 1-10, inclusive; California, In the United States District Court for the Central District of California, Civil Action No. 5:23-CV-00852-SSS (SPx)* (filed May 16, 2024). Class Action Complaint. Claims: Mr. Baggs was a customer of a Matco distributor who had purchased products from a Matco distributor, and signed typical loan or purchase money security agreements, promising to pay the amounts owed for the purchase of products. When the products were not paid for pursuant to the agreements, Matco sought collection of the debt owed. Mr. Baggs, as plaintiff, filed a class action claim against Matco for violations of the California Consumer Legal Remedies Act (Cal. Civ Code §§ 1750 *et. seq.*) and the Rosenthal Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (Cal. Civ. Code §§ 1788, *et. seq.*), arising from the purchase of Matco products from a Matco distributor. Mr. Baggs claimed that Matco's attempts to collect debts from him and other consumers for Matco tools purchased from Matco distributors were deceptive and unfair debt collection practices. Mr. Baggs and Matco entered into a settlement agreement on February 5, 2024, pursuant to which Matco paid Mr. Baggs a total of \$5,000 in cash settlement payments.

C. The following cases were dismissed or resulted in amounts being awarded to Matco:



*Matco Tools Corporation, a Delaware Corporation v. Cary G. Urquhart*, Texas; In The United States District Court, For The Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division; Civil Action No: 5:19-cv-10091359 (filed May 6, 2019). Verified Complaint. Claims: breach of contract – post termination obligations, trademark infringement, misappropriation of goodwill, misappropriation of trade secrets, breach of promissory note and security agreement; Relief and/or Damages Sought: a temporary restraining order and preliminary and permanent injunction against Defendant from breaching the terms of the non-compete clause of the Distributorship Agreement and infringing on Matco’s trademark rights. A judgment against Defendant for the unpaid balance due on the Promissory Note and all damages incurred plus authorization to foreclose on the collateral, an accounting of the earnings of his competing business, Matco’s costs for the investigation and attorneys’ fees incurred, and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. Matco filed a motion for summary judgment that was granted on January 22, 2020. The court awarded Matco money damages for lost profits, treble damages for the defendant’s trademark infringement, the amounts that the defendant owed under his promissory note (including interest), and other expenses owed under the Distributorship Agreement (plus interest), which totaled \$99,114.29 (plus interest). Matco filed a Motion for Award of Attorneys’ Fees in the amount of \$74,105 which is still pending before the court.

*Cary G. Urquhart, Texas v. Matco Tools Corporation, a Delaware Corporation*, Ohio; In The United States District Court, For The Northern District of Ohio, Eastern Division; Civil Action No: 5:19-cv-01009-SL (filed June 14, 2019). Counterclaim. Claims: bad faith trade secret action, unfair competition through malicious litigation, abuse of process, defamation per se, defamation pro quod, false light invasion of privacy and tortious interference; Relief and/or Damages Sought compensatory damages, prejudgment interest, exemplary and punitive damages, attorneys’ fees, costs of suit and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. Matco filed a motion for summary judgment that was granted on January 22, 2020. Urquhart’s counterclaims were dismissed by the Court pursuant to said motion.

*Richard S. Frerichs and Kimberly Scully Frerichs v. NMTC, Inc. d/b/a Matco Tools, a Delaware Corporation*; Idaho, In The District Court Of The Seventh Judicial District of the State of Idaho, in and for The County of Bonneville; No. CV-18-3350 (filed June 15, 2018). Claims: breach of contract, fraud, unjust enrichment and violation of the Idaho Consumer Protection Act. Relief and/or Damages Sought: relief in such a sum of money as to adequately compensate Plaintiff for damages, statutory and otherwise to be proved at trial, attorney fees and costs in the minimum amount of \$2,500, and further relief as the Court and Jury deem appropriate and just. On August 10, 2018, plaintiff agreed to dismiss this action in favor of Arbitration provided the Arbitration takes place in Idaho. The Court dismissed this suit on October 5, 2018 and to-date, no Arbitration has been filed against Matco.

*Matco Tools Corporation, fka NMTC, Inc., dba Matco Tools, a Delaware Corporation v. Emanuel and Rocio Aguilera*, Ohio, American Arbitration Association, Atlanta, GA office. Case No. 01-19-0002-0482 (filed June 26, 2019). Claims: Matco filed a claim against Mr. and Ms. Aguilera for breach of the Distributorship Agreement due to Mr. Aguilera’s failure to pay amounts owed at the time of his resignation for goods sold and delivered to his Matco distributorship. Damages Sought: \$57,697. On January 31, 2020, the United States District Court for the Southern District of California granted Respondent’s application for a temporary restraining order enjoining Matco from arbitrating their claims against Respondent in Ohio. On May 19, 2020, Matco’s Petition to The United States District Court for The Northern District of Ohio Eastern Division, to Compel Arbitration in Ohio of the matter was denied, and Matco’s case was terminated.

*Kyle Pierce v. Matco Tools Corporation, a Delaware Corporation, Ohio, American Arbitration Association, Atlanta, GA office.* Case No. 01-22-0000-5892 (filed March 23, 2022). Counterclaim. Claims: Breach of Distributorship Agreement by Matco for failing to ship orders and provide replacement tools for warranty upon request. On July 7, 2022, the Arbitrator granted Claimant's request to mediate this matter. On August 11, 2022, the parties were able to settle the claims filed by Matco and the counterclaims filed by Claimant. Matco agreed to accept a \$70,000.00 lump sum payment to settle the claims against Claimant in full and Claimant agreed to drop his counterclaims against Matco, concluding this matter.

D. *Other Concluded Actions.* The following case(s) have been concluded or resolved in manner in which there was not a mutual settlement nor an agreement to pay money to the plaintiffs.

*Emanuel Aguilera, Rocio Aguilera and Simon Goro v. Matco Tools Corporation, a Delaware Corporation; California, In The Superior Court Of The State Of California In And For The County Of Alameda; No. RG18931359* (filed December 7, 2018). Class Action Complaint. Claims: Distributor Class: failure to reimburse expenses, unlawful deductions from wages, failure to provide accurate wages statements, failure to pay overtime, failure to provide meal periods, failure to provide rest breaks, failure to pay wages when due, unfair business practices. Spouse Class: failure to pay wages, failure to provide accurate wage statements, unfair business practices. Usury sub-Class: usury and violation of unfair competition law. Relief and/or Damages Sought: an order certifying the classes, compensatory damages according to proof, enhanced damages, liquidated damages and penalties, declaratory relief, pre and post judgment interest, costs, injunctive relief, restitution, attorneys' fees and costs and further relief as the Court deems just and proper. On March 22, 2019 this suit was voluntarily dismissed without prejudice.

*Emanuel Aguilera, Rocio Aguilera and Simon Goro v. Matco Tools Corporation, a Delaware Corporation; California, In The United States District Court, in the Southern District of California, El Centro, California; Civil Action No. 19-cv01576-AJB-AGS* (filed September 19, 2019). First Amended Complaint. Claims: Plaintiffs should receive declaratory judgement finding Distributorship Agreement did not contain an enforceable arbitration provision and Matco should be enjoined from proceeding with arbitration against Plaintiffs in Ohio and found guilty of violation of California's Unfair Competition Law. On January 31, 2020, the Court granted Plaintiffs' application for a temporary restraining order enjoining Matco from arbitrating their claims against them in Ohio. On September 10, 2020, the Court granted a Joint Motion for Dismissal Without Prejudice.

*Matco Tools Corporation, fka NMTC, Inc., dba Matco Tools, a Delaware Corporation v. Simon and Deidre Goro, Ohio, American Arbitration Association, Atlanta, GA office.* Case No. 01-19-0002-0483 (filed June 26, 2019). Claims: Matco filed a claim against Mr. and Ms. Goro for breach of the Distributorship Agreement due to Mr. Goro's failure to pay amounts owed at the time of his resignation for goods sold and delivered to his Matco distributorship. Damages Sought: \$57,419. On January 31, 2020, the United States District Court for the Southern District of California granted Respondent's application for a temporary restraining order enjoining Matco from arbitrating their claims against Respondent in Ohio. On May 29, 2020, Matco's Petition to The United States District Court for The Northern District of Ohio Eastern Division, to Compel Arbitration in Ohio of the matter was denied, and Matco's case was terminated.

*Jim's Speed Shop v. Matco Tools Corporation, In the Magistrate Court of Gwinnett County, State of Georgia* (filed December 22, 2021), Civil Action No. 21M35863; transferred to Superior Court of Gwinnett County as of October 31, 2022, Case No.: 22-A-09413-10. The Plaintiff is an automotive repair shop that purchased tools from a Matco distributor that were financed through

Matco's PSA financing program. The Plaintiff alleged that Matco engaged in lending fraud, and charged "excessive interest". This matter was voluntarily dismissed in April 2024.

E. *Matco Collection Actions.* During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, if Matco filed claims against Distributors for monies owed to Matco for goods sold and delivered to the Distributor and these matters were resolved by the end of the fiscal year, they are disclosed below.

*Matco Tools Corporation, a Delaware Corporation v. Marcus Simpson, Virginia, American Arbitration Association, Atlanta, GA office. Case No. 01-24-0008-0294* (filed September 2024). Claims: Matco filed a claim against Marcus Simpson for breach of the Distributorship Agreement due to failure to pay amounts owed at the time of the termination of their Distributorship. Damages Sought: \$91,604.16 plus interest plus costs and fees. On January 29, 2025, the Arbitrator issued an award of \$91,604.16 plus interest, concluding this matter.

*Matco Tools Corporation, a Delaware Corporation v. Michael Roberts, California, American Arbitration Association, Atlanta, GA office. Case Number: 01-24-0008-0287* (filed September 2024). Claims: Matco filed a claim against Michael Roberts for breach of the Distributorship Agreement due to failure to pay amounts owed at the time of the termination of their Distributorship. Damages Sought: \$85,774.76 plus interest plus costs and fees. The Claim was settled with Michael Roberts agreeing to pay Matco \$39,000.00, pursuant to a confidential settlement agreement (the terms of which are provided here as required by applicable franchise laws and regulations).

F. *Matco Post-Term Covenant Enforcement Actions.* During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, any claims filed by Matco against Distributors due to a Distributor's failure to comply with the post-term covenants in the Distributorship Agreement and these matters were resolved by the end of the fiscal year, they are disclosed below.

*None.*

G. *Other Matco-Initiated Actions.* During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, any claims filed by Matco against Distributors during that fiscal year, for breach of contract or other claims not disclosed in subparts E and F above, and were resolved by the end of the fiscal year, are disclosed below.

*None.*

#### H. *Consent Orders.*

*In the Matter of The Commissioner of Financial Protection and Innovation v. Matco Tools Corporation, Consent Order dated May 5, 2025. Sacramento, California. On May 5, 2025, Matco entered into a Consent Order with the California Department of Financial Protection and Innovation ("DFPI"). This matter relates to a situation involving one franchisee in California who purchased a second franchised distributorship (a "225 distributorship" which is described in Item 5 of this Disclosure Document). Matco had complied with the California franchise registration and exemption requirements under the California Franchise Investment Law ("FIL") and provided the distributor a franchise disclosure document. In preparing the documentation for execution of the new distributorship agreement, Matco incorrectly charged an initial fee of \$8,000, instead of \$5,600 as described in the franchise disclosure document, and Matco sold the distributor an initial inventory package for a regular distributorship instead of the reduced inventory for a 225 distributorship as described in the franchise disclosure document. After Matco learned of the mistake, it refunded the difference in the initial fee and*



offered to repurchase any unsold inventory. Under the Consent Order, the DFPI determined that Matco made two untrue statements of material fact to this franchisee – one regarding the initial fee and one regarding the inventory – which the DFPI determined be to violations of Section 31201 of the FIL. Under the Consent Order, Matco agreed to pay to the DFPI an administrative penalty of \$2,500 for each violation, and to refrain from violating Section 31201 and any other provision of the FIL.

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Other than the ~~17~~20 actions described above, no litigation is required to be disclosed in this Item.

#### **(4) BANKRUPTCY**

No bankruptcy is required to be disclosed in this Item.

#### **(5) INITIAL FEES**

##### Initial Franchise Fee for New Distributors

When you sign the Distributorship Agreement you must pay Matco an initial franchise fee of \$10,000 (the “**Initial Franchise Fee**”). (The Initial Franchise Fee for a new “225 Distributor” will be \$7,000.) The Initial Franchise Fee must be paid in full, unless Matco agrees to finance all or a portion of the Initial Franchise Fee (see Item 10). The Initial Franchise Fee is fully-earned and non-refundable when you sign the Distributorship Agreement.

### Payment of Initial Fees through 401(k) or IRA Funds

Matco understands that some Principal Owners may wish to utilize part or all of their existing 401(k) or IRA funds to invest in a Distributor or a Matco Tools Distributorship, and that there are companies that administer and facilitate those sorts of transactions. Matco does not require or encourage prospective Distributors or Principal Owners to utilize 401(k) or IRA funds, nor does it require or endorse any specific provider or administrator. However, if a Distributor will be using a Principal Owner's 401(k) or IRA funds ("Rollover Funds") for all or a portion of the Distributor's initial start-up costs required under the Distributorship Agreement, including those initial fees as described in this Item 5, Matco understands that such Distributor may not access those Rollover Funds, and will not utilize such Rollover Funds unless and until they sign a Distributorship Agreement and there may be a short-term delay between signing the Distributorship Agreement before such Rollover Funds are disbursed from a Principal Owner's 401(k) or IRA. If you are interested in utilizing Rollover Funds, you must notify Matco as part of the Matco Tools Distributorship application process. You and your Principal Owner must follow precisely the rules and procedures established by the third-party facilitator. Matco understands that a Distributor utilizing Rollover Funds will not have access to such Rollover Funds at the time of signing the Distributorship Agreement, and Matco will allow such Distributor 45 days following execution of the Distributorship Agreement for Distributor to gain access to such Rollover Funds, which time period may be extended, as approved by Matco, for payment of initial required purchases, leases and/or initial fees described in this Item 5 through a 401(k) or IRA funds (the "Rollover Payment Period"). If the Distributor fails to obtain access to the Rollover Funds prior to the expiration of the Rollover Payment Period, Matco will have the right to immediately terminate the Distributorship Agreement upon written notice to Distributor. In such a situation, the Distributor will not have paid any Initial Franchise Fee or other initial fees to Matco, so there will be nothing to be refunded.

### Initial Franchise Fee for Renewing Distributors

If you are renewing your right to operate a Distributorship under a Distributorship Agreement that was signed before March 2014 (which did not have a requirement to pay a renewal fee), Matco will waive the Initial Franchise Fee, and will not charge a renewal fee. If your Distributorship Agreement was signed after March 2014, you must pay the renewal fee set forth in your Distributorship Agreement in lieu of the Initial Franchise Fee.

### Initial Inventory Purchases

In order to meet the customer service expectations associated with the Matco brand, it is important you have Product inventory available when you engage with your Potential Customers. You are required to purchase an initial inventory of Products from Matco (the "**New Distributor Starter Inventory**") before the date your Distributorship commences operations. If you are a new Distributor, you will pay for the New Distributor Starter Inventory in a lump sum, but you will take possession of the inventory over the first few weeks of operating your Distributorship, because ordering and receiving inventory are part of our initial training program. In some instances, your initial inventory may be acquired from a predecessor Distributor.

Currently, the minimum New Distributor Starter Inventory is generally \$80,000. Regardless, your New Distributor Starter Inventory may be higher than the minimum that we designate, as discussed in the next paragraph. This amount may not be uniform for all Distributors, and Matco expects that the amount will range, generally, from \$55,500 to \$92,000 (see Item 7). In 2024, the minimum New Distributor Starter Inventory was generally \$72,000, even though the New Distributor Starter Inventory ranged from \$50,000 to \$84,000 (depending upon the inventory selected). If you qualify, all or a portion of the cost of the New Distributor Starter Inventory may be financed through Matco (see Item 10).

In addition, in response to Distributor requests to purchase more than the standard New Distributor Starter Inventory package, Matco may permit a Distributor to purchase more than the \$80,000 initial starter inventory. Some Distributors and/or some routes may benefit from, or be able to handle, a larger initial inventory. So, while Matco will not require that you or any Distributor purchase more inventory than the “starter inventory,” if you wish to purchase more, Matco will consider that request, and, based on its review, Matco may grant your request. However, Matco will most likely not sell you more than \$92,000 in initial inventory. Items 7 and 10 include disclosures and cost figures that reflect a larger initial inventory purchase, should you choose to do so.

The required initial inventory for a new 225 Distributorship will be lower than that of a standard Distributorship, depending on the number of Potential Customers in the 225 Distributor’s List of Calls. In 2024, the minimum New Distributor Starter Inventory for a new 225 Distributorship was generally \$50,000, even though the New Distributor Starter Inventory ranged from \$47,000 to \$72,000. We expect that in 2024 the minimum New Distributor Starter Inventory for a 225 Distributorship will generally be \$55,000, and the New Distributor Starter Inventory will range from \$52,000 to \$79,750.

The required initial inventory for Distributors who sign an ETD Amendment will be larger than that of a standard Distributorship (approximately \$76,590 to \$126,960 depending on the number of minimum potential customers, but generally \$110,400). By way of example only, if the List of Calls contains 450 Potential Customers, and the standard List of Calls includes 325 Potential Customers, 450 is 38% greater than 325. Consequently, the New Distributor Starter Inventory amount would be 38% greater than the standard \$80,000 New Distributor Starter Inventory requirement, or \$110,400. An existing Distributor that converts to an ETD may gradually increase its inventory to this higher initial inventory level.

#### Time Payment Sales – Time Payment Reserve and Time Payment Line of Credit

“**Time Payment**” sales are a significant portion of the Completed Business (which is the revenue from sales of Products and other products) in your Matco Distributorship. Time Payment sales are credit sales made by you to your customers. When you make a Time Payment sale, you will extend personal credit to finance the customer’s purchase of Products. You establish the terms and conditions for Time Payment sales to your customers, such as down payment, repayment schedule, interest charged, credit limits, and creditworthiness. However, Matco generally recommends that you require full payment on Time Payment sales in five to nine weeks but that you do not charge interest on these Time Payment sales. As you extend credit for Time Payment sales, you bear the risk of loss due to non-payment. Time Payment sales typically comprise a significant percentage (generally about 70%) of most Distributors’ sales.

Currently, you must establish a “**Time Payment Line of Credit**” to help fund Time Payment sales if Matco finances all or a portion of your initial investment in a Distributorship. If you do not participate in one of Matco’s financing programs, you must establish and deposit funds into a “**Time Payment Reserve Account**” to help fund Time Payment Sales. The Time Payment Line of Credit and Time Payment Reserve Account are described below.

#### Time Payment Line of Credit

As discussed above, if you qualify for and obtain financing from Matco, you must establish a Time Payment Line of Credit with Matco to fund Time Payment sales. The Time Payment Line of Credit (also referred to as “**TPLC**” or “**Time Payment LC**” or “**LC**”) will be a revolving line of credit in which the Distributor may utilize up to \$22,000 (or \$28,000 if you are approved for an increased amount) to fund Time Payment Sales.

Every week you will be required to send Matco, via the MDBS Software (defined below), at our headquarters your current Time Payment activity from your business records. Time Payment LC will be accessed automatically by Matco, on your behalf each week. The amount of credit from your Time Payment LC account will be used to pay for your Product inventory purchases. The amount of credit will be determined by calculating the net change in your time payment balances from week to week. The net change in your time payment balances, which is expressed as the retail cost of the Products sold, will be discounted by a factor to determine the approximate net cost value of the change in your time payment balances. The time payment transaction will be drawn on your Time Payment LC and will post directly on your weekly Open Purchase Account statement.

Transfers from your Time Payment LC to pay for Product purchases will occur during periods of growth of your Time Payment sales balances. The Time Payment LC will be available only during the first year of operations under the Distributorship Agreement. Also, the Time Payment LC will be capped at \$22,000 (or \$28,000 if you are approved for an increased amount).

All Time Payment LC monies will be provided at an interest rate of 5% over the Prime Rate. Matco may choose to cap the interest rate if the Prime Rate increases. The Time Payment LC will be required of all Distributors, although the amount of credit that is extended may not be uniform, and will vary from Distributor to Distributor and will vary over time. See Item 10 below for additional disclosures regarding the Time Payment LC financing.

#### Time Payment Reserve

If you elect not to participate in (or fail to qualify for) one of Matco's financing programs, you must deposit \$22,000 into a "Time Payment Reserve Account" held by Matco at the time you sign the Distributorship Agreement. The purpose of the Time Payment Reserve account is to provide a source of funds in addition to cash collections to assist you in maintaining your inventory at adequate levels during the early development of your Distributorship.

Every week you will be required to send Matco, via the MDBS Software (defined below), at Matco's headquarters your current Time Payment activity from your business records.

Your Time Payment Reserve account will be accessed automatically by Matco, on your behalf each week. The amount withdrawn from your Time Payment Reserve account will be used to pay for your Product inventory purchases. The amount withdrawn will be determined by calculating the net change in your time payment balances from week to week. The net change in your time payment balances, which is expressed as the retail cost of the Products sold, will be discounted by a factor to determine the approximate net cost value of the change in your time payment balances. The time payment transfer transaction will be drawn out of your Time Payment Reserve account and the credit will post directly on your weekly Open Purchase Account statement.

Transfers from your Time Payment Reserve account to pay for Product purchases will occur during periods of growth of your Time Payment sales balances. Matco's current policy provides that if, at the end of twelve months following your commencement of operations, there is any balance remaining in the Time Payment Reserve account, and your inventory meets or exceeds the starter inventory level, that amount will be credited by Matco to your Open Purchase Account. If your inventory level falls below that of the starter inventory, the Time Payment Reserve must be used to increase your inventory to the level of your original starter inventory. Any remaining Time Payment Reserve will be credited to your Open Purchase Account.

All Time Payment Reserve account monies on deposit with Matco will earn interest at a rate equal to the

Consumer Money Market Rate as reported in *The Wall Street Journal* as of the first day of the month. At all times the money on deposit in your Time Payment Reserve account remains in your personal account to be used only as described above.

New Distributors who enter into a 225 Amendment and have qualified for Matco financing will be required to utilize the Time Payment Line of Credit as discussed above. New and existing Distributors who enter into a 225 Amendment and have obtained financing other than through Matco will have a lower time payment reserve account requirement, which will range from approximately \$14,750 to \$20,750 depending on the minimum number of Potential Customers in their 225 Amendment.

#### Transfers of Time Payment Accounts Receivable

If you are replacing an existing Matco Distributor who is closing or selling a Distributorship business, you may be offered the opportunity to purchase the preceding Distributor's outstanding Time Payment accounts, if any, from the List of Calls and existing customers. Under normal circumstances, Matco's policy is to recommend that you purchase the Time Payment accounts from the previous Distributor in accordance with current industry practice, which is to purchase qualified Time Payment accounts at 75% of their value. This percentage may only be exceeded with Matco's prior written approval. Matco also normally recommends that you settle the Time Payment accounts with the previous Distributor only after you have had at least 25 business days to evaluate the creditworthiness of the Time Payment accounts purchased. Upon mutual agreement of you and the previous Distributor, payment is typically affected by a transfer of funds on deposit with Matco from your Time Payment Reserve account to the previous Distributor. There may be accounts with higher balances from the previous Distributor that can be collected by you (without purchasing the accounts). The recommended policy on these higher balance time payment accounts allows you to keep 15% of the weekly collections and remit the remaining 85% to the previous Distributor via the "Collected in behalf" process in MDBS Software. This percentage may only be exceeded with Matco's prior written approval.

#### Computer Software License Expenses

Matco has developed computer software for the exclusive use of its Distributors. Matco's proprietary copyrighted software system, called the Matco Distributor Business System ("**MDBS Software**"), is designed to assist you in minimizing paperwork, managing your List of Calls and route, handling inventory, receivables and order processing functions, and performing other tasks relating to operating the Distributorship. To ensure performance and software compatibility, your MDBS computer and software is restricted to your Matco business related functions. For example, to protect your computer from viruses, worms and spyware of any nature and to ensure that the MDBS Software is not compromised, your MDBS computer should not be used to browse the Internet for personal use, it should not be used for gaming, and other third-party software should not be loaded and executed on the computer. You must sign the Matco Distributor Business System Software License, Maintenance and Support Agreement (the "**Software License Agreement**") attached to this Disclosure Document and pay Matco the initial software license fee, which is currently \$899, prior to the date you begin operating your Distributorship. As described in Item 6, there will also be an annual \$350 license fee for Credit Card Processing Software and an annual \$45 license fee for Signature Pad processing software that interfaces with the MDBS Software. The Software License Agreement is for an initial term of one year, with automatic renewals for additional one-year terms. Beginning with the second month of the Software License Agreement and each year thereafter, you will be required to pay an annual software maintenance fee, which is currently \$450 for systems meeting Matco's required specifications. If you have a system that does not meet Matco's required specifications, including manufacturer, model, configuration, operating system, virus protection and/or non-Matco-specified use of third-party software and Internet sites, the annual charge for systems maintenance and support will include, in addition to the \$450 fee, an

annual charge of \$400 until you comply, to Matco's satisfaction, with Matco's required and exact PC configuration and/or removal of non-Matco specified third party software. Computer software license expenses are non-refundable, and are uniformly imposed on all Distributors.

#### Web Page Set-Up Fee

Matco has established a website supporting the entire system and offers you a web page (or subpage) on Matco's Website. You are required to sign the Matco Tools Web Page Agreement (Exhibit Q to the Distributorship Agreement) and pay a one-time web page set-up fee of \$195. Under this Agreement, Matco will provide you with your own subpage on Matco's website.

#### Document Processing Fee

When you elect to start a Matco franchise, Matco will prepare franchise and financial documents for you to review and execute, and, if necessary, will file applicable documents with state agencies as required. The processing/filing fees for these services will be \$99. You must pay this fee to Matco upon signing the Distributorship Agreement.

#### Incentive Programs

Matco currently has in place a "Building the Dream" incentive program, which includes (1) the Veteran Award Program and (2) the diversity award program, which are described further below.

##### *Veteran Award Program*

Matco has a Veteran Award Program (originally established in connection with the VetFran program established by the International Franchise Association in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, the Veterans Corporation, and the U.S. Small Business Administration). Under the Veteran Award Program, Matco will provide to each new Distributor whose Principal Owner is an honorably-discharged veteran of the U.S. military who purchases a "standard" or "ETD" Matco Distributorship \$10,000 of hand tools (valued at list price) at no charge. An honorably-discharged veteran of the U.S. military who is the Principal Owner of a Distributor who purchases a "225" Distributorship is eligible to receive \$6,750 of hand tools (valued at list price) at no charge. Matco will require proof of eligibility from those prospective Distributors who wish to take advantage of the incentive offered under this program. This incentive may be used only once by a veteran and will not apply to additional franchises, or modifications to existing franchises or distributorships.

##### *Diversity Award Program*

Matco also has a diversity award program. The diversity award program offers candidates who self-identify as diverse the opportunity to apply for the award. The application process includes a written application, an essay, and an interview. Candidates who are selected for the diversity award will receive an \$8,000 credit to use toward the expenses they incur starting a Distributorship. This amount is currently credited to the awardee's Open Purchase Account in two installments, as follows: \$4,000 is credited to the Open Purchase Account initially, and \$4,000 is credited to the Open Purchase Account thirty days after the initial amount is credited. This diversity award is part of Matco's and Vontier's commitment to inclusion, diversity and equity at work and in our communities. Matco expects to grant one diversity award each month. This incentive may be used only once and will not apply to additional franchises, or modifications to existing franchises or distributorships.



## Alcohol and Drug Policies

Conducting Distributorship operations, including the operation of the Mobile Store, while impaired or under the influence of drugs or alcohol is a violation of law, potentially hazardous to the Distributor, its employees, and to the public, and impairs the Matco brand name, Marks and the goodwill associated with the Marks. Thus, the Distributor must ensure that the Distributorship is operated in compliance with all applicable laws including that the Mobile Store is not operated by anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

### (6) OTHER FEES

Type of Fee <sup>(1)</sup>	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
Inventory Purchases	Maintain an inventory of Products; and maintain a ratio of purchase average to total sales of at least 60% <sup>(2)</sup> . Also, initially, you will be automatically enrolled in the NPP program. <sup>(2)</sup>	Weekly	See Items 8 and 12
Computer Maintenance and Support Charge <sup>(3)</sup>	\$720 or \$1,120 <sup>(3)(4)</sup>	Annually	See Items 5 and 7
License Fee for Credit Card Processing Software	\$350	Annually	See Items 5 and 7
License Fee for Signature Pad Processing Software	\$45	Annually	See Items 5 and 7
Additional Training Fee (for Business Partner) <sup>(5)</sup>	\$295	On or before training starts	See Item 11
Field Training for Additional or Replacement Employees and Operators <sup>(6)</sup>	\$1,500 per week for field training provided to the 2nd and subsequent employees/Operators	On or before training starts	See Item 11
Per Diem Training Fee for Additional or Replacement Employees and Operators <sup>(6)</sup>	\$300 per day, per attendee	On or before training starts	See Note 6
Web Page Maintenance Fee <sup>(7)</sup>	\$195	Annually, on the anniversary date of Web Page Agreement	See Note 7
Insurance <sup>(8)</sup>	\$256 to \$1,197	Monthly	See Note 8
Late Fee on Open Purchase Account	5% of amount due, per week; maximum \$125	Upon invoice or demand	See Item 10
Collection Charge			

Type of Fee <sup>(1)</sup>	Amount	Due Date	Remarks
	5-10% of the amount collected by Matco on behalf of Distributor	Upon invoice or demand, <u>and</u> charged to Open Purchase Account	See Note 9
Inventory Returns, Restocking Fee	15% restocking fee (35% in limited circumstances)	Upon invoice or demand, charged to Open Purchase Account (restocking fee)	See Note 10
Repair Kits	\$10 to \$40 per kit (but, generally \$10 per kit)	Upon invoice or demand	See Note 11
Successor Distributorship Fee	50% of Matco's then-current Initial Franchise Fee	On or before the date you sign a Successor Distributorship Agreement	See Note 12
Management Fee – Transfer Upon Bankruptcy	Currently, \$500 per day, plus any third-party charges and professional fees	Upon invoice or demand	See Note 13

Notes:

- (1) You are not required to pay any monthly or periodic royalty, franchise, license, advertising or other fee (except the annual software maintenance fee described below) during the term of the Distributorship Agreement.
- (2) You must purchase Products from Matco on a regular basis, in order to maintain sufficient inventory to meet your obligations and promote and sell a full line of Matco Products, and to meet the expectations and needs to existing and Potential Customers, especially in terms of product availability and timeliness of delivery. After the New Distributor Starter Inventory, you are solely responsible for determining the inventory of Products best suited to meet the needs and expectations of your customers and to meet your sales and promotional obligations under the Distributorship Agreement. As described in Item 5, new and existing Distributors who sign a 225 Amendment will have a lower New Distributor Starter Inventory level, or threshold. Also, you must maintain a minimum of a 60% ratio of a calculation of your year-to-date purchases divided by your year-to-date sales. Initially, you will be automatically enrolled in Matco's New Product Pipeline ("NPP") program, but you can unenroll at any time. Under the NPP program, whenever Matco develops or acquires a new Product, Matco will ship the new Product to you promptly upon introduction, according to the pricing "Tier" and the number of units designated by you at the time of enrollment into the NPP program. Our current plan is to send you no more than two new Products through the NPP program per month. You will be automatically enrolled in pricing Tier 1 (see below). Matco will charge your Open Purchase Account for the cost of the Product. If you do not want the Product, or cannot sell the Product, then you may return the Product to Matco within 60 days of receipt, and you will receive a credit of the full cost of the product to your Open Product Purchase Account. The returned Product must be in new condition and in its original packaging in order to qualify for full credit under the NPP program. Within the NPP program, there are three purchase level tiers based on the price of the new Product at Distributor



net pricing – Tier 1 at \$75 or less, Tier 2 at \$150 or less, and Tier 3 at \$225 or less. In addition, at the time of enrollment, you may select the number of units you would like to receive of each new Product under your selected Tier. Your participation in the NPP program is voluntary. Matco may alter or eliminate the NPP program at any time.

- (3) The computer maintenance and support charge is payable on the second month of the term of the Software License Agreement and annually thereafter upon the anniversary date of the Software License Agreement. The current annual charge is \$450, and this amount is subject to change by Matco from time to time; however, the amount will not increase more than \$150 per year for each year of the term of the Distributorship. Matco has set specific hardware requirements in order to ensure proper functioning of the MDBS Software. The hardware specifications for the computer system are described in paragraph 4 of the Software License Agreement. As noted in Item 1, and as discussed in detail in Item 7, Matco may offer a Conversion Incentive Program to qualified Conversion Distributors. If you qualify, some of the initial incentives may reduce your first year's fees and costs for the MDBS system.
- (4) In each year of the Software License Agreement, the annual maintenance and support charge may include an additional \$400 charge if your system does not satisfy our required and exact PC manufacturer, model, configuration operating system, virus protection and/or non-Matco-specified use of third-party software and Internet sites. Software maintenance and support does not include MDBS Software support services assisting in the removal of viruses, worms or spyware of any nature. This service may be available from Matco at \$50/hour. (See Item 5 above and Paragraphs 2 and 6 of the Software License Agreement.)
- (5) If your Principal Owner elects to bring her or his Business Partner to the Matco Business System Training Program (the "**MBST Program**"), Matco will charge you a flat fee in the amount of \$295, for food, lodging, and local transportation. Matco encourages your Principal Owner to bring her or his Business Partner to Phase 1 of the New Distributorship Training Program.
- (6) Upon your request, Matco will provide Phase 1 of the MBST Program, at time and place Matco designates, to any new or replacement employee or Operator that you hire, subject to the availability of Matco's personnel. Matco will provide the MBST program for your first additional employee or replacement employee free of charge. However, for the second employee and other additional employees or Operators that you hire who will not be operating new Mobile Stores, we will charge our then-current weekly fee for the in-field portion of the MBST Program, which includes our travel, meal, lodging, and payroll expenses to send a trainer to you. Matco's current fee is \$1,500 per week, but Matco may change this amount at any time; however, the amount will not increase more than 30% per year for each year of the term of the Distributorship Agreement. You are responsible for your employees' and Operators' travel, meal, and lodging expenses associated with attending the MBST Program, as well as your salary and fringe benefit expenses associated with sending employees and Operators to, and attending, the MBST program. Matco will provide the Matco Business System Training Continuation Program ("**MBSCT Program**," Phase 2 of training), at the time and place Matco designates, to your Principal Owner and, if you so request, to any Operator between your 2nd and 5th month in business. Matco does not charge any fees for this training. Matco will pay for up to four nights lodging for your Principal Owner (one person) Operator at the training location, if you comply with the policies that Matco establishes from time to time regarding such travel and lodging. However, you are responsible for your Principal Owner's and Operators' other travel, meal, and lodging expenses associated with attending the MBSCT Program, as well as your salary and fringe benefit expenses associated with sending your Principal Owner and Operators to, and attending, the MBSCT program. Matco's current per diem training fee for each additional trainee

to attend the MBST Program and/or MBSCT Program is \$300 per day per attendee. Matco reserves the right to increase such fee from time to time; however, the fee will not increase more than \$100 per year for each year of the term of the Distributorship Agreement.

- (7) Matco created and maintains a Website, and offers all Distributors the opportunity to have a web page for their Distributorships on the Matco Website. The Distributor must sign Matco's "Matco Tools Web Page Agreement" (currently attached as Exhibit Q to the Distributorship Agreement). The Web Page Agreement requires a one-time \$195 set-up fee (see Item 5 above), and an annual maintenance fee of \$195 per year. The Distributor must comply with Matco's web page policies which can be modified at Matco's discretion. If Matco increases the annual maintenance fee, such increase will not be by more than \$50 per year for each year of the term of the Distributorship Agreement.
- (8) You must purchase comprehensive commercial general liability insurance, including products liability coverage, and vehicle liability insurance coverages, with minimum limits of each policy of at least \$1,000,000 and a maximum deductible of \$1,000. Additionally, you must purchase all risk Inland Marine coverage for full replacement value equal to the New Distributor Starter Inventory. You must also purchase "replacement cost" coverage for your Mobile Store, computer system, inventory and other items used in operating the Distributorship. Matco reserves the right to modify its insurance policies from time to time. Matco may provide or designate a specified provider of insurance, and require that you purchase the insurance from the designated provider, or utilize Matco as a conduit to purchase the insurance from the designated provider. In the alternative, Matco may also require that you obtain insurance from a provider of your choosing that meets Matco's standards and specifications.

For distributors that participate in Matco's financing programs, Matco's current policy is to require that all insurance policies are purchased through the Charles L. Crane Agency, Ayers Insurance Agency, or Marsh McLennan, unless expressly authorized by Matco. The Distributor will make an initial payment toward the insurance premiums directly to Charles L. Crane Agency or Ayers Insurance Agency (approximately 25%). Thereafter, Matco may act as a conduit to pay the premium payments for this insurance. If Matco acts in such capacity, you will be charged monthly for these insurance premiums through your Open Purchase Account, such that you must make periodic payments to Matco to pay the cost of the insurance. Matco may modify this policy from time to time. If it is not possible for Matco to act in such capacity, you will pay monthly payments directly instead.

Distributors who do not participate in Matco's financing programs may obtain the required insurance from a provider of their choosing.

If Matco requires that you obtain your own insurance coverage, and you do not obtain and maintain the proper insurance coverage, Matco may purchase the required insurance on your behalf and charge your Open Purchase Account for the amount of the premium paid.

- (9) In the event that Distributor requests that Matco undertake Distributor's obligations to collect payment of moneys owed by customers of Distributor for Products sold by Distributor to such customers, pursuant to the Distributor's Purchase-Security Agreement Credit Assignment Agreement (at Exhibit E to the Distributorship Agreement), and if Matco agrees to undertake such collection activities, or if Distributor fails to pursue collections from customers and Matco chooses to undertake collection activities that Distributor fails or refuses to do, Matco may assess a collection fee in the amount set forth in Matco's then current policies and guidelines, which may be changed by Matco in writing from time to time. As of March 1, 2025, the collection fee

for such activities performed by Matco shall be an amount equal to between 5% and 10% of the amount collected by Matco, and if Matco determines to assess such a fee, the fee ~~shall~~will be charged to the Distributor's Open Purchase Account. Matco shall notify the Distributor if Matco intends to assess such fee, and of the specific collection fee percentage, prior to undertaking the collection actions described in the Distributor's Purchase-Security Agreement Credit Assignment Agreement. Such collection fee is subject to change by Matco from time to time; however, the fee will not exceed 20% of the amount collected by Matco.

- (10) Matco's current tool return policy (see Items 11 and 16) provides that a Distributor may return eligible tools and other inventory that the Distributor purchased from Matco for credit. Matco will charge a 15% restocking fee for many, but not all, returned products. The 15% restocking fee is based on the Distributor's price paid for the Product at the original date of purchase (to the extent records are available). Products that are returned that are used, damaged, not in the original packaging, discontinued, special order, or high obsolescence electronic products will not be accepted for return. For items returned without the proper paperwork, the restocking fee will be 15%, plus an additional 20% of the Distributor purchase price of the Product. For warranty items that are returned for repair, there is no restocking fee (except if the products are returned without the proper paperwork or shipping documents, Matco will charge a fee equal to 20% of the Distributor purchase price of the product). The restocking fees will be charged to the Distributor's Open Purchase Account.
- (11) As a Distributor, you and your Principal Owner (and, in some cases, an Operator) must perform certain warranty service functions in the field at the customer's place of business. These "in the field" services include the repair of ratchets and toolboxes. For ratchet warranty repairs, you must purchase ratchet repair kits, at a cost of \$10 to \$40 per kit (but most kits are \$10 per kit). You must return the defective part to Matco, and pay the shipping/freight charges. Matco will credit the cost of the ratchet warranty repair kit upon return of the defective parts to Matco. Matco includes ratchet warranty repair instructions on its website for Distributors. (See also Item 11 below for a discussion of in the field warranty repairs and Item 16 for additional information about the warranty program.)
- (12) You must pay a Successor Distributorship Fee equal to 50% of Matco's then-current Initial Franchise Fee if you choose to reacquire your Distributorship for an additional 10-year period. If you are renewing a "225 Distributorship," the Successor Distributorship Fee will be 50% of Matco's then-current initial franchise fee for "225 Distributorships."
- (13) In the case of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding of a Principal Owner, if satisfactory replacement for the Principal Owner is not retained by the Distributor, Matco will have the option to take over operation of the Distributorship, or to hire and retain a replacement on the Distributor's behalf, until the transfer is completed, and to charge a reasonable management fee for these services. Currently, the fee is \$500 per day, plus any third party charges and professional fees. Such fee is subject to change by Matco from time to time; however, the fee will not increase more than 25% per year for each year of the term of the Distributorship Agreement.

Each fee is imposed by and payable to Matco, and are uniformly imposed on all Distributors (unless otherwise noted). All fees are nonrefundable. However, the Product inventory that you are required to purchase on a weekly basis is resalable.

Matco does not have advertising cooperatives.

## (7) ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT

### YOUR ESTIMATED INITIAL INVESTMENT

This table provides an estimate of your initial investment for your Matco® Distributorship.

Type of Expenditure	Amount: Estimated Range Of Cost (Low-High)	Method of Payment	When Due	To Whom Payment Is To Be Made
Initial Franchise Fee <sup>1/</sup>	\$10,000	Lump Sum or Weekly (if financed)	When you sign the Distributorship Agreement	Matco
Initial Inventory <sup>2/</sup>	\$55,500 – \$92,000	Lump Sum	Prior to Start	Matco or Predecessor Distributor
Acquisition and Establishment of Time Payment Reserve Accounts <sup>3/ 3(a)</sup> <b>Or</b> Time Payment Line of Credit <sup>3(b)/</sup>	\$22,000  \$4,700 – \$9,325	Lump Sum	Prior to Start	Matco and/or Predecessor Distributor
Mobile Store – 1 1/2 months' lease payments <sup>4/</sup>	\$3,920 – \$211,633	Weekly Installments	Weekly/Upon Delivery	Dealer or leasing company
Computer Hardware <sup>5/</sup>	\$3,100 - \$4,200	Lump Sum	Monthly/Upon Delivery	Supplier
Computer Software and Internet Service <sup>6/</sup> – three months' payments	\$2,050 – \$3,250	Monthly Installments	Prior to Start	Matco and Internet and Credit Card Service Providers
Insurance – three months' premiums <sup>7/</sup>	\$795 – \$3,591	Lump Sum	Prior to Start	Supplier
Travel, Lodging and Meal Expenses <sup>8/</sup>	\$179 – \$3,015	Lump Sum	Prior to Start	Airlines, Hotels & Restaurants
Professional Services <sup>9/</sup> –	\$310 – \$5,852	Lump Sum	As Arranged	Attorneys, Accountants and other professionals
Fixtures, Supplies, Licenses <sup>10/</sup>	\$525 – \$4,400	Lump Sum	Prior to Start	Suppliers
Additional Funds – three months <sup>11/12</sup>	\$5,000 – \$13,500	Lump Sum	Prior to Start	Suppliers, as

Type of Expenditure	Amount: Estimated Range Of Cost (Low-High)	Method of Payment	When Due	To Whom Payment Is To Be Made
				incurred
TOTAL	\$108,079.50 to \$382,766			

Notes:

Payments are not refundable unless otherwise noted.

- (1) As discussed in Item 5, the Initial Franchise Fee is \$10,000. The Initial Fee must be paid in full, unless Matco agrees to finance all or a portion of the Initial Fee (see Item 10). The Initial Franchise Fee is fully-earned and non-refundable when you sign the Distributorship Agreement. For a new “225 Distributor,” the Initial Franchise Fee will be \$7,000. If you are renewing your right to operate a Distributorship under a Distributorship Agreement that was signed before March 2014 (which did not have a requirement to pay a renewal fee), Matco will waive the Initial Franchise Fee, and will not charge a renewal fee. If your Distributorship Agreement was signed after March 2014, you must pay the renewal fee set forth in your Distributorship Agreement in lieu of the Initial Franchise Fee.
- (2) Your initial inventory will cost between \$55,500 and \$92,000 (or between \$52,000 to \$79,750 if Matco grants you a 225 Amendment). The current Distributor Starter Inventory is generally \$80,000 (or \$55,500 for a 225 Amendment Distributor), but as discussed in Item 5, we may permit some Distributors to purchase up to \$92,000 of initial inventory. This amount also may increase periodically due to various factors such as the cost of goods, the product mix, and/or the introduction of new tools (see Item 10). You will pay for this initial inventory in a lump sum, but you will take possession of the inventory over the course of the first few weeks of operating your Distributorship, because ordering and receiving inventory are part of our initial training program. If you qualify, Matco may finance up to \$102,000 of your initial investment with no down payment, which will consist of up to \$92,000 in financing which must be applied towards your Distributor Starter Inventory and up to \$10,000 in financing which must be applied towards the initial franchise fee. In addition, we will provide up to \$22,000 in financing to be applied towards your Time Payment Line of Credit (or \$28,000 if you are approved for an increased amount). You must maintain or exceed this Time Payment amount during the term of your Distributorship. Matco’s interest rate, which ranges from Prime Rate plus 4% up to Prime Rate plus 6%, will be based on your Principal Owner’s credit score at the time you submit your Application. Matco may also consider additional factors, such as the amount financed over/under the starter inventory (\$80,000 to \$92,000), in determining your final interest rate. This factor, or others, could cause your interest rate to be lower or higher than the rate that is based solely on your Principal Owner’s credit score, with a variation of plus or minus 2%. Assuming a principal amount of \$90,000 (which is based on the standard \$80,000 Distributor Starter Inventory package and a \$10,000 initial franchise fee) at an annual percentage rate of 11.5% (Prime Rate plus 4%), weekly payments of \$295.88 would be made over a 120-month term. With an annual percentage rate of 13.5% (Prime Rate plus 6%), weekly payments of \$321.21 would be made over a 120-month term. (See Note 2 and Item 10.) If your initial inventory purchase is larger (up to \$92,000) these weekly payments will be different. See Item 10 for more details regarding the financing options that may be available from Matco.

All products are subject to the tool return policy that is then in effect if you return the products. (See Items 5, 6, 11 and 16 for additional discussion of the tool return and warranty policies.)

In certain situations, Matco may also finance a portion of your initial purchase of inventory in excess of the estimated, or generally expected levels of inventory. However, your additional purchases of initial inventory may exceed the amount Matco will finance toward your initial investment.

If you are a renewing Distributor, you will not be required to purchase a new initial inventory of Products. You must maintain the level of inventory specified in your renewal Distributorship Agreement.

- (3) (a) As noted in Item 5, if your initial investment is not financed by Matco, you will be required to deposit \$22,000 in a Time Payment Reserve account. See also Item 10 below.

(b) As discussed in Item 5 and Item 10, Time Payment sales will be funded through a Time Payment Line of Credit (or TPLC), which is financed by Matco. You, as a Distributor, will likely use a portion of the \$22,000 (or \$28,000 if you are approved for an increased amount)) revolving Time Payment LC. We estimate that during the first three months of operation you will utilize approximately \$4,700 to \$9,325 of the Time Payment LC. (See Item 5 and Item 10 for details regarding the Time Payment LC.)
- (4) The Mobile Store is the required vehicle, or truck, that your Principal Owner (and, in some cases, an Operator) will use to visit customers, stock inventory, and sell products. The lower range of the estimated cost is an amount equal to one and a half monthly lease payments of \$2,290 (although payments are made weekly) and down payment of \$485 on a used Mobile Store. The higher range of the estimated cost is an amount equal to the full cash purchase price of a new Mobile Store. (This does not include additional options, applicable federal and state excise, sales, or other taxes and licenses, which will vary from state to state.) We estimate that the average initial costs for the required Mobile Store will reflect a lease of a new Mobile Store, with a down payment of \$5,215 to \$6,050 and 6 weekly payments of \$673 to \$710 each for an average cost of \$4,038 to \$4,260 (plus the down payment). (A Distributor that qualifies for, and obtains, the supplemental financing described in Item 10 must obtain, by lease or purchase, a new Mobile Store.) The cost estimates are included for Distributorships in the continental United States. We expect that the costs will be higher for Distributorships in Alaska, Hawaii, and Puerto Rico due to transportation expenses and other costs that might be associated with transporting specially equipped vehicles to these types of distant locations. The Mobile Store must be equipped and used solely for operating the Distributorship, and must meet Matco's specifications and requirements to display your Product inventory and to provide on-site sales and service to your customers. If you wish to change Mobile Stores during the term of your Distributorship Agreement, you must obtain prior written authorization from Matco's Director, Franchise Development & Compliance before doing so.
- (5) You are required to purchase or lease a new (not previously owned or refurbished) personal computer (a "laptop") as specified by Matco. Matco will provide you with its specifications for hardware (such as the operating system, hard drive size, memory, maintenance/warranty, printers, etc.) Matco-specified barcode reading and label printing equipment, Signature Pad, and Matco specified credit card swipe device. You will be responsible for acquiring and maintaining access to the Internet through a high-speed Internet Service Provider in order to communicate with Matco. Cable or DSL connections are preferred. In addition, you will be required to purchase a cellular communications card and service in order to connect to the Internet while on



your route. The hardware specifications for the computer system will be revised from time to time. Matco establishes specific hardware standards solely for the purpose of optimum MDBS software performance. The current list is specified in paragraph 4 of the Software License Agreement. We have negotiated a package price for the computer hardware and peripherals from the manufacturer, but you may purchase the products from any supplier. The figures in the chart reflect the package price for the computer hardware. You may be able to lease the equipment, but we are not aware of specific leasing prices and/or terms.

You will be responsible for acquiring and maintaining the computer hardware and manufacturer's operating system software required to execute the MDBS Software. You will also be responsible for acquiring and maintaining anti-virus software on your computer in order to keep the system secure. In addition, you will be solely responsible for complying with any and all policies surrounding credit card processing compliance (PCI) and personally identifiable information (PII). You and not Matco will be solely responsible for any breach of customer credit card data, customer personally identifiable information or your credit card merchant account.

- (6) You must sign the Software License Agreement and pay the specified initial software license fee for the MDBS Software which is currently \$899, the \$350 annual fee for the credit card processing software, and the \$45 annual fee for the Signature Pad software, as well as the specified annual fee of \$450 for the Systems Maintenance and Support upon the second month of the Software License Agreement (see Items 5, 6 and 11). In addition, if you attend training and your computer does not meet Matco's previously published standards, you may be charged an additional fee of \$400, which will be assessed annually thereafter until your computer meets Matco's published compliance standards. These charges may apply if the computer system or configuration does not comply in its entirety with our specifications, and/or the equipment required for Matco Business System Training Program is not received at Matco one week before the training class starts, and/or the Matco MDBS staff are required to assist in the purchase, shipping, verification or additional computer setup or configuration. Additionally, as noted in Item 8 below, Matco requires that you subscribe to an Internet service provider and/or cellular service provider. Currently, the cost for such service, depending upon the provider and the level of service, ranges from \$80/month to \$200/month, and may vary greatly in different areas. The chart includes an estimate for 3 months of service, which includes cellular service. Additionally, the estimated range of costs as noted includes the one-time web page set-up fee of \$195 (see Item 5). However, not included in this chart, is the annual maintenance fee of \$195 as specified by the Web Page Agreement for your web page on the Matco Website (see Item 6).
- (7) Under the Distributorship Agreement, you must obtain and maintain the insurance coverages and policies that we prescribe in the Manual. Currently, you must purchase comprehensive commercial general liability insurance, including products liability coverage, and vehicle liability insurance coverages, with minimum limits of each policy of at least \$1,000,000 and a maximum deductible of \$1,000. Additionally, you must purchase all risk Inland Marine coverage for full replacement value equal to the New Distributor Starter Inventory. You must also purchase "replacement cost" coverage for your Mobile Store, computer system, inventory and other items used in operating the Distributorship.

Matco reserves the right to modify its insurance policies from time to time. Matco may provide or designate a specified provider of insurance, and require that you purchase the insurance from the designated provider, or utilize Matco as a conduit to purchase the insurance from the designated provider. In the alternative, Matco may also require that you obtain insurance from a provider of your choosing that meets Matco's standards and specifications.

For distributors that participate in Matco's financing programs, Matco's current policy is to require that all insurance policies are purchased through the Charles L. Crane Agency or Ayers Insurance Agency. The Distributor will make an initial payment toward the insurance premiums directly to Charles L. Crane Agency or Ayers Insurance Agency (approximately 25%). Thereafter, however, Matco will act as a conduit to pay the premium payments for this insurance. You will be charged monthly for these insurance premiums through your Open Purchase Account, such that you must make periodic payments to Matco to pay the cost of the insurance. Matco may modify this policy from time to time. Distributors who do not participate in Matco's financing programs may obtain the required insurance from a provider of their choosing.

All insurance policies must (a) designate Matco as an additional named insured; (b) provide that Matco receive a copy of all notices of cancellation, nonrenewal, or coverage change at least 30 days prior to the effective date; (c) require the insurer to provide and pay for legal counsel to defend any claims or actions brought against you or Matco; and (d) properly name the Distributor as the insured. The Inland Marine policy must reflect Matco as the Lender's Loss Payable, as their interests may appear. The "Lender's Loss Payable" clause must provide, at a minimum, that any loss will be payable to the insured and Matco as the loss payee described on the schedule and that the insurance for the loss payee continues in effect even when the insured's insurance may be void because of the insured's acts, neglect, or failure to comply with the coverage terms. Insurance costs are highly dependent on the geographical location of your business, the dollar amount of your inventory, the type of Mobile Store you own and other factors. If Matco requires that you obtain your own insurance, you must provide a certificate of insurance to Matco showing compliance with Matco's insurance requirements upon the initial purchase and upon the annual renewal of the policies. If Matco requires that you obtain your own insurance coverage, and you do not obtain and maintain the proper insurance coverage, Matco may purchase the required insurance on your behalf and charge your Open Purchase Account for the amount of the premium paid, as described in Item 6.

- (8) Travel expenses include the estimated cost of travel for your Principal Owner and any other attendees to and from the location of the initial training program and your home, and the cost of travel to the dealership to take delivery of your Mobile Store and to drive it home. The actual cost of travel will depend on your Principal Owner's home location, your Principal Owner's mode of travel and whether your Principal Owner's Business Partner accompanies her or him to training. Travel to and from the airport for scheduled arrivals and departures, and daily travel to and from Matco's headquarters, is provided to your Principal Owner and any Operator at no charge. (Unscheduled arrivals from the airport to the lodging facility will be at your expense.) Matco has negotiated lodging and meal accommodations at the initial training program. The cost of the room and meals will be billed directly to your Open Purchase Account. Lodging is located near Matco's headquarters, Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, and/or Akron-Canton Regional Airport. Lunches will be catered during actual training sessions at a cost not to exceed \$18 per day, which will be billed to your Open Purchase Account at the conclusion of the initial training program. However, you will be solely responsible for dinners. (The figure in the chart for the high end of the range includes the \$295 fee for your Principal Owner's Business Partner.) Other expenses that you may incur, which are not included in the estimated cost, may include telecommunication charges, entertainment, alcoholic beverages, or rental car expense.
- (9) Professional services may include those provided directly to you for accounting, legal, and other consulting services. The employment of these services is at your discretion and fees will vary based on type of service, amount of service, and who provides the service. For instance, you are required to own and operate your Distributorship as an entity, and we recommend that you



engage an attorney to assist you with formation of the entity. The high end of the range indicated in the chart above contemplates that you will engage an attorney to assist you with forming an entity. But, you are not required to do so. In addition, you are encouraged to obtain the guidance and assistance of a lawyer and/or accountant prior to signing the Distributorship Agreement. You also may require the assistance of those professionals during the early phases of operating your Distributorship.

- (10) The costs for initial fixtures, supplies, and licenses will vary by the specific requirements of each Distributor and the requirements of the local laws in which business will be conducted. Supplies include items such as Matco-branded attire, business forms, stationery, business cards, catalogs, promotional literature and sales materials. Licenses typically include general business licenses required by cities and localities in which you will do business. To operate your Distributorship as an entity, we estimate that the state filing fees and other related will cost approximately \$150 to \$2,000, which is reflected in the range that is shown in the table.
- (11) Your requirement for additional funds will vary. You will require an amount of initial capital at the time of start-up and will need working funds throughout the operation of your business. During training and before your Distributorship commences operations, you will not be earning income from the Distributorship. In addition, during the initial start-up period of the Distributorship, cash flow may be insufficient to allow your Principal Owner to draw a salary or cover her or his personal living expenses. The estimated additional funds will help finance business expenses (e.g., Mobile Store operating expenses, freight (including packaging and shipping warranty and overstock items to Matco as well as shipping for certain items from Matco), loan payments, cell phone, and bad debt on receivables) during start-up and during periods in which collections from customers are not adequate. This amount represents Matco's estimate of the costs associated with the first three months of operating your Distributorship and is based on Matco's working knowledge of the operating experiences of its existing Distributors. The estimated additional funds do not include any salary or draw for your Principal Owner to pay personal living expenses. Since the cost of personal living expenses varies greatly among Principal Owners, Matco does not include those expenses in its estimates for your initial investment. As part of your financial planning, you must take your personal living expenses into account during periods of insufficient cash flow.
- (12) You must have funds committed for the start-up period of the Distributorship, including, but not limited to, the expenditures associated with initial fixtures, supplies, and licenses, prior to and as a pre-condition to commencing operation of the Distributorship. We reserve the right to require that certain Matco-financed distributors pay to Matco an amount, determined by Matco, that will be designated as a reserve and set aside for payment of a portion of these initial costs and expenses (the "**Initial Investment Reserve**"). The amount of the initial costs and expenses that the Distributor incurs in connection with commencing operations and operating during the start-up period of the Distributorship will exceed the Initial Investment Reserve, and the Initial Investment Reserve is intended only to offset these initial expenditures.

Matco will maintain the Initial Investment Reserve in an account. The Initial Investment Reserve will not be held in a trust or escrow account and Matco has no fiduciary obligation to distributors respecting the Initial Investment Reserve. Matco may commingle the Distributor's Initial Investment Reserve with other monies, including similar funds and monies held for other distributors. Matco has no obligation to keep the Initial Investment Reserve separate from any revenues or other amounts it receives.

Matco will disburse the Initial Investment Reserve to the Distributor at a time determined by Matco so that the Distributor may make payments to third parties, which will typically be approximately two months after the effective date of the Distributorship Agreement. If you are designated by Matco to pay an Initial Investment Reserve, Matco will notify you, prior to signing the Distributorship Agreement, of this requirement, and Matco will only seek to collect the Initial Investment Reserve with your knowledge and consent. Matco may appoint a designee to collect, maintain, and/or disburse the Distributor's Initial Investment Reserve.

- (13) Matco recommends that all prospective distributors conduct a thorough evaluation of the Matco Distributorship business, including developing estimates for revenues, costs, and expenses (in addition to individual, personal, family, and household costs and expenses, such as mortgage or rent, car payments, and other aspects of a family budget). To assist with that evaluation of business expenses, Matco has included, as Appendix R to this Disclosure Document, a "Distributor Expense Worksheet." As you will see, many of the expense items in the Worksheet identify initial investment expense line items from Item 7. You are not required to use the Worksheet. But if you do, please review the notes and explanations, and remember that the Worksheet is for you, your advisor, and your calculations, and Matco will not assist you in completing it nor provide any figures for you.
- (14) Conversion Incentive Program. As discussed in Item 1, Matco may offer to qualified Conversion Distributors certain incentives to become a Matco Distributor. One component of the incentive may provide funding for a portion of some of the Conversion Distributors' initial costs. These incentives may include payments for, or reduced costs for, one or more of the following: updating an existing mobile store, or purchasing or leasing a new Matco Mobile Store; the Matco-approved new computer system; MDBS; Matco-branded attire; business cards and related promotional materials; and transportation and any other costs related to MBST training in Stow, Ohio.

This component of the incentive, if offered, may total between \$7,000 and \$9,650 and will reduce your initial start-up costs. If Matco provides these incentives, they will be a credit to your Open Purchase Account. But if you leave the system, or are terminated, within the first 24 months of operations, these amounts will be charged back to your Open Purchase Account, and you will be required to pay this amount when settling and closing out your Open Purchase Account.

## **(8) RESTRICTIONS ON SOURCES OF PRODUCTS AND SERVICES**

It is critical that the Products sold by Matco Distributors meet the high quality and performance expectations associated with the Matco brand in the marketplace. You must not sell, offer for sale or distribute Products and other merchandise not purchased from Matco (or other designated suppliers) or approved by Matco or its affiliates except for items that are traded-in by your customers. To the extent you wish to sell, offer for sale or distribute other products which you contend are ancillary to your Distributorship business, which are not competitive with any of the Matco Products, and do not diminish in any way Matco's reputation or good will (for example, hazardous materials or pornographic materials) you may request Matco's approval, by submitting to Matco, in writing, a description of those products with an explanation for why they are ancillary to the Distributorship business and are not competitive with existing Matco Products. You must not sell, offer for sale or distribute any such products without Matco's prior written consent and you must discontinue the offer, sale, or distribution of any unapproved products immediately upon notice from Matco.

Currently, Matco is the only approved supplier of Products. Matco imposes this requirement because we want all Mobile Stores to carry substantially the same type of items, to ensure Products associated with the Matco brand meet marketplace expectations for quality and performance, and want you to concentrate your efforts on selling Products to your customers and collecting money from your customers instead of sourcing merchandise. Most of the Products purchased from Matco are resalable items, such as mechanics tools, diagnostic products, and other items used by mechanics. Several categories of non-resalable items include promotional products, demonstration tools, and some apparel.

a. The Products are sold to you at a discount from recommended list price. The discounts from the recommended list price vary from Product to Product, and may vary throughout the year based on special incentives or other promotions. The weighted average discount for all Products prior to additional promotions and other discounts is currently approximately 36%. The weighted average discount reflects the total of all items sold by Matco as well as the varying discounts from list price for different items.

b. Volume Payment to Terms (“VPTT”) Bonus. If a Distributor pays Matco for Products within 14 days of the Matco invoice on a consistent basis, the Distributor will receive a rebate. The Volume Payment to Terms Bonus is that rebate. The rebate is based on the Distributor’s 6-week purchase average, and the rebate ranges from 2% to 5.25%. The average VPTT earned in 2024 was 3.1% of mobile sales. Matco may limit your VPTT Bonus for products you pay for within 7 days of the receipt of the invoice if: (i) you are not compliant with the standards or requirements under the Distributorship Agreement or Manuals; or (ii) your purchases are not at least equal to 80% of the weekly National Distributor Purchase Average (“NDPA”) or 80% of the weekly District Distributor Purchase Average (“DDPA”), whichever is lower, based on your rolling 12 month average, or, if you have been operating your Distributorship for less than a year, your year-to-date purchase average.

The purchase of initial inventory from Matco constitutes a range of approximately 23% to 65% of the cost of establishing the Distributorship. Purchases of the Products throughout the term of the Distributorship will constitute approximately 61% of the annual cost of operating the Distributorship.

Matco will derive income from the sale of the Products by charging you wholesale prices that exceed Matco’s costs of supplying the Products, or from the collection of fees derived from the sale of Products in the Matco+™ Program (a program where Matco uses third party sourcing for Products that are very limited in the System). In the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, Matco’s total revenue from the sale of Products to its franchise distributors was \$495,345,000 or 80.9% of Matco’s total revenue of \$612,076,000 as reflected in Matco’s unaudited financial statements.

Our District Managers, who work with Distributors in their areas, districts or region, may receive a portion of their compensation based on the net sales of products sold by Matco to the Distributors in the District Manager’s district.

You are required to license, install, and utilize the MDBS Software (as described in Items 6 and 7 of this Disclosure Document) in your business. The software license fee amount is income to Matco, and constitutes less than 1% of the cost of establishing the Distributorship, and less than 1% of the ongoing cost of operating the Distributorship. In the fiscal year ended December 31, 2024, Matco’s total revenue from software license fees and software maintenance charges received from its distributors was \$1,114,048 or approximately 0.2% of Matco’s total revenue.

As discussed in Item 5, when you sign the Distributorship Agreement, you must also sign the Matco Web Page Agreement, which permits you to establish a subpage on Matco’s website. You must pay Matco a one-time web page set-up fee of \$195. If you continue to utilize a subpage, and neither we nor you

cancel the Web Page Agreement, you must pay Matco an annual \$195 maintenance fee. In fiscal year 2024, Matco received \$297,180 in web page fees (initial and maintenance fees) from franchisees. This amount was less than 0.05% of Matco's total revenue.

Matco also requires during the term of your franchise that you subscribe, at your expense, to a reliable high-speed Internet service provider (cable, DSL or high-speed cellular) or other electronic communications provider or service and maintain an active e-mail account. In addition, you are required to subscribe to a cellular Internet service provider in order to connect to the Internet while your Principal Owner or other employee is traveling along your route. Both the service and provider may be designated by Matco. Matco makes or plans to make information available to you on the Internet at Matco's expense. Also, Matco may require that any and all communications between you (including your Principal Owner) and Matco be made through the Internet or such other electronic medium as Matco may designate. You and your Principal Owner will be required to access the Internet or other electronic information on a regular basis to obtain full benefit of the System. Many documents, such as weekly statements, will be delivered via e-mail. You must immediately notify Matco's customer service department of any change to your Principal Owner's e-mail address. Matco is not liable for any damage to you including lost profits, delayed orders or the like which are the result of any outage or delay related to electronic transmission of information, whether by the Internet or otherwise.

Matco reserves the right to modify its insurance policies from time to time, including periodically increasing required coverage limits or requiring additional or different coverage to reflect inflation, identification of new risks, changes in the law or standards of liability, higher damage awards and other relevant changes in circumstances. Matco may provide or designate a specified provider of insurance, and require that you purchase the insurance from the designated provider, or utilize Matco as a conduit to pay the premium payments for the insurance from the designated provider. In the alternative, Matco may also require that you obtain insurance from a provider of your choosing that meets Matco's standards and specifications. For distributors that participate in Matco's financing programs, Matco's current policy is to require that all insurance policies are purchased through the Charles L. Crane Agency or Ayers Insurance Agency. The Distributor will make an initial payment toward the insurance premiums directly to Charles L. Crane Agency or Ayers Insurance Agency (approximately 25%). Thereafter, however, Matco will act as a conduit to pay the premium payments for this insurance. You will be charged monthly for these insurance premiums through your Open Purchase Account, such that you must make periodic payments to Matco to pay the cost of the insurance. Matco may modify this policy from time to time. Distributors who do not participate in Matco's financing programs may obtain the required insurance from a provider of their choosing.

You must purchase or lease certain equipment, payment processing services, and supplies (including, for example, business cards and stationery) that meet Matco's specifications. You must purchase or lease a vehicle (referred to as the "**Mobile Store**") and computer hardware which meet Matco's specifications and you must carry minimum insurance coverages on these and other items (as described in Item 7). (A Distributor that qualifies for, and obtains, supplemental financing (as described in Item 10) must obtain a new Mobile Store.) You must at all times maintain credit-card relationships with the credit- and debit-card issuers or sponsors, check or credit verification services, financial-center services, and electronic funds transfer systems that Matco designates as mandatory, and may not use any services or providers of these services which Matco has not approved in writing. Matco may modify Matco's requirements relating to methods of payment and vendors for processing payments at Matco's option. You are responsible for and must periodically upgrade your MDBS System and related software, at your expense, to comply with Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards and any other applicable laws relating to payment processing and data privacy.

Matco's specifications for the vehicle, computer hardware and other equipment, payment processing services, and supplies are based on Matco's prior experience, requirements relating to the operation of the Distributorship, the supplier's ability to deliver, service, and support the items, and quality and uniformity considerations. Catalogs, promotional literature, and other sales materials used in the operation of your Distributorship must comply with Matco's standards, and may either be purchased from Matco or from other sources who meet Matco's standards. Upon request, you can receive from Matco a written listing of its specifications and standards for equipment, services, and supplies after you sign the Distributorship Agreement, to the extent the specifications and standards have been developed. Matco will update the specifications and standards from time to time in writing as may be required to respond to requirements for operating the Distributorships. While Matco does not have a formal process for evaluating suppliers, and does not generally charge fees to suppliers seeking to obtain approval, Matco approves suppliers based upon their ability to satisfy, in Matco's reasonable judgment, the specifications and standards for equipment and supplies. In some cases, approved suppliers may pay Matco a periodic fee or a fee based on sales to Distributors. In addition, occasionally one or more approved suppliers may make payments to Matco (not based on sales to Distributors) which Matco has used for promotional and brand development purposes, although this practice is subject to change in the future. Matco reserves the right to obtain rebates, commissions, allowances, and other benefits and retain and use them for any purposes in its sole discretion. In 2024, Matco received fees from suppliers in the amount of \$1,827,333. Also, the figures in this Item 8 do not include any amounts treated as a pass-through, rebate, or other payment that was distributed back to the Distributors. Matco does not generally negotiate purchase agreements with suppliers, but it reserves the right to do so. Matco has not established purchasing or distribution cooperatives.

Matco also offers gift cards and electronic stored value cards ("**gift cards**") with which Potential Customers may purchase Products. Our current policy is that Distributors are not required to accept Matco gift cards, but you are encouraged to do so. If you accept Matco gift cards as payment for Products, Matco will redeem (that is, reimburse you for) those gift card purchases at 90% of the price at which you sold the Products.

You are not required to purchase or lease any goods, services, supplies, fixtures, equipment, inventory, or real estate relating to the establishment or operation of the Distributorship from Matco or from suppliers designated by Matco, except for the following (a) the Products, the MDBS Software, and the web pages, for which Matco is the approved supplier; (b) the vehicle, where suppliers are designated, and for which there are currently only two recommended suppliers; (c) insurance, for which Matco currently designates one supplier; (d) computer hardware equipment for the purpose of optimum operation, performance and support of the MDBS Software; and (e) certain credit card and payment services and vendors.

Matco does not provide material benefits to a Distributor (for example, renewal or extension of the term, or granting additional franchises) based on a Distributor's purchase of particular products or services or the use of particular suppliers. However, each Distributor must:

a. At all times maintain a minimum inventory of Products sufficient to meet your obligations to promote and sell a full line of Matco Products and to meet the expectations and needs of your existing and potential Customers, especially in terms of product availability and timeliness of delivery.

b. Use your best efforts and actively market, promote, and sell Products to Potential Customers on the List of Calls. To be deemed to be meeting its marketing, promotion and sales obligations, you should be selling, on average on a weekly basis, Products in an amount that meets or exceeds (ii) 80% of the "District Distributor Sales Average" (or "**DDSA**") for the Distributor's district, whichever is lower, based on the Distributor's 12 month rolling average, or, if the Distributor has been



operating the Distributorship for less than 12 months, based on the Distributor's year-to date average. The sales averages will be based on the sales of all Products from the Distributorship, as reported by the Distributor through the Matco Distributorship Business System, or the then-current required reporting system. The NDSA is determined by dividing the total number of active Matco distributors in the United States for any given weekly period during a calendar year into the year-to-date total dollar amount of qualifying Products sold by the Distributors. The DDSA is calculated in a similar manner as the NDSA, except the comparison group includes only Distributors in your district. Distributors who sign a 225 Amendment must comply with a minimum sales requirement which is proportional to the reduced number of Potential Customers in the List of Calls. See Item 12 for a description of this reduced, proportional sales requirement.

c. Maintain a minimum of a 60% ratio of a calculation of the Distributor's year-to-date purchases divided by the Distributor's year-to-date sales.

None of our officers owns an interest in any companies that are vendors or suppliers to the Matco Distributors.

**Conversion Incentive Program:** As discussed in Item 1 and Item 7, Matco will offer to qualified Conversion Distributors certain incentives to become a Matco Distributor. Item 7 discussed the incentives related to the initial costs related to becoming a Matco Distributor. The Conversion Program may also include bonuses based on Product purchases during the Term of the Distributorship Agreement. If you are a qualified Conversion Distributor, you may be eligible for quarterly performance-based bonuses or incentives during the initial term of the Distributorship Agreement. The bonuses, if any, may be based on purchases of Product from Matco.

## (9) FRANCHISEE'S OBLIGATIONS

**This table lists your principal obligations under the Distributorship Agreement. It will help you find more detailed information about your obligations in these agreements and in other Items of this Disclosure Document.**

Obligation	Section in Agreement	Disclosure Document Item
(a) Site selection and acquisition/lease	Not applicable	Not applicable
(b) Pre-opening purchases/leases	Articles 3.3, 3.5, 3.6 and 3.7 of Distributorship Agreement	Items 5, 7 and 8
(c) Site development and other pre-opening requirements	Not Applicable	Not applicable
(d) Initial and ongoing training	Articles 3.8 and 4 of Distributorship Agreement	Item 11
(e) Opening	Article 1 of Distributorship Agreement	Item 11
(f) Fees	Articles 1, 3, 6 and 8 of the Distributorship Agreement	Items 5 and 6



<b>Obligation</b>	<b>Section in Agreement</b>	<b>Disclosure Document Item</b>
(g) Compliance with standards and policies/Operating Manual	Article 3.9 and 3.10 of Distributorship Agreement	Items 8, 11 and 16
(h) Trademarks and proprietary information	Articles 7 and 9 of Distributorship Agreement	Items 13 and 14
(i) Restrictions on products/services offered	Article 3.2 of Distributorship Agreement	Items 1 and 16
(j) Warranty and customer service requirements	Articles 3.4, 8 and 11.8 of Distributorship Agreement	Items 11, 15 and 16
(k) Territorial development and sales quotas	Articles 1.2, 1.3 and 3.3 of Distributorship Agreement	Item 12
(l) Ongoing product/service purchases	Articles 3.3 and 6 of Distributorship Agreement	Items 6 and 8
(m) Maintenance, appearance and remodeling requirements	Articles 3.6 and 3.7 of Distributorship Agreement	Items 8 and 11
(n) Insurance	Article 5.3 of Distributorship Agreement	Items 7 and 8
(o) Advertising	Articles 3.1 and 7.4 of Distributorship Agreement	Item 11
(p) Indemnification	Article 5.4 of Distributorship Agreement	Not applicable
(q) Owner's participation/management/ Staffing	Article 3.12 of Distributorship Agreement	Items 11 and 15
(r) Records/reports	Article 5.2 of Distributorship Agreement	Item 5
(s) Inspections/audits	Article 3.13 and 5.2 of Distributorship Agreement	Item 11
(t) Transfer	Article 10 of Distributorship Agreement	Item 17
(u) Renewal	Article 2.2 of Distributorship Agreement	Item 17
(v) Post-termination obligations	Articles 11.6, 11.7 and 11.8 of Distributorship Agreement	Item 17
(w) Non-competition covenants	Article 11.9 of Distributorship Agreement	Item 17
(x) Dispute resolution	Article 12 of Distributorship	Item 17

Obligation	Section in Agreement	Disclosure Document Item
	Agreement	

## (10) FINANCING

Matco offers a number of financing services or programs to its Distributors, and they are summarized below and in the table that follows. There are five inventory financing programs, and one other financing program, that may be offered by Matco, to qualified Distributors:

1. The first type of financing is the standard Matco financing program (“**Standard Initial Financing Program**”) that covers the initial inventory and Initial Franchise Fee. This will generally be financing for \$90,000 and up to \$102,000. If you qualify for and elect to participate in either Supplemental Financing A or B, Matco will only finance up to \$90,000 under this standard financing program.

2. The second type of financing (“**Special Supplemental Financing**”) is for Distributors (which may include the Principal Owner’s net worth and other qualifications), that may have little or no access to start-up capital and/or little or no credit history. If Matco determines that there are other factors that might justify extending credit for this situation, Matco may provide additional financing up to \$33,000, which may include the Mobile Store security deposit and three months of lease payments (for a new Mobile Store), the computer hardware, three months of additional funds, and other start-up expenses. The interest rate for this financing is likely to be higher than the interest rate for the standard Matco financing program (to reflect, among other things, the higher risk).

3. The third type of financing is for Open Purchase Account, which is ongoing financing of inventory purchased on an open account as a line of credit.

4. The fourth type of financing is the Time Payment Line of Credit (or “**TPLC**” or “**Time Payment LC**”). As described in Item 5, new Matco Distributors must fund Time Payment sales through a Time Payment Line of Credit (or TPLC), Matco will provide a line of credit to fund your inventory purchases following your Time Payment sales. The Time Payment LC will be a line of credit. That is, when you collect money on the Time Payment sales and pay that to Matco, you will pay down your line of credit. Distributors can access this TPLC account until the end of the first year of operation, or when the account reaches \$22,000 (or \$28,000 if you are approved for an increased amount), whichever occurs first.

5. The fifth type of financing may be used toward upgrades to a Distributor’s Mobile Store that a Distributor chooses to make when the Distributor renews an existing Distributorship Agreement (“**Mobile Store Upgrade Financing Program**”). Generally, between \$5,000 and \$20,000 in financing is available to qualified renewing Distributors through the Mobile Store Upgrade Financing Program.

In evaluating an application for any of the financing programs described in this Item 10 by the Distributor, Matco and its affiliates may consider the qualifications of both the Distributor and the Principal Owner (and the Principal Owner’s Business Partner), and the application process may involve a credit check or other requirements that apply to the Principal Owner (and the Principal Owner’s Business Partner). Matco continually assesses credit risks, and may, at its reasonable discretion, obtain and review updated credit scores on active financing accounts.

The following chart summarizes each financing plan. Please review the chart in conjunction with the

notes below.

Item Financed	Amount Financed	Down Payment	Term (Months)	APR%	Weekly Payment	Prepayment Penalty	Security Required	Liability Upon Default	Loss of Legal Rights on Default
Initial Inventory and Initial Franchise Fee <sup>(1)</sup> <i>Standard Initial Financing Program</i>	\$90,000 or up to \$102,000 of the initial purchase, depending upon the initial inventory amount	Currently \$0 to \$11,000, but may be required based upon applicant criteria	Up to 120	Up to 18% (annual rate); currently 11.5% to 13.5% where applicable <sup>(1)</sup> <sup>(2)</sup>	\$295.88 to \$321.21 based upon \$90,000 with no down payment; or \$335.33 to \$364.04, based upon \$102,000 with no down payment <sup>(1)</sup>	None. Late payment fee of \$10	Personal guaranty; security interest in inventory and receivables	Principal balance and accrued interest <sup>(3)</sup>	Loss of all defenses
Open Purchase Account <sup>(4)</sup>	Amount Purchased	None	Payment due upon receipt	18% annual interest (or the highest rate permitted by law) on balance of Open Purchase Account as of the date of termination or expiration <sup>(5)</sup>	N/A	None; 2% to 5.25% discount available to qualifying Distributors for early payment. Weekly late charges at 5% of past due amount up to \$125 maximum	Personal guaranty; security interest in inventory and receivables	Full amount	Default under Distributorship Agreement
Special Supplemental Financing: Start-up costs including truck down payment, computer and 3 months of	Up to \$33,000 of the initial startup costs, based upon your available start-up capital <sup>(6)</sup> <sup>(8)</sup>	Generally, Matco will require \$0 to \$14,000 as a down payment, depending on your available	Generally, Matco will provide financing for up to 120 months	Up to 18% (annual rate), with the current range of	\$3.29 based upon a \$1,000 loan with no down payment, \$108.49 to \$122.58, based upon	None. Late payment fee of \$10.	Personal guaranty; security interest in inventory and receivables	Principal balance and accrued interest <sup>(3)</sup>	Loss of all defenses

Item Financed	Amount Financed	Down Payment	Term (Months)	APR%	Weekly Payment	Prepayment Penalty	Security Required	Liability Upon Default	Loss of Legal Rights on Default
additional funds <sup>(6) (7)</sup>		start-up capital		11.5% to 14.5%, where applicable, based upon amount financed <sup>(8)(10)</sup>	a \$33,000 loan with no down payment				
Time Payment Line of Credit <sup>(11) (12)</sup>	Up to \$22,000 (or up to \$28,000 if you are approved for an increased amount) <sup>(18)</sup>	\$0	Available for 1 year <sup>(13)</sup>	Up to 18% (annual rate); currently Prime plus 5% where applicable <sup>(14)</sup>	\$15.00 (monthly) based upon a \$1,000 loan with no down payment, to 1/5% of balance (monthly) based upon a \$22,000 loan with no down payment	None	Personal guaranty; security interest in inventory and receivables	Principal balance and accrued interest	Loss of all defenses
Upgrades to Mobile Store <sup>(20)(21)(22)</sup>	\$5,000 to \$20,000	None.	1 to 5 years. (52 to 260 weeks).	6.99% <sup>(22)</sup>	\$100.05 to \$92.05, based upon \$5,000 loan.	None. Late payment fee of \$10.	Personal guaranty; security interest in the Mobile Store (if required)	Principal balance and accrued interest. <sup>(2)</sup>	Loss of all defenses.

Notes for Initial Inventory and Initial Franchise Fee Financing:

- (1) As discussed in Item 5, Matco's New Distributor Starter Inventory package is generally \$80,000, but under the Standard Initial Financing Program Matco may be willing to finance a larger amount of inventory, up to a total of \$92,000. Depending upon your available collateral, credit history, and other credit factors (and the qualifications of your Principal Owner), Matco may finance up to \$102,000 through this financing program (with no down payment), which will consist of up to \$92,000 in financing which must be applied towards your New Distributor Starter Inventory and up to \$10,000 in financing which must be applied towards the initial franchise fee. If you elect and are qualified to participate in either of the Supplemental Financing programs, Matco will only finance up to \$90,000, which includes initial inventory of up to \$80,000 and an Initial Franchise Fee of \$10,000 under the Standard Initial Financing Program.

The Standard Initial Financing Program loan will be evidenced by an Installment Promissory Note (the “**Standard Initial Financing Program Note**,” which may also be referred to as a “**Note**”), a copy of which is attached as Exhibit C to the Distributorship Agreement. Matco may also finance, at its sole discretion, a portion of your initial purchase of inventory and in excess of the estimated, or generally expected, levels of inventory. (See Note 1 of Item 7). This additional financed amount will be included in the Standard Initial Financing Program Note for the financed portion of your initial inventory and Initial Franchise Fee. Further, under the Standard Initial Financing Program Note Matco may also finance, at its sole discretion, an additional loan amount for certain expenditures under the “Inventory Plus” program, as described in (21) below.

The Standard Initial Financing Program Note provides for weekly payment of principal and interest at an annual interest rate, which will be based on the then-current Prime Rate as reported in *The Wall Street Journal*. The interest rate applicable to your Note will be based on your Principal Owner’s credit score at the time you submit your Application and the amount financed. The interest rate will be in a range of 4% to 6% plus the Prime Rate that is in effect when you are awarded a Distributorship. The rate of interest for the Standard Initial Financing Program Note will be fixed for the term of the Standard Initial Financing Program Note. As of January 3, 2025, the Prime Rate was 7.5%. The current percentage rate of interest that will be charged for initial inventory financing will be 11.5% (Prime Rate plus 4%) up to 13.5% (Prime plus 6%). The term of the Standard Initial Financing Program Note will be determined by Matco and will be up to 120 months.

You will be in default under the Standard Initial Financing Program Note if: (a) any installment of principal or interest on the Standard Initial Financing Program Note is not paid when due or upon demand as provided for in the Standard Initial Financing Program Note; (b) you fail to pay your debts as they mature; (c) you default under the Distributorship Agreement or any other agreement, note, lease, or contract between you and Matco, or if any such agreement is canceled; (d) you cease operating the Distributorship or the Distributorship is dissolved, terminated, insolvent, or ceases operations; or (e) you fail to (i) have the Standard Initial Financing Program Note fully collateralized with inventory (as reflected in the Security Agreement, described below) at all times or (ii) provide evidence of full collateralization in the form of a physical inventory, upon Matco’s request.

If you default under the Standard Initial Financing Program Note, the principal balance and all accrued interest will become due and payable without demand. You and any endorsers or guarantors of the Standard Initial Financing Program Note must waive demand, protest, presentment, notice of protest and non-payment or dishonor, and must also waive any and all defenses on the grounds of any extensions or partial payments which may be granted or accepted by Matco.

The Standard Initial Financing Program Note must be guaranteed by your Principal Owner or another person acceptable to Matco. You must also sign a Security Agreement (Exhibit D to the Distributorship Agreement) granting Matco a security interest in your inventory of Products and Accounts Receivable. At Matco’s request, you must sign all necessary financing statements and other franchise documents and pay the costs of document processing and filing fees for such statements or other documents. The processing/filing fee is included as part of the document processing fee that you pay at the time you execute the Distributorship Agreement.

Matco financing will not be offered to all prospective Distributors, but only to those that meet Matco’s qualifications. Also, even in situations in which Matco offers financing, Matco is not required to offer financing to cover the full cost of the initial inventory and the Initial Franchise

Fee, but may offer financing for a lesser amount. Factors such as your qualifications and creditworthiness will affect the level of financing that might be offered.

- (2) In some states, the maximum interest rate may be less than the amount stated in the chart due to state lending laws.
- (3) In addition to your obligation to pay the principal balance and accrued interest on a Note in the event you are in default, you or your Principal Owner may also be liable for a default under your lease with a third party for the Mobile Store. For example, under the current Mobile Store leases with Trans Lease, Inc., a current supplier and lessor of Mobile Stores, if a Distributor or Principal Owner is in breach of any terms of any agreement with Matco, including the Distributorship Agreement or a promissory note, that default may be a default under the Mobile Store lease, which can result in financial penalties and/or a surrender or repossession of the Mobile Store. You and/or your Principal Owner should review your lease documents with the lessor carefully.
- (4) Your purchases of the Products are charged to your Open Purchase Account on which payment is due upon your receipt of an invoice from Matco. Other charges to the Open Purchase Account, in addition to Product purchases and related charges, may include MDBS charges, web maintenance fees, Tool Expo charges, and training costs. If you do not make payment within 21 days of the invoice, the account is deemed delinquent by Matco. Matco will assess a 5% per week late fee for each week that you fail to pay the balance owed up to \$125. If you pay within 14 days of the invoice, you may be eligible for purchase discounts, which may vary from 2% to 5.25% depending upon the volume of purchases and performance rewards program level. In addition, if you are not in compliance with the National Distributor Sales Average/District Distributor Sales Average requirement, or the purchase average to total sales ratio discussed in Item 6 above, your Volume Payment to Terms Bonus will be available only if you pay for purchases within 7 days of the invoice (see Item 8 above). As noted in the chart, Matco will have a security interest in the inventory and receivables and you must sign the Security Agreement noted above (even if you did not sign a promissory note, as described in Notes (1) or (2) above).
- (5) Upon termination or expiration of the Distributorship Agreement, you will pay Matco interest on the balance owed under your Open Purchase Account as of the date of termination or expiration, at a rate of 18% annually, or the maximum rate permitted by law, whichever is lower. In addition, Matco may assess you a late fee of 5% per week for each week that you fail to pay the balance owed on the Open Purchase Account following termination.

#### Notes for Special Supplemental Financing:

- (6) For applicants that may have little or no access to start-up capital and/or little to no credit history, Matco may provide additional financing up to \$33,000 (with no down payment) of the Mobile Store security deposit and three months lease payments for a new vehicle (\$8,550), computer hardware (\$2,600), three months additional funds and all other start-up expenses. The loan will be evidenced by an installment promissory note, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit C to the Distributorship Agreement (the Standard Initial Financing Program Note, which may also be referred to as a “**Note**”).

By way of example, you will have one note for \$90,000, which is the standard Matco financing, and you will have a second note for an amount up to \$33,000, which is the additional financing in this document (the “**Notes**”). Therefore, for example, if you have the standard inventory



financing for \$90,000 with the highest interest rate of 11.5%, and you have the Special Supplemental Financing for the maximum amount of \$33,000 at the highest interest rate of 14.5%, you will have two notes: one with a weekly payment of \$321.21 and the second with a weekly payment of \$122.58. Your total weekly payment will be \$443.79.

The Notes provide for weekly payment of principal and interest at an annual interest rate, which will be based on the then-current Prime Rate as reported in *The Wall Street Journal*. Matco's interest rate for the Notes will be based on your Principal Owner's credit score at the time you submit your Application and the amount financed. The interest rate for the 1<sup>st</sup> Note is discussed above under the Standard Initial Financing Program. The interest rate for this 2<sup>nd</sup> Note will be in a range of 4% to 7% plus the Prime Rate that is in effect when you are awarded a franchise. The rate of interest for the Note will be fixed for the term of the Note. As of January 3, 2025, the Prime Rate was 7.5%. The terms of the Note will be determined by Matco and will be up to 120 months.

As a method to help you pay the 2<sup>nd</sup> Note, 10% of your weekly PSA credits that are posted to your Open Purchase Account will be applied to the outstanding balance of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Note.

You will be in default under either Note if: (a) any installment of principal or interest on either Note is not paid when due or upon demand as provided for in the Note; (b) you fail to pay your debts as they mature; (c) you default under the Distributorship Agreement or any other agreement, note, lease, or contract between you and Matco, or if any such agreement is canceled; (d) you cease operating the Distributorship or the Distributorship is dissolved, terminated, insolvent, or ceases operations; or (e) you fail to maintain an inventory level equal to not less than the total amount of debt owed by Debtor to Matco, as reflected in a physical inventory, conducted every six months, or upon Matco's request.

If you default under either Note, the principal balance and all accrued interest will become due and payable without demand. You and any endorsers or guarantors of either Note must waive demand, protest, presentment, notice of protest and non-payment or dishonor, and must also waive any and all defenses on the grounds of any extensions or partial payments which may be granted or accepted by Matco.

The Notes must be guaranteed by you or another person acceptable to Matco. You must also sign a Security Agreement (Exhibit D to the Distributorship Agreement) granting Matco a security interest in your inventory of Products and Accounts Receivable. At Matco's request, you must sign all necessary financing statements and other franchise documents and pay the costs of document processing and filing fees for such statements or other documents. The processing/filing fee is included as part of the document processing fee that you pay at the time you execute the Distributorship Agreement.

Matco financing will not be offered to all prospective Distributors, but only to those that meet Matco's qualifications. Also, even in situations in which Matco offers financing, Matco is not required to offer financing for the maximum supplemental amount of up to \$33,000, but may offer financing for a lesser amount. Factors such as your qualifications and creditworthiness will affect the level of financing that Matco has, or may be, offered.

- (7) In connection with this supplemental financing, you, along with a Matco representative, must conduct a complete, physical inventory of your Products at least once every six months. If your inventory is below the required level by 10% or more (measured at the purchase cost of the goods), you must purchase additional inventory to required level within ten days of the

completion of the physical inventory. A failure to increase your inventory to the required level and keep the Notes fully collateralized with inventory will result in default under the Notes as discussed in (6) above, and may result in the termination of the Distributorship Agreement.

- (8) In some states, the maximum interest rate may be less than the amount stated in the chart due to state lending laws.
- (9) Your purchases of the Products are charged to your Open Purchase Account on which payment is due upon your receipt of an invoice from Matco. Other charges to the Open Purchase Account, in addition to Product purchases and related charges, may include MDBS charges, web maintenance fees, Tool Expo charges, and training costs. If you do not make payment within 21 days of the invoice, the account is deemed delinquent by Matco. Matco will assess a 5% per week late fee for each week that you fail to pay the balance owed up to \$125. If you pay within 14 days of the invoice, you may be eligible for purchase discounts, which may vary from 2% to 5.25% depending upon the volume of purchases and performance rewards program level. In addition, if you are not in compliance with the National Distributor Purchase Average/District Distributor Purchase Average requirement, or the purchase average to total sales ratio discussed in Item 6 above, your Volume Payment to Terms Bonus will be available only if you pay for purchases within 7 days of the invoice (see Item 8 above). However, if you qualify for, and earn, VPTT Bonuses, these amounts will be applied to the balance due under the Note. As noted in the chart, Matco will have a security interest in the inventory and receivables and you must sign the Security Agreement noted above.
- (10) Upon termination or expiration of the Distributorship Agreement, you will pay Matco interest on the balance owed under your Open Purchase Account as of the date of termination or expiration, at a rate of 18% annually, or the maximum rate permitted by law, whichever is lower. In addition, Matco may assess you a late fee of 5% per week for each week that you fail to pay the balance owed on the Open Purchase Account following termination.

#### Notes for Time Payment Line of Credit Financing:

- (11) If you participate in any of Matco's financing programs, then you must establish a Time Payment Line of Credit to fund your Time Payment Sales. See Item 5, and the introduction to this Item 10, for a description of how the Time Payment LC will work.
- (12) The amount to be financed will vary based on the amount of your Time Payment sales, but Matco will not extend more than \$22,000 (or \$28,000 if you are approved for an increased amount) in Time Payment LC.
- (13) The Time Payment LC will be provided for one year from the commencement of operations under the Distributorship Agreement or until you achieve a maximum balance of \$22,000 (or \$28,000 if you are approved for an increased amount), whichever event occurs first. The line of credit is a revolving line of credit, so the amount financed will vary during the course of the year depending on the Time Payment sales, and your ability to collect amount due from your customers.
- (14) The Time Payment LC will be evidenced by and reflected in a Revolving Line of Credit Agreement and Promissory Note (attached as Exhibit L to the Distributorship Agreement).

#### Notes for Mobile Store Upgrade Financing Program

- (20) Matco's Mobile Store Upgrade Financing Program enables qualified distributors to finance between \$5,000 and \$20,000, which may be used for upgrades that a Distributor chooses to make to a Mobile Store when the Distributor renews an existing Distributorship Agreement for a new term. The Mobile Store Upgrade Financing Program will be evidenced by an installment promissory note (the "**Mobile Store Upgrade Financing Program Note**," which may also be referred to as a "**Note**"), a copy of which is attached to the Distributorship Agreement as Exhibit S-1. This Note is substantially similar to the Note that is used in connection with Matco's Standard Initial Financing Program, except that Matco has the option to require a Distributor to enter into a Security Agreement in connection with the Mobile Store Upgrade Financing Program Note, depending on the qualifications of the Distributor and other considerations. The Security Agreement is attached to Matco's Distributorship Agreement as Exhibit S-2.

The Note provides for weekly payments of principal and interest at an annual interest rate that will be fixed at 6.99%. Loan maturities may range from one to five years. Typical weekly payments are below:

<b>Loan Amount</b>	<b>Interest Rate</b>	<b>Loan Maturity</b>	<b>Weekly Payment</b>
\$5,000	6.99%	1 year	\$100.05
\$10,000	6.99%	3 year	\$71.76
\$15,000	6.99%	5 year	\$69.03
\$20,000	6.99%	5 year	\$92.05

You will be in default under the Mobile Store Upgrade Financing Program Note if: (a) any installment of principal or interest on the Mobile Store Upgrade Financing Program Note is not paid when due or upon demand as provided for in the Mobile Store Upgrade Financing Program Note; (b) you fail to pay your debts as they mature; (c) you default under the Distributorship Agreement or any other agreement, note, lease, or contract between you and Matco, or if any such agreement is canceled; (d) you cease operating the Distributorship or the Distributorship is dissolved, terminated, insolvent, or ceases operations; or (e) if collateralization is required by Matco, and you fail to (i) have the Note fully collateralized (as reflected in the Security Agreement, described below) at all times or (ii) provide evidence of full collateralization, upon Matco's request.

If you default under the Note, the principal balance and all accrued interest will become due and payable without demand. You and any endorsers or guarantors of the Note must waive demand, protest, presentment, notice of protest and non-payment or dishonor, and must also waive any and all defenses on the grounds of any extensions or partial payments which may be granted or accepted by Matco.

The Note must be guaranteed by you or another person acceptable to Matco. If so required by Matco, you must also sign a Security Agreement (Exhibit S-2 of the Distributorship Agreement) granting Matco a security interest in your Mobile Store.

The Mobile Store Upgrade Financing Program will not be offered to any prospective Distributors, and it will only be offered to a limited number of renewing Distributors that meet Matco's qualifications. Also, even in situations in which Matco offers financing, Matco is not required to offer financing to cover the full cost of the upgrades that a Distributor chooses to make to a Mobile Store upon renewal, but may offer financing for a lesser amount. Factors such as your qualifications and creditworthiness will affect the level of financing that might be offered, and whether Matco requires your Note to be collateralized.

- (21) In some states, the maximum interest rate may be less than the amount stated in the chart due to state lending laws.
- (22) In addition to your obligation to pay the principal balance and accrued interest on a Note in the event you are in default, you may also be liable for a default under your lease with a third party for the Mobile Store. For example, under the current Mobile Store leases with Trans Lease, Inc., a current supplier and lessor of Mobile Stores, if a Distributor is in breach of any terms of any agreement with Matco, including the Distributorship Agreement or a promissory note, that default may be a default under the Mobile Store lease, which can result in financial penalties and/or a surrender or repossession of the Mobile Store. You should review your lease documents with the lessor carefully.

### Installment Contracts (Purchase Security Agreements)

In addition to the financing programs described above, Matco offers four customer installment financing programs to qualified Distributors. The purpose of these programs is to allow you to offer installment financing to your customers in amounts that are beyond your capacity to carry as Time Payment accounts. If you qualify to participate in the customer installment financing program, you may sell Products to your qualified customers pursuant to an installment sale contract (which is referred to as a purchase money security agreement or purchase security agreement (or “PSA”)), Matco will finance the purchase and accept assignment of the installment contracts under the terms and conditions of the Matco Purchase Security Agreements/Credit Assignment Agreements. Copies of these agreements are attached as exhibits to this Disclosure Document. Due to an upcoming change in technology platforms, the form of Purchase Money Security Agreement at Exhibit H-1 will be replaced with the form at Exhibit H-2 later in 2025. Matco may consider one or more of the following factors when evaluating the qualifications of a Distributor for a Purchase Security Agreement and/or the terms under which Matco will purchase a customer’s installment contracts from a Distributor: (a) the Distributor’s purchase average, (b) the Distributor’s payment history on its Open Purchase Account, (c) the value of the Distributor’s PSA contracts as compared to cash payments on the Distributor’s Open Purchase Account, (d) the Distributor’s collection percentage from PSA accounts, (e) the customer’s collection history, and (f) the customer’s current and past credit history. Customers who are not U.S. citizens and/or may not possess social security numbers may not qualify for financing under the installment contract/PSA program.

Matco offers several forms of recourse and non-recourse Purchase Security Agreements/Credit Assignment Agreements to Distributors. In addition to its standard recourse agreement, which is contained in Exhibit J, Matco will permit Distributors to offer PSA contracts to customers who do not qualify for Matco’s standard non-recourse PSA because of low credit scores or because of limited or no established credit. One program, which we refer to as the “**Tech Start**” program, can be offered to an applicant who does not qualify for Matco’s standard non-recourse PSA and who has limited or no prior established credit (or whose Principal Owner has limited or no prior established credit). This PSA program would finance a Product purchase of not less than \$500 and not greater than \$2,000 up to a 36-month payment term and would include a provision for up to 100% recourse to the Distributor, but is currently offered at 50% recourse. Financing for additional purchases under this PSA program would be considered after 3 months of timely payments by the applicant. A second program, which we refer to as the “**Tech Assured**” program, can be offered to an applicant who does not qualify for Matco’s standard non-recourse PSA and who has a challenging credit history but is seeking to rebuild its credit score (or whose Principal Owner has a challenging credit history but is seeking to rebuild her or his credit score). This PSA program would finance a Product purchase of not less than a \$500 minimum, and not greater than \$2,000 up to a 36-month payment term and would include a provision for up to 100% recourse to the Distributor, but is currently offered at 50% recourse. Financing for additional purchases under this PSA program would be considered after 3 months of timely payments by the applicant. A third program,

which we refer to as the “Tech Advantage” program provides for a Product purchase credit limit of up to \$6,000 with no down payment, and a payment term of up to five years at an interest rate of 23.99%. The Tech Advantage program also includes a provision for up to 100% recourse to the Distributor. You are also not eligible to offer the PSA Tech Start, Tech Assured, and Tech Advantage programs to your customers within the first year of your Distributorship. In addition, the Tech Advantage program is not available to distributors in Puerto Rico. If you take advantage of the Special Supplemental Financing program, you will not be eligible to offer the Tech Start, Tech Assured, or Tech Advantage PSA programs to your customers until your supplemental Note is paid in full.

Under these forms of credit assignment agreements, upon acceptance of assignment of the customer’s installment contract, you will receive a credit corresponding to the value of the net amount financed, less a reserve charge, to your Open Purchase Account. This credit will be posted within 48 hours of the acceptance of a contract assignment by Matco.

Under the current form of non-recourse credit assignment agreement, the price paid by Matco to you for acceptance of the assigned installment contracts will not be less than 85% of the net cash price (although Matco’s current practice is to assign installment contracts at 92% of the net cash price). (Net cash price is the price paid for the product, plus sale taxes, less any down payment paid in cash.) However, Matco may not accept assignment of any installment contract if the sale price exceeds the product’s list price. Depending on the amount financed of your promissory note, a percentage up to 5% of your PSA credit may be applied to reduce the principal on any outstanding Matco promissory note. Matco will release you from all liability for the installment contracts, subject to certain exceptions described in the agreement, and provided that you comply with the terms and conditions of the agreement. Under the Purchase Security Agreement/Credit Assignment Agreements, you must collect money owed by customers and remit the money to us. If you do not remit the full amount collected in a timely fashion, we may charge you an administrative fee, currently set at \$25 per occurrence, per contract, for delinquent or insufficient payments, or inaccurate reporting, as consideration for, among other things, Matco’s time and efforts in collecting monies, additional correspondence with you, credit bureaus and others, and administrative time and costs to correct data.

Under the Tech Advantage program, the price paid by Matco to you for acceptance of the assigned installment contracts is 97% of the net cash price of the installment contracts. However, Matco may not accept assignment of any installment contract if the sale price exceeds the product’s list price. The 3% deduction from the full net cost price of the assigned installment contracts is a charge payable to Matco as assignee of the assigned installment contracts.

Matco may from time to time modify the customer installment financing programs described above or may develop additional customer installment financing programs that may be recourse or non-recourse credit assignments, and/or may be available only to Distributors who (a) qualify to participate; (b) have a minimum level of experience as a Matco Distributor; and (c) are in compliance with their Distributorship Agreement. Currently, however, the only Purchase Security Agreements available are those described above. Matco expects that if a new installment financing program is developed and offered in the future, participation in any such program will be voluntary.

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Distributors that receive financing from Matco must: (a) prepare and submit annual budgets for their Distributorships to Matco, in the form Matco specifies, which contain estimates for the following year; (b) conduct a physical inventory in MDBS upon request, but not less than once every 12 months on the anniversary date of your Distributorship Agreement or at least every 6 months if you have a Note under the Special Supplemental Financing program; and (c) submit any other reports in the form and manner Matco specifies.



Matco and/or its affiliates have in the past sold, and may in the future sell, assign, or discount, with limited recourse, certain accounts and notes receivable. To the extent the notes, contracts, or other instruments require Matco to provide services to you, Matco will remain liable to provide such services. However, the third party to whom the note, contract or other instrument is assigned may be immune under the law to defenses to payment you might have against Matco.

Except as set forth above, Matco and its affiliates (a) do not directly or indirectly offer or arrange any financing, (b) do not receive direct or indirect payments for placing financing, and (c) do not guarantee your obligations to third parties.

## **(11) FRANCHISOR’S ASSISTANCE, ADVERTISING, COMPUTER SYSTEMS, AND TRAINING**

**Except as listed below, Matco is not required to provide you with any assistance.**

Assistance Prior to Opening. Prior to beginning business under your Matco® Distributorship, Matco is required to provide you with the following:

(A) Matco will provide you with a List of Calls (see Article 1.2 and Exhibit A of the Distributorship Agreement). The List of Calls is your territory. We sometimes refer to the List of Calls in the Distributorship Agreement as a "protected territory." The List of Calls will be based upon a written survey of each shop listed where the shop manager or person in charge answers questions that may include, among other things: (i) whether a Matco Distributor may service the shop, (ii) how many mechanics, technicians, or other service professionals that purchase tools work in the shop, and (iii) whether the shop purchases tools for the shop and/or its mechanics, technicians, or other service professionals. Matco designates a List of Calls by identifying up to 325 Potential Customers, which include the mechanics, technicians, or other service professionals who work at the business, as well as the business itself, in cases where the survey shows that the business also purchases tools of the type offered or sold by Matco or its distributors, either for itself and/or for its employees. Matco will provide a 225 Distributor with up to 225 Potential Customers on the List of Calls, and ETDs will have additional Potential Customers in excess of 325.

If you wish to modify your List of Calls, including by adding a location or Potential Customers, you must submit a written request to Matco identifying the proposed changes to the List of Calls with an explanation for how the proposed changes to the List of Calls will help you advance your business and continue to meet Matco's Customer Service Standards.

As described in the Distributorship Agreement, Matco defines a “**Potential Customer**” as business locations where professional mechanics, technicians and other service professionals operate and purchase tools and related products for their own use. Matco cannot promise or guaranty that each Potential Customer will purchase Products or will become a customer, or that due to economics, demographics or other reasons, the number of actual or Potential Customers, and/or the businesses identified on the List of Calls, will not increase or decrease after the date of the Distributorship Agreement. Actual or Potential Customers may or may not be U.S. citizens and may or may not possess social security numbers. Matco is not required to assess, and is not responsible for assessing, whether the actual or Potential Customer is a U.S. citizen. You will operate as a mobile distributor and will not have a specified place of business. It is generally expected that your Mobile Store will be returned to, and parked at your Principal Owner’s residence each evening, that the computer will be at your Principal Owner’s residence, and that you will otherwise operate the Distributorship from your Principal Owner’s residence. Matco estimates that the length of time between the date you sign the Distributorship Agreement and the date you begin operating



your Matco® Distributorship will be between 20 and 45 days, depending on how quickly you can complete training and obtain the Mobile Store, inventory, equipment and supplies needed to begin operations.

(B) Matco will provide you with the use of a copy of the Manual (see Article 3.10 of the Distributorship Agreement). Matco reserves the right to provide the Manual electronically or in an electronic or computer-readable format, for example, via the Matco Distributor Business System, or another method, or on a CD. Following is the Table of Contents of the 255 page Manual:

	<u>Total Pages</u>
(1) Getting Your Business Started on a Sound Foundation	25
(2) How to Become a Successful MATCO Distributor	14
(3) Customer Service and Special Order Departments	32
(4) Tool Boxes	24
(5) Commercial Financial Services	41
(6) Sales Basics for the Tool Business	47
(7) Providing Your Customers with Excellent Service	13
(8) Financial Management	30
(9) Getting Started – Day 1	29

(C) Matco will provide your Principal Owner with at least 50 hours of mandatory initial classroom training (the “**Matco Business System Training (MBST) Program**”) at Matco’s corporate offices in Stow, Ohio, or at such other location as may be designated by Matco (see Article 3.8 and Article 4.1 of the Distributorship Agreement). Your Principal Owner must successfully complete the Matco Business System Training (MBST) Program before operating your Distributorship. The Matco Business System Training (MBST) Program will include classroom instruction on Matco’s Business System, the Customer Service Standards, and basic business procedures, including purchasing, selling and marketing techniques, customer relations, basic computer operations and other business and marketing topics selected by Matco. The hours devoted to each subject may vary based on how quickly trainees grasp the material, their prior experience with the subject, and scheduling. Matco will instruct attendees using the lecture method, video recordings, computer-based training modules, and interactive video courses. The Matco Business System Training (MBST) Program is Phase 1 of Matco’s required training.

Matco also makes the MBST Program, as well as the MBSCT Program (described below), available to any Operator or other employee that you may choose to hire. In order to preserve, protect and enhance the Matco Tools brand and Marks, and to assure a uniform customer experience and operations that comply with the Business System standards, Matco recommends that any Operator or other employee must either satisfactorily complete Matco’s training programs or that you deliver a similar training experience to the Operator. Matco may require that you certify, upon Matco’s request, that any Operator or other employee has been trained in, and is knowledgeable regarding, all of Matco’s standards and operating requirements.

(D) In addition to the MBST Program, Matco also offers the “**Matco Business System Continuation Training (MBSCT) Program**,” which is Phase 2 of our training. Matco may also require your Principal Owner to attend and successfully complete at least 15 hours of mandatory continuation MBSCT virtually, or at such other location as may be designated by Matco (see Article 3.8 and Article 4.1 of the Distributorship Agreement) between your 2nd and 5th month in business. The MBSCT Program will include classroom instruction on intermediate business procedures, purchasing, selling and marketing techniques, customer relations, intermediate computer operations and other business and marketing topics selected by Matco. During the MBSCT Program, Matco will instruct attendees using the lecture method, video recordings, computer-based training modules, and interactive video courses. To attend MBSCT training, attendees must have successfully passed the Phase 1 MBST training course.

(E) The combined training time provided in MBST (Phase 1) and MBSCT (Phase 2) will be a minimum of 65 hours. This training, as described above, is mandatory and will take place at Matco’s corporate offices in Stow, Ohio, virtually, or at such other location as may be designated by Matco (see Article 3.8 and Article 4.1 of the Distributorship Agreement).

The courses are as follows:

#### PHASE ONE TRAINING PROGRAM

SUBJECT	MINIMUM HOURS OF CLASSROOM TRAINING	HOURS OF FIELD (ON-THE-JOB) TRAINING <sup>(1)</sup>	LOCATION <sup>(2)</sup>
Introduction/ Corporate Information/ Building Tour	2.5 Hours	Not applicable	Matco’s training facility in Stow, Ohio (see notes 1 and 2 below)
Introduction to the Tool Business	2 Hours	1 Hour	Matco’s training facility in Stow, Ohio (see notes 1 and 2 below)
MDBS Software Set-Up & Loading	1.5 Hours	2 Hours	Matco’s training facility in Stow, Ohio, and on your Mobile Store (see notes 1 and 2 below)
Open Purchase Account & Financial Management Tools	4 Hours	14 Hours	Matco’s training facility in Stow, Ohio, and on your Mobile Store (see notes 1 and 2 below)
MDBS/Business Applications	12 Hours	3 Hours	Matco’s training facility in Stow, Ohio, and on your Mobile Store (see notes 1 and 2 below)
Commercial Financial Services	3 Hours	2 Hours	Matco’s training facility in Stow, Ohio, and on your Mobile Store (see notes 1 and 2 below)
Matco Product Knowledge	3 Hours	10 Hours	Matco’s training facility in Stow, Ohio, and on your Mobile Store (see notes 1 and 2 below)

SUBJECT	MINIMUM HOURS OF CLASSROOM TRAINING	HOURS OF FIELD (ON-THE-JOB) TRAINING <sup>(1)</sup>	LOCATION <sup>(2)</sup>
Sales Training (Package Selling and Show and Sell Bag Use)	3 Hours	6 Hours	Matco's training facility in Stow, Ohio, and on your Mobile Store (see notes 1 and 2 below)
Customer Service	1 Hour	Not Applicable	Matco's training facility in Stow, Ohio, and on your Mobile Store (see notes 1 and 2 below)
Relationship/Value Selling	3 Hours	3 Hours	Matco's training facility in Stow, Ohio, and on your Mobile Store (see notes 1 and 2 below)
MDBS Instruction	9 Hours	3 Hours	Matco's training facility in Stow, Ohio, and on your Mobile Store (see notes 1 and 2 below)
Account Setup	6 Hours	Not Applicable	Matco's training facility in Stow, Ohio, and on your Mobile Store (see notes 1 and 2 below)
Running the Route	Not Applicable	116 Hours	Matco's training facility in Stow, Ohio, and on your Mobile Store (see notes 1 and 2 below)
<b>Totals</b>	<b>50 Hours</b>	<b>160 Hours</b>	

## PHASE TWO TRAINING PROGRAM

SUBJECT	MINIMUM HOURS OF CLASSROOM TRAINING	HOURS OF FIELD (ON-THE-JOB) TRAINING <sup>(1)</sup>	LOCATION <sup>(2)</sup>
Recap of Phase 1 Training	1 Hour	Not applicable	Matco's training facility in Stow, Ohio, or virtually (see notes 1 and 2 below)
Open Purchase Account & Financial Management Tools	2 Hours	Not applicable	Matco's training facility in Stow, Ohio, and on your Mobile Store, or virtually (see notes 1 and 2 below)
MDBS/Business Management	2 Hours	Not applicable	Matco's training facility in Stow, Ohio, and on your Mobile Store, or virtually (see notes 1 and 2 below)

SUBJECT	MINIMUM HOURS OF CLASSROOM TRAINING	HOURS OF FIELD (ON-THE-JOB) TRAINING <sup>(1)</sup>	LOCATION <sup>(2)</sup>
Sales Training (includes PSA, equipment, tool storage, diagnostics, planning, TP & cordless)	10 Hours	Not applicable	Matco's training facility in Stow, Ohio, and on your Mobile Store, or virtually (see notes 1 and 2 below)

Notes:

- (1) Field Training is described in more detail below under the heading "Assistance Provided by Matco during the Operation of the Business." Field Training is conducted under the supervision of Laurie Reinbolt, Vice President, Sales, and may be conducted by a Matco regional or district business manager and/or one of the field instructors employed or otherwise retained by Matco. Each field instructor is a professional educator and has been trained by Matco for the purpose of training Matco's Distributors.
- (2) Matco Business System Training (MBST) Program is conducted under the direction of Ms. Reinbolt. Ms. Reinbolt has been in her current position with Matco since August 2024, and further information on her background is described in Item 2. Training will begin after you sign the Distributorship Agreement. Matco usually conducts the Matco Business System Training (MBST) Program on a monthly basis, and it typically offers two classes per month. Matco expects that you or your Operator will commence training within two weeks of executing the Distributorship Agreement.

The Matco Business System Training (MBST) Program will be provided to your Principal Owner and your initial Operator (if applicable) at no cost, and is generally available within the one-month period before you begin operating your Distributorship.

We also do not charge any fees for the Matco Business System Continuation Training (MBSCT) Program, and this program is generally held between your 2nd and 5th month in business.

You are currently responsible for all expenses incurred by your Principal Owner and any other attendees during all classroom training programs, except for the following: (a) scheduled travel to and from Matco's headquarters and your Principal Owner's airport of choice for your Principal Owner and any Operator, and daily travel to and from Matco's headquarters and your Principal Owner's hotel, during the MBST Program (only Phase 1); and (b) four nights of lodging for the Principal Owner (one person) at the MBSCT Program (only Phase 2) (if such travel and lodging complies with the policies and procedures established by Matco from time to time). In order to ensure the availability of local lodging while attending the Matco Business System Training (MBST) Program, Matco has negotiated lodging and meal rates for your Principal Owner and any Operator. Lodging for the MBST Program and MBSCT Program (both Phase 1 and Phase 2) is currently located near Matco's headquarters, Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, and/or Akron-Canton Regional Airport, but we may designate alternative accommodations from time to time, at our option. The cost of the room and meals will be billed directly to your Open Purchase Account.

Any other charges incurred at the lodging facility will be due and payable directly to the facility at the time of checkout. In addition to lodging and meals, you will be required to pay all other

expenses associated with attending the training, including travel and the salary, fringe benefits, payroll taxes, unemployment compensation, workers' compensation insurance for any trainee who will attend the MBST Program or MBSCT Program (see Article 4.4 of the Distributorship Agreement). If your Principal Owner elects to bring her or his Business Partner to the MBST program, Matco will charge a flat fee in the amount of \$295.00 for food, lodging and local transportation. Matco encourages all Distributors to bring their Business Partners to the MBST Program.

Matco is not obligated to provide the MBST Program (Phase 1) to the Principal Owners or any Operators of renewing Matco Distributors. However, the Principal Owners of renewing Distributors must successfully complete any supplemental training programs Matco may require to bring their Distributorships into compliance with Matco's then-current standards.

In addition, Matco will offer the MBST Program (Phase 1) to any new or replacement Operators that you hire (and, in rare cases, a new Principal Owner), subject to the availability of Matco's personnel, at time and place Matco designates. Matco will provide the MBST Program for your first or replacement Operator free of charge. However, for the second and additional Operators that you hire who will not be operating new Mobile Stores, we will charge our then-current weekly fee for the in-field portion of the MBST Program, which includes our travel, meal, lodging, and payroll expenses to send a trainer to you. Matco's current fee is \$1,500 per week, but Matco may change this amount at any time. As noted above, you are responsible for your Principal Owner's and any Operators' travel, meal, and lodging expenses associated with attending the MBST Program, as well as all salary and fringe benefit expenses associated with sending your Principal Owner and any Operators to the MBST Program (see Articles 4.1, 4.2, and 4.4 of the Distributorship Agreement), and attending the MBST program.

Matco may schedule periodic meetings with Matco personnel and other distributors for additional training, Product updates and business seminars. Attendance at these meetings is voluntary.

- (D) Matco will provide you with the standards and specifications for the Mobile Store and Matco-branded attire required by Matco for use in your Matco® Distributorship (see Article 3.6 of the Distributorship Agreement).
- (E) Matco will provide you with the standards and specifications for the computer hardware and software required by Matco for use in your Matco® Distributorship (see Article 3.7 of the Distributorship Agreement); see also Items 5, 6, and 7 in this Disclosure Document. You must comply with Matco's standards and specifications for the computer hardware, software, and communications, and you must regularly update your computer hardware, software, and communications to comply with any new or changed standards and specifications. Currently and subject to change, you are required to purchase a new (unused and not refurbished) personal computer (a "laptop") meeting the exact requirements described in paragraph 4 of the Software License Agreement (Exhibit O to the Distributorship Agreement). The MDBS Software is designed to assist you in minimizing paperwork and in managing your route and List of Calls, handling inventory, receivables and order processing functions, and performing other tasks relating to operating the Distributorship. The MDBS Software performs numerous on-truck (Mobile Store) functions such as tracking of sales histories and accounts receivable, printing of receipts and PSA quotes, credit applications and contracts, inventory tracking, tool repair tracking support, credit management, order placement, tracking of customers' orders, Product pricing, sales and collection records, weekly activity reports, and feedback reports from Matco.

Matco provides computer software maintenance and support services Monday through Friday during the standard hours of 7:00 a.m. through 11:00 p.m., Eastern Time. Matco will from time to time review the MDBS Software for improved functionality and operating efficiency. Matco will make such improvements and enhancements as it deems appropriate and will provide you with the updated software and documentation necessary to make the improvements on your system. You will be required to update your computer hardware and software from time to time in order to maintain compliance with Matco's then-current standards. There are no contractual limitations on the frequency or cost of your updating obligations. You will be responsible for acquiring and maintaining the computer hardware and manufacturer's operating system software required to execute the MDBS Software. You will be responsible for handling all equipment hardware/warranty issues directly with the equipment manufacturers. Except for the MDBS Software, you will have sole and complete responsibility for: (a) your own computer hardware and software as well as the manner in which those systems are maintained, upgraded, and operated in order to maintain compliance with Matco's standards as they may be modified from time to time; (b) obtaining and maintaining access to the Internet through a subscription with an Internet service provider or a then-current technologically capable equivalent in accordance with Matco's standards; (c) the manner in which your systems interact with Matco's systems and those of other third parties; and (d) any and all consequences that may arise if your systems are not properly maintained, upgraded, and operated. Matco will have access to certain sales, inventory, and accounts receivable collection information from a Distributor's MDBS system. Matco uses this data to prepare and provide reports to a Distributor with key business statistics regarding the Distributor's business. All data provided by you, uploaded to Matco's system from your system, and/or downloaded from your system to the Matco system, is and will be owned exclusively by Matco, and Matco will have the right to use such data in any manner that Matco deems appropriate without compensation to you.

As described in Item 7, you may lease or purchase the hardware. The costs are estimated to be approximately, \$3,100 to \$4,200 to purchase the equipment. As described in Item 6, the annual computer maintenance and support charges are \$720, or \$1,120 if your computer does not satisfy the required configuration.

- (F) Matco will provide you with the standards and specifications for the New Distributor Starter Inventory required by Matco for your Matco® Distributorship (see Article 3.3 of the Distributorship Agreement).

Assistance Provided by Matco during the Operation of the Business.

- (A) Matco provides you with a designated trainer for a minimum of 160 hours of initial Field Training (see Article 4.2 of the Distributorship Agreement). The designated trainer may be a field instructor and/or a regional or district business manager. The designated trainer may ride with your Principal Owner or your initial Operator on sales calls. Topics covered during Field Training include selling and marketing techniques, customer relations, computer operations, product knowledge, inventory, and related topics. Further information concerning Field Training is given in the "Training Program" table above.
- (B) Matco may offer additional training, product updates and business seminars (see Article 4.3 of the Distributorship Agreement). Your attendance at additional training sessions and business seminars is optional.
- (C) Matco will, from time to time, advertise the Products in selected national and regional trade publications targeted toward the types of customers served by you and other Matco® Distributorships. Any such advertising is done at Matco's expense and under Matco's control.



- (D) Currently, Matco makes available to you certain catalogs, promotional literature, and other sales materials at no cost. Other materials are available to you at a nominal charge to purchase at your option.
- (E) You are not required to conduct any direct mail or media advertising programs for your Distributorship. However, if you determine that direct mail advertising would improve your business, Matco will, upon your request and at your expense, conduct direct mail marketing programs which will include mailings to Potential Customers on your List of Calls. The content, promotional offerings, number, timing, and frequency of the mailings will be determined by the mutual agreement between you and Matco. You must provide Matco with an updated and verified list of Potential Customers on your List of Calls including each Potential Customer's name, work location, and mailing address.

In addition, Matco may from time to time implement one or more promotional programs to enhance the brand, which may include a Matco-funded store opening giveaway program or other store opening promotional program. You must adhere to the guidelines that Matco establishes from time to time for such promotional programs, must devote your best efforts to such promotional programs, and must disseminate to Potential Customers all apparel or other items that Matco provides to you in connection with any giveaway promotional program.

- (F) Any Website (as defined below) will be deemed "advertising" under the Distributorship Agreement, and will be subject to (among other things) Matco's approval. (As used in the Distributorship Agreement, the term "**Website**" means "one or more related documents, designs, pages, or other communications that can be accessed through electronic means, including but not limited to the Internet, World Wide Web, social media and social networking sites (including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram etc.), blogs, vlogs, and other applications, etc. that the Distributor operates or authorizes others to operate and that refer to the Distributorship, the Marks, Matco, and/or the System.") In connection with any Website:

- (1) Before establishing the Website, you must submit to Matco a sample of the Website format and information in the form and manner Matco may reasonably require.
- (2) You may not establish or use the Website without Matco's prior written approval.
- (3) In addition to any other applicable requirements, you must comply with Matco's standards and specifications for Websites as prescribed by Matco from time to time in the Manual or otherwise in writing. If required by Matco, you must establish your Website as part of Matco's Website and/or establish electronic links to Matco's Website.
- (4) If you propose any material revision to the Website or any of the information contained in the Website, you must submit each such revision to Matco for Matco's prior written approval as provided above.
- (5) In addition, Matco may from time to time establish specific policies regarding social media accounts or activity related to or connected with the Distributorship and which use or refer to, directly or indirectly, Matco or the Marks, that Matco determines appropriate for the System. The policies may include completion of training regarding social media. Matco may modify these policies as Matco determines is appropriate, including as available technologies and advertising methods change. You must comply with the standards and procedures developed by Matco for the network of Distributorships, in the manner directed by Matco in the Manual or otherwise, with regard to your authorization

to use, and use of, blogs, common social networks (such as Facebook), professional networks (such as Linked-In), live blogging tools (such as Twitter), virtual worlds, file, audio and video sharing sites and other similar social networking media or tools (together, “Social Media”) that in any way references the Marks or involves the network of Distributorships or your Distributorship. In addition, in order to protect and control the Matco brand and the Marks, Matco must at all times have administrator rights over all Social Media accounts used by you in connection with the Distributorship and which use or refer to, directly or indirectly, Matco or the Marks, and for any such Social Media accounts Matco may, at its option and without notice or limitation, assume administration and control of such accounts.

- (G) Matco provides end-user financing programs to your qualified customers (see Item 10 under “**Installment Contracts**”).
- (H) Matco provides support of your sales and servicing activities through its warranty and non-warranty service programs. Matco’s warranty policy, which may change over time, provides, generally, that any Product that is branded with the “Matco” name is warranted against defects in materials and workmanship. Matco, or one of its authorized representatives, will, at Matco’s option, repair or replace any tool or part that is subject to the warranty without charge, if the defect or malfunctioning tool or part is returned to Matco or its representative, shipping prepaid. There are certain limitations under the warranty, and you should read and understand the warranty policies. You must follow Matco’s policies and procedures regarding returning tools for warranty claims. Among the procedures that you must follow is the requirement to send back the products with the appropriate paperwork, product specifications, codes and other required information. In addition, you must pay all freight and shipping charges to send the defective product to Matco. In most cases, Matco will pay the shipping and freight costs to send you a new or repaired tool, part or product.

Also, there are certain warranty service functions that you, as a Distributor, must perform. These include “in the field” repair of ratchets and toolboxes. You must purchase ratchet repair kits that range from \$10 to \$40 per kit. (Most of the kits are \$10). You must return the defective part to Matco, and pay the shipping/freight charges. Matco will credit the cost of the ratchet repair kit upon return of the defective parts to Matco. Matco includes ratchet repair instructions on its website for Distributors. You (and your Principal Owner or other employee) are not compensated for your time to make these repairs.

You are also responsible to perform minor warranty repairs on toolboxes within your List of Calls, such as drawer slides, casters (wheels), trim and/or drawer replacement if needed. Warranty repairs are handled on a case-by-case basis after contacting Matco’s Customer Service and/or Matco’s toolbox manufacturing facility. There are no repair kits for toolboxes, and you are not required to purchase items to repair toolboxes under warranty.

Warranty repair service is the type of service that your customers expect from a Matco Distributor. Matco believes that it will help you build customer loyalty. You do not receive compensation from Matco for performing these services; however, Matco considers the cost of warranty service in setting discounts from the suggested retail price of the Products that it sells to Distributors. The amount of time expended by your Principal Owner or other employee on servicing your customers with warranty repairs will vary between customers. Matco reserves the right to change the warranties at any time which may result in additional warranty repairs for you.

- (I) Matco provides shipments of Products to you, in accordance with the terms of the Distributorship Agreement (see Article 6 of the Distributorship Agreement).
- (J) Matco provides periodic meetings with Matco personnel for your Principal Owner and Operator (and potentially other employees) for the purpose of additional training, Product updates, seminars, motivational programs, and group idea exchanges (see Article 4.3 of the Distributorship Agreement). These meetings are designed to support you in the growth of your business.
- (K) Matco provides you with computer software and support services in order to facilitate your operation of the Distributorship and the performance of your (and your Principal Owner's) duties in connection with the Distributorship (see Article 3.7 of the Distributorship Agreement).
- (L) Matco will make its then-current tool return policy available to you. The current policy provides that during the term of the Distributorship Agreement or after its expiration or termination, you may return for credit to your Open Purchase Account any eligible Products purchased from Matco and listed in the then current Matco Tools Price List, excluding special order and high obsolescence electronic products. You must pay for the packaging and shipping of such Products to Matco. The current tool return policy specifies that the tools and other products that are eligible for return for credit are new, unused, and not abused products that are in saleable condition, and in their original packaging. The products returned must be on the current inventory list and cannot be discontinued items. Matco generally tries to give Distributors at least 180 days' notice following an announcement that a product has been discontinued to return the product for credit. You may take advantage of the tool return policy at any time, such as if you have overstocked items, or wish to rotate or adjust the product mix in your inventory. Matco will credit your Open Purchase Account for the eligible returned Products less a restocking fee, which in most cases is 15% (of the original purchase price of the product). A good faith effort will be made by Matco to issue credit within 90 days of acceptance of the returned Products. The specific criteria for products that are eligible for return for credit is stated in Matco's tool return policy. Matco will revise its tool return policy at such times as it may determine, and will inform you in writing of any changes when made.

Neither the Distributorship Agreement nor any other agreement requires Matco to provide any other assistance or services to you during the operation of your Distributorship. As noted in Item 20 below, however, Matco has a policy under which it will offer Distributors a \$5,000 savings credit on their Open Purchase Account, and a free toolbox valued at a list price of \$12,150 for the first successful referral of a prospect who becomes a Matco distributor after the referral, with additional amounts Open Purchase Account credits and free tools or toolboxes for subsequent successful referrals within a 12-month period. Matco may modify this incentive policy from time to time.

#### Matco Distributor Advisory Councils

Matco does not have an advertising fund into which a Distributor must contribute, and Matco does not have local or regional advertising cooperatives in which Distributors are required to participate. Matco has a Matco Distributor Advisory Council ("MDAC") system to foster and enhance communications between Distributors and Matco. The MDAC system is a strictly voluntary system, with MDACs at the district and regional level. MDAC representatives meet periodically with each other, with Distributors, and with Matco managers and executives to discuss a variety of system issues. Matco Distributors are not required to participate or pay any dues or other financial contributions.

## (12) TERRITORY

### Distributorship Agreement

You, your Principal Owner, and any Operator/employee will only be allowed to operate your Distributorship within a territory defined by a List of Calls (Exhibit A to the Distributorship Agreement.). The Distributorship Agreement sometimes refers to this as a “protected territory,” which is subject to the terms and conditions described in the Distributorship Agreement and disclosed in this Item 12. The List of Calls identifies the current number of Potential Customers at each business location on the List of Calls. Prior to establishing your List of Calls, Matco will conduct a survey of various prior Matco Distributor routes and potential new Distributor routes to determine a suitable List of Calls that contains, as of the date of the Distributorship Agreement, up to of 325 Potential Customers, the location of which will be identified on the List of Calls. Matco provides no assurance that the Potential Customers will actually become your customers, or that due to economics, demographics or other reasons, the number of actual or Potential Customers, and/or the businesses identified on the List of Calls, will not increase or decrease after the date of the Distributorship Agreement. Matco is under no obligation to supplement the List of Calls with additional stops or Potential Customers in the event the number of Potential Customers declines.

You must not operate the Distributorship or sell any Products at any location not identified on the List of Calls; or sell any Products to any entity, person, or business that is not located at an address identified on its List of Calls; or sell any Products to any person who does not work at a business that is located at an address identified on your List of Calls, even if that Potential Customer or location is adjacent to, or near, a location on your List of Calls. In addition, you must not sell Products to any customer who moves to a location or business not identified on the List of Calls. Any sale to a person, entity or business that is located at an address that is not identified on your List of Calls, or any sale to an individual who does not work at a business that is located at an address identified on your List of Calls, when that customer is located in another distributor’s “List of Calls,” constitutes a material event of default under the Distributorship Agreement.

As noted above, the Distributorship is a business which operates principally from a vehicle, and which is authorized to resell the Products pursuant to a List of Calls. If, and for so long as, you are in compliance with the Distributorship Agreement, Matco will not operate, or grant a license or franchise to operate, a Matco mobile Distributorship that will be authorized to sell Products to Potential Customers at locations on your List of Calls (see Article 1.3 of the Distributorship Agreement).

Except for the rights expressly granted to you and provided in the Distributorship Agreement, Matco retains all rights to sell, and license or authorize others to sell, Products to any customers, at any location, and through any channels or methods of distribution. Without limiting the foregoing, Matco retains the following rights, on any terms and conditions Matco deems advisable, and without granting you any rights therein:

1. Matco (and any affiliates, licensees or franchisees of Matco, if specifically permitted by Matco in writing) will have the absolute right to sell the Products, directly or indirectly, or through non-mobile distributors, including commercial sales representatives, (A) to industrial customers, industrial accounts, and owners of vehicle repair businesses (including businesses, entities, governmental agencies, and others, even if a Potential Customer or business on the List of Calls), who (i) have central purchasing functions, or (ii) may purchase and/or acquire special order products designed for multiple-party use, which are not included as part of Matco’s regular or special purchase inventory list, or (iii) may purchase Products through a bidding process, such as railroads, airlines, manufacturers, governmental agencies and schools, (B) to industrial and multiple-line and multiple brand wholesale distributors who may resell

such Products to any potential purchaser or customer, including your customers, and (C) to vocational training schools and programs, and to the students and employees of those schools and programs.

2. Matco (and any affiliates, licensees or franchisees of Matco, if specifically permitted by Matco in writing) will have the absolute right to sell the Products through (A) catalogs, (B) any current or future means of electronic commerce, including the Internet and Matco's Website (and including social media), and downloading and other electronic delivery of software applications and other products and services, and (C) at special and/or temporary venues (including race tracks, and other motor sports events).

3. Matco, and affiliates of Matco, may manufacture and/or sell products that are the same as or similar to the Products, and Matco's affiliates may sell such products directly, or indirectly through wholesalers, suppliers, distributors or others, to Potential Customers who are the same as or similar to your Potential Customers and actual customers on your List of Calls. Matco has no control over the sales or distribution methods or operations of its affiliates, and Matco has no liability or obligations to you due to any sales or distribution activities of Matco's affiliates. However, currently, neither Matco nor its affiliates have any plans to operate a franchise system under different trademarks that offer the same or similar products.

The Distributorship Agreement grants you the limited right to sell Products through the Distributorship, as described in the Distributorship Agreement. All sales of Products must be from the Mobile Store and not from any other location or through any other sales or distribution channels. For example, you must not sell the Products through (A) mail orders, telephone orders, and the use of catalogs distributed to potential customers, (B) any current or future means of electronic commerce, including the Internet (such as websites like Amazon or social media like Instagram) and Matco's website, and downloading and other electronic delivery of software applications and other products and services, and (C) at special and/or temporary venues (including race tracks, and other motor sports events). Further, all sales of Products must be to end-users, and not for the purpose of resale or to any person or entity who will or may, or who Distributor suspects will or may, resell such Product, through any channel of distribution. In the event Distributor or the Principal Owner knows of, learns of, or suspects that any person or entity is reselling or may resell any Products, the Distributor shall cease all future sales to such person and report such sales or suspicion to Matco.

Currently, Matco sells the Products through its commercial sales department and commercial accounts program which is described in Item 1. Matco also sells Products to the vocation school market (see Item 1). Except as set forth in Article 1.3, Article 1.4, and Article 3.4 of the Distributorship Agreement, there are no contractual limitations on the ability of Matco or any affiliate to establish other franchises or company-owned outlets or other channels of distribution selling or leasing similar products or services under the Matco® trademark or a different trademark. Matco will have no liability or obligation to you if any customer or Potential Customer of yours purchases or receives Products through any method or channel of distribution described above, or otherwise reserved to Matco. Further, Matco has in the past granted (A) distributorships that do not have any territorial restrictions or limitations on the distributor, and (B) distributorships that have territories in which the Distributor is not limited to selling Products to a specified number of customers. Matco will use its best efforts to deter such distributors, and other distributors, from selling Products to Potential Customers on the List of Calls, but Matco cannot and does not provide you with any guaranty or assurance that such distributors will not offer and sell Products to your customers.

As discussed above, you will be granted a List of Calls and a designated number of Potential Customers. While we do not intend to grant any other Distributor the right to sell directly from its mobile store to your Potential Customers or List of Calls, you will not receive an exclusive territory. As discussed above, Matco has reserved certain rights to offer and sell products, and you may face competition from



other franchisees, from outlets that we own, or from other channels of distribution or competitive brands that we control.

The continuation of your rights to sell Products to Potential Customers under the Distributorship Agreement is dependent on, and Matco may terminate the Distributorship Agreement if you fail to:

(A) at all times maintain a minimum inventory of Products sufficient to meet your obligations to promote and sell a full line of Matco Products and to meet the expectations and needs of your existing and potential Customers, especially in terms of product availability and timeliness of delivery.

(B) on average, on a weekly basis, sell Products in an amount that meets or exceeds (a) 80% of the National Distributor Sales Average achieved by Distributors in the United States (“NDSA”), or (b) 80% of the District Distributor Sales Average (“DDSA”) for a Distributor’s district, whichever is less, based on your 12-month rolling average, or, if you have been operating the Distributorship for less than 12 months, based on your year-to-date average. As discussed in Item 8, your sales average will be based on the sales of all Products from your Distributorship as you report them through the MDBS, or Matco’s then-required operating system. The NDSA is determined by dividing the total number of active Matco Distributors in the United States for any given weekly period during a calendar year into the year-to-date total dollar amount of qualifying Products sold by the Distributors. The DDSA is calculated in a similar manner as the NDSA, except the comparison group includes only Distributors in your district;

(C) maintain a minimum of a 60% ratio of a calculation of your year-to-date product purchases divided by your year-to-date sales;

(D) comply with the “Customer Service Standards” that we designate from time to time, which contemplate that your Principal Owner or other employee will make weekly sales calls and promote the System, such as promoting Products to each Potential Customer on your List of Calls.

For information regarding terminated and former Distributors, please see Item 20 (but note that the list of Distributors that were cancelled or terminated, or otherwise left the system, includes Distributors who voluntarily or involuntarily “separated” for reasons other than failure to attain 80% of the National Distributor Sales Average) or 80% of your District Distributor Sales Average, whichever is less.

If you wish to modify your List of Calls, including by adding a location or Potential Customers, you must submit a written request to Matco identifying the proposed changes to the List of Calls with an explanation for how the proposed changes to the List of Calls will help you achieve and meet Matco’s Customer Service Standards.

You will not have the right or option to acquire additional Distributorships without written approval from Matco’s Director, Franchise Program Development & Compliance. If you seek to acquire an additional Distributorship, you must be in compliance with your Distributorship Agreement and all Matco policies, including compliance with the Distributor Plus Guidelines. In addition, you may have an ownership interest in a maximum of five Distributorships.

### The 225 Program

New and existing Distributors who sign “225 Amendments” will operate their Distributorships by offering and selling Products exclusively at those locations identified on the List of Calls set forth in the 225 Amendment. There will be a maximum of 225 Potential Customers on the List of Calls (unless otherwise approved by Matco, not to exceed 240 Potential Customers). As long as you are compliant with the Distributorship Agreement and the 225 Amendment, Matco will not operate, or grant a license



or a franchise to operate, a Matco mobile distributorship that will be authorized to sell Products to any Potential Customers or actual customers at locations identified on your List of Calls. Matco retains all other rights. See the discussion of Matco's reserved rights above in this Item 12.

To maintain their right to sell Products to Potential Customers, new Distributors who sign 225 Amendments must:

(A) at all times maintain a minimum inventory of Products sufficient to meet your obligations to promote and sell a full line of Matco Products and to meet the expectations and needs of your existing and potential Customers, especially in terms of product availability and timeliness of delivery.

(B) on average, on a weekly basis, sell Products in an amount that meets or exceeds the percentage of the NDSA and DDSA identified in their 225 Amendments. A 225 Distributorship will be subject to a lower NDSA or DDSA compliance target that is proportional to the reduction in the number of Potential Customers (which will be approximately 75% to 85% of the required 80% of the NDSA or DDSA requirement). For example, if Exhibit A to the 225 Amendment lists 225 Potential Customers, then the percentage for calculating compliance with the NDSA or DDSA would be  $225 \div 325 = 69.23\%$ . By rounding to a whole number, the percentage is 69%. And, 69% of 80% is equal to 55.2%. Assuming that the actual NDSA or DDSA was \$7,000, the Distributor would be obligated to generate year-to-date gross sales equal to 55.2% of the NDSA or DDSA, which would be 55.2% of \$7,000, which equals \$3,864.

(C) maintain a minimum of a 60% ratio of a calculation of the Distributor's year-to-date product purchases divided by your year-to-date sales;

(D) comply with the "Customer Service Standards" that we designate from time to time, which contemplate that your Principal Owner or other employee will make weekly sales calls.

Existing Distributors (that signed Distributorship Agreements before March 10, 2014) who convert into 225 Distributors will not be subject to the NDSA or the DDSA. However, they will be subject to the terms and conditions of their Distributorship Agreements, which will include compliance with the Distributor purchase average performance requirement (as modified, proportionally, for the reduced number of Potential Customers). The standard forms of Matco 225 Amendment for new and existing Distributors are attached in Appendix L to this Disclosure Document.

#### Enhanced Territory Distributorships

From time to time, Matco may grant an existing Distributor an ETD with a List of Calls that includes more than 325 Potential Customers. Most of the aspects and elements of a Distributorship will apply to an ETD, except as stated below. To maintain its right to sell Products to Potential Customers in connection with an ETD, the Distributor must comply with the following additional terms and conditions:

(A) There will be a greater number of Potential Customers on the List of Calls.

(B) The required initial inventory will be greater than that of a standard Matco Distributorship (approximately \$76,590 to \$126,960, depending on the minimum number of Potential Customers, but generally \$110,400).

(C) The ETD Distributor will be subject to a higher National Distributor Sales Average (or "NDSA") or District Distributor Sales Average (or "DDSA") compliance target. By way of example, if an ETD Distributor is granted 545 Potential Customers, then the percentage for calculating compliance with the NDSA or DDSA would be  $545 \div 325 = 167.69\%$ . By rounding to a whole number, the percentage is

168%. And, 168% of 80% is equal to 134%. If the actual NDSA or DDSA for the most recent fiscal year end was \$4,000, the Distributor would be obligated to generate gross sales equal to 134% of the NDSA or DDSA, which would be 134% of \$4,000, which equals \$5,360.

### (13) TRADEMARKS

You are licensed to operate your business under the name “Matco® Tools.” You are also authorized to use the logo which appears on the cover page of this Disclosure Document. You may only use Matco’s trademarks in the manner authorized in writing by Matco. You will not have the right to sublicense, assign, or transfer your license to use the Matco trademarks. You may not use the Matco trademarks as part of your corporate or other legal name, or as part of any e-mail address, domain name, or other identification of you or your business in any electronic medium. You must use the Matco trademarks only in the form and manner and with the appropriate legends as prescribed from time to time by Matco.

The following is a list of the trademark and service mark registrations of Matco’s primary trademarks on the principal register of the United States Patent and Trademark Office (or applications on file on the Principal Register):

<u>Mark</u>	<u>Registration No./ Serial No.</u>	<u>Registration Date/ Filing Date</u>
MATCO	1,101,947	September 12, 1978
MATCO	1,115,963	April 3, 1979
MATCO	239,210	January 18, 1980
Eagle Head in Hexagon	1,147,518	February 24, 1981

There are no currently effective material determinations of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Trademark Trial and Appeal Board, or the trademark administrator in any state or any court, no pending infringement, opposition or cancellation proceedings, and no pending material litigation involving these trademarks which limit or restrict their use in any state.

There are no agreements currently in effect which significantly limit the rights of Matco to use or license the use of these trademarks in any manner material to you. To the knowledge of Matco, there are no infringing uses which could materially affect your use of the licensed trademarks or other related rights in any state. Matco is obligated under the Distributorship Agreement to protect the rights which you have to use Matco’s trademarks and other related rights and to protect you against claims of infringement and unfair competition with respect to the trademarks. However, if anyone establishes to Matco’s satisfaction that its rights are, for any legal reason, superior to any of Matco’s trademarks, trade names or service marks, then you are required to use such variances or other service marks, trademarks or trade names as required by Matco to avoid conflict with such superior rights.

### (14) PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS AND PROPRIETARY INFORMATION

#### Patents

While Matco and/or Danaher subsidiaries own or may own design patents and/or utility patents on tool chests and possibly other products that might be sold by a Distributor, there are no patents that are material to the Distributorship.

## Copyrights

Matco filed for, and received, a United States copyright for its Matco Distributor Business System (the MDBS Program, referred to in Item 5 above). The registration number is TX 2-495-161, and it was made effective on July 5, 1988. Matco also filed for, and received, a Canadian copyright for the MDBS Program. The Canadian copyright is titled “Computer Program for Aiding Distributors in the Distribution of Matco Tools.” The Canadian registration number is 437486, and it was made effective on October 18, 1994.

Matco has copyrighted advertising materials and designs, training films, workbooks, the Manual, and items relating to the operation of Matco® Distributorships. Other than the MDBS Program, Matco has not applied to the United States Copyright Office to register its copyrights.

There are no infringing uses actually known to Matco that could materially affect your use of any copyrighted material supplied by Matco in any state. There are no determinations of the Copyright Office or any court, no pending interference, opposition or cancellation proceedings, nor any pending material litigation involving such copyrighted materials which are relevant to their use in any state. There are no agreements currently in effect which significantly limit the rights of Matco to use or license the use of these copyrighted materials in any manner material to you.

## Confidential Operations Manual

In order to protect the reputation and goodwill of Matco and to maintain operating standards under the System and the Marks, you must conduct your business in accordance with the terms of the Distributorship Agreement and in compliance with the provisions of the Manual and any written directives issued by Matco.

## Confidential Information

In addition to the Manual, Matco will provide you with other confidential business information and proprietary materials which relate to the operation of the Distributorship business. You must keep confidential, during and after the term of the Distributorship Agreement, the Manual and all such confidential business information and proprietary materials disclosed to you by Matco. You may not disclose the confidential information or proprietary materials to any person or use them for your benefit except in connection with the operation of your Distributorship business. You will be liable to Matco for damages caused by any breach of confidentiality.

## **(15) OBLIGATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ACTUAL OPERATION OF THE FRANCHISE BUSINESS**

You must use your best efforts to promote the sale of the Products and to provide service and warranty support to your actual and Potential Customers. You will be responsible for all aspects of managing the business including, but not limited to, extending credit, budgeting, monitoring and collecting time payment accounts, sales, purchases, and inventory management and control. You will have sole responsibility for all employment decisions and functions related to the business, including hiring, firing, compensation, benefits, work hours, work rules, record keeping, supervision and discipline of your employees.

You must use your best efforts to timely and accurately enter and maintain, in its entirety, all business pertinent data on the MDBS business system relative to the operation of the Distributorship, including but not limited to customer data, product data, sales, returns, warranty and payments. Transactions must

be completed in strict compliance with Matco's standards, specifications and procedures, and any unauthorized adjustments, or non-compliant use or recordation of transactions (or failure to accurately record transactions) are prohibited.

As discussed in Item 12 above and in the Distributorship Agreement at Section 3.4, you must comply with our Customer Service Standards.

Before commencing operations and within 45 days of signing the Distributorship Agreement, the Distributor must be a corporation, limited liability company, or other business entity. If you initially enter into the Distributorship Agreement as an individual, you must transfer the Distributorship Agreement to a corporation, limited liability company, or other business entity pursuant to an assignment and assumption agreement that Matco may designate from time to time. Matco's current form of Assignment, Assumption and Consent Agreement and the applicable Guarantee, Indemnification and Acknowledgment are attached to the Distributorship Agreement as Exhibit M. You must sign the acknowledgment attached to this Disclosure Document as Appendix E-2, which states that you understand and agree to this condition of owning a Distributorship.

The daily operations of the Distributorship must be conducted under the active full-time management of one Principal Owner who is designated on Exhibit P to the Distributorship Agreement, which may be through an Operator, employees, or otherwise. The Principal Owner must own at least a majority of the outstanding equity interests in you (at least 51%). The Principal Owner is the individual responsible for all communications between you and Matco, and the individual who has the right to enter into agreements on your behalf. The Principal Owner any other owners, as well as any other person whose assets are considered in any financing application, must sign the Guarantee, Indemnification, and Acknowledgment in the form attached to the Distributorship Agreement as Exhibit N. The Principal Owner must complete all training required by Matco. In addition, the Principal Owner, in connection with her or his duties in operating the Distributorship as an employee of Distributor, must comply with all of Matco's standards and requirements as they may be modified from time to time in the Manual or otherwise in writing. You may also designate a "Business Partner" who is one of your owners and who will assist the Principal Owner with aspects of operating the Distributorship.

Matco will conduct a detailed criminal background check of all prospective Principal Owners. The prospective Principal Owner of the Distributorship must consent to the background check, or Matco will not proceed with the evaluation of the prospective Distributor's application. Matco will bear the cost of conducting the background check(s).

Matco typically will not grant a Distributorship to a Distributor with more than two owners. However, we consider each application on a case-by-case basis. Any individual who owns any ownership interest in the Distributor (including the Principal Owner) must be designated on Exhibit P of the Distributorship Agreement as an owner.

A high standard of customer service is the cornerstone of Matco's System, and that customer service standard typically involves a one-on-one sales and service relationship between a Principal Owner, operating from a Matco mobile distributorship, and a Potential Customer.

Although the Distributorship is contemplated to be primarily supervised by and operated by the Principal Owner, you may appoint an "**Operator**" as an additional employee of the Distributorship. The decision to hire an individual as an Operator is your decision alone. However, if you participate in Matco's financing programs, you must notify Matco in the event that you desire to hire an Operator to operate the Mobile Store, and you must obtain Matco's consent to hire an Operator. The Operator must meet Matco's educational, managerial, and operational experience and standards. If the Operator is a former

Matco mobile tools distributor, the Operator must have been in good standing throughout the term of the Operator's distributorship agreement. Any individual who received a notice of termination from Matco, or who possessed an ownership interest in a distributorship that received a notice of termination from Matco, is deemed to not meet Matco's standards to be an Operator. You may also hire other employees, at your option.

You must agree to assure that all business information and materials disclosed to you and/or your Principal Owner or Operator will be kept confidential.

By executing a Distributorship Agreement with Matco, you are agreeing to establish and operate an independent Distributorship, the success of which depends on, among other things, your individual ability to operate your business, attract and retain qualified staff, and otherwise operate all phases of an independent business over which you will have substantial control. As an independent business owner, (i) the relationship created by the Distributorship Agreement is not a relationship between principal and agent, or that it is a fiduciary relationship; (ii) you are not Matco's employee and will not earn any wages, nor are you eligible for or receive any of the other benefits normally provided to employees, but rather your income will solely be the profits you earn from the operation of your Distributorship; (iii) Matco is not the employer or co-employer of any employee that you hire; (iv) all management, personnel, and training requirements are at your discretion and are your responsibility; (v) you are responsible for ensuring that your Distributorship operates in accordance with the law of the state, county, city, and town in which you operate; (vi) you alone are permitted to contract with your customers and that you are required to sign all contracts and agreements, including purchase agreements, using your independent business name; (vii) you are free to set the prices you charge your customers, so long as those charges comply with any and all policies we prescribe in the Manuals relating to maximum or minimum charges; (viii) your independent business judgment will be used to grow and develop your customer base within the defined List of Calls; and (ix) Matco is not liable for damages to any person or property arising directly, or indirectly, out of the operation of your Distributorship nor liable for any taxes, assessments, fines or penalties levied upon you or your Distributorship or arising out of your Distributorship.

#### **(16) RESTRICTIONS ON WHAT THE FRANCHISEE MAY SELL**

You must not sell, offer for sale or distribute Products and other merchandise not purchased from Matco (or other designated suppliers) or approved by Matco or its affiliates except for items that are traded-in by your customers. To the extent you wish to sell, offer for sale, or distribute other products which you contend are ancillary to your Distributorship business, which are not competitive with any of the Matco Products, and do not diminish in any way Matco's reputation or good will (for example, hazardous materials or pornographic materials) you may request Matco's approval, by submitting to Matco, in writing, a description of those products with an explanation for why they are ancillary to the Distributorship business and are not competitive with existing Matco Products. You must not to sell, offer for sale or distribute any such products without Matco's prior written consent and you must discontinue the offer, sale, or distribution of any unapproved products immediately upon notice from Matco.

You must not operate the Distributorship or sell any Products at any location not identified on the List of Calls; or sell any Products to any entity, person, or business that is not located at an address identified on its List of Calls; or sell any Products to any person who does not work at a business that is located at an address identified on your List of Calls, even if that Potential Customer or location is adjacent to, or near, a location on your List of Calls. In addition, you must not sell Products to any customer who moves to a location or business not identified on the List of Calls. Any sale to a person, entity or business that is located at an address that is not identified on your List of Calls, or any sale to an individual who does not work at a business that is located at an address identified on your List of Calls, when that customer is

located in another distributor’s “List of Calls,” constitutes a material event of default under the Distributorship Agreement.

If you wish to modify your List of Calls, including by adding a location or Potential Customers, you must submit a written request to Matco identifying the proposed changes to the List of Calls with an explanation for how the proposed changes to the List of Calls will help you achieve and meet Matco’s Customer Service Standards.

You must also provide certain warranty service to your customers, including assisting Matco in honoring all warranties on Products. All Products are subject to the warranty and liability limitations of the written Product warranty of Matco. You must perform service on tools and equipment at the customer’s place of business. In connection with certain warranty services, you will have to purchase repair kits from Matco and perform the repair service. (See discussion in Item 6 and Item 11 regarding repair kits for ratchets and other items.)

To the extent that you are not qualified to repair a Product, you must assist the customer in getting the Product to the proper repair facility. This service is of the nature, type, and scope that is expected by Matco customers, and that Matco and its distributors has pledged to provide. You will not receive compensation from Matco for the time spent by your Principal Owner or other employee to perform “in the field” warranty repairs because Matco considers the cost of warranty service in setting discounts from the suggested retail price of Products we sell to you. It is not possible for Matco to estimate the amount of time that you or your employees will be required to spend on warranty work to properly service your customers, and Matco may change the warranties it offers on Products and its service standards relating to Products at any time.

Provided that you comply with the Distributorship Agreement and the requirements of the System, Matco will not impose any other restrictions upon you as to the goods or services which you may offer or to the customers to whom you may sell. Matco does not impose any restrictions or requirements concerning the prices at which the Products or other goods or services may be sold by you.

**(17) RENEWAL, TERMINATION, TRANSFER AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION**

**THE FRANCHISE RELATIONSHIP**

**This table lists certain important provisions of the Distributorship Agreement and related agreements. You should read these provisions in the Distributorship Agreement attached to this Disclosure Document.**

<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Distributorship Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
a. Length of the franchise term	Article 2.1	10 Years
b. Renewal or extension of the term	Article 2.2	10 Years



<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Distributorship Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
c. Requirements for franchisee to renew or extend	Article 2.2	You must give 180 days' notice, but not more than one year's prior notice; satisfy all material requirements of your current Distributorship Agreement; pay all amounts due to Matco; modernize your Matco Mobile Store and equipment; sign a new Distributorship Agreement (and this new agreement may have terms and conditions that are materially different from the original Distributorship Agreement) and pay the Successor Distributorship Fee; and sign a joint and mutual general release.
d. Termination by franchisee	Article 11.1	45 days' notice.
e. Termination by Franchisor without cause	Not applicable	Not applicable
f. Termination by Franchisor with cause	Article 11.2 and 11.3	<p>Matco has the right to terminate your Distributorship Agreement if you are in breach of the Distributorship Agreement or any agreements entered into with Matco, fail to comply with Matco's Customer Service Standards, make an assignment for the benefit of creditors, face a proceeding in bankruptcy, attempt to assign or transfer without Matco's consent, abandon the Distributorship, either voluntarily or involuntarily or due to repossession of the Matco Tools Mobile Store and inventory, fail to make timely payments, refuse to perform a physical inventory if required by Matco, deny Matco access to audit books and records, or if one or more promissory notes under which you owe Matco money is cancelled, terminated, or accelerated due to your default.</p> <p>If Matco approves and grants Distributor the Rollover Payment Period (as described in Section 1.2 of the Distributorship Agreement) for payment of the Distributor's initial start-up costs as required under the Distributorship Agreement, including the Initial Fee, and Distributor fails to obtain access to the Rollover Funds prior to the expiration of the Rollover Payment Period, Matco may terminate the Distributorship Agreement effective upon written notice to Distributor.</p>

<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Distributorship Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
g. “Cause” defined – curable defaults	Articles 11.3 and 11.4	If applicable law does not specify a time period, you will have 30 days to cure a violation of any material provision of the Distributorship Agreement; you make an assignment for the benefit of creditors; a proceeding is instituted against you in bankruptcy or insolvency; you attempt to assign your Distributorship Agreement without Matco’s consent; or you fail to timely pay any amount due to Matco.
h. “Cause” defined – non-curable defaults	Article 11.5	You will not have a right to cure if you abandon your Distributorship; your Principal Owner is convicted of or pleads guilty to a gross misdemeanor or felony; your conduct, or your Principal Owner’s conduct materially impairs Matco’s marks or the System, including any fraudulent or deceptive actions; you refuse to allow Matco to audit your books; you or your Principal Owner have been found to have submitted fraudulent credit applications; you commit fraudulent act(s); you or your Principal Owner or any employee sells, offers for sale or distributes any products to customers at any location not identified on the List of Calls; your Principal Owner cannot perform obligations for six consecutive months or for six months within a period of 18 consecutive months; your Principal Owner dies; you commit the same default again within a 12 month period after the previous default that you previously cured; you commit the same or different default three or more times within any 12 month period, whether or not cured after notice; you or any of your owners makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors or if a voluntary or involuntary proceeding is instituted against you in bankruptcy or under any other insolvency or similar law; you owe money to Matco under one or more promissory notes that are cancelled, terminated or accelerated due to your default under such note and it is your failure to cure such default; if this the Distributorship Agreement or Matco’s franchise business model is adjudicated in the state or jurisdiction where the Distributor operates to be illegal or unenforceable by an administrative, regulatory, governmental, or judiciary body, including, but not limited to any purported misclassification of the relationship between Matco and the Distributor established by the Distributorship Agreement; or the Principal Owner, Operator or any employee conducts any Distributorship operations, including but not limited to, operating the mobile showroom, while illegally impaired or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Distributorship Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
i. Franchisee's obligations on termination or nonrenewal	Article 11.6	You must cease using Matco's marks and the System; remove Matco's marks and logos from your Matco Mobile Store; pay what you owe Matco pursuant to the Distributorship Agreement, including interest on your Open Purchase Account's balance; provide Matco with all inventory and financial information for last 12 months; provide Matco with all customer information; and return all printed materials, software and manuals Matco provided you.
j. Assignment of the contract by franchisor	Article 10.5	No restriction on Matco's right to assign.
k. "Transfer" by franchisee – defined	Article 10.1	Transfer of any interest in the Distributorship or substantially all of your Distributorship assets.
l. Franchisor approval of transfer by franchisee	Article 10.2	Matco must approve in advance and in writing any transfer made by you but will not unreasonably withhold its consent.
m. Conditions for franchisor approval of transfer	Article 10.2, 10.3	You are not in default and pay all money owed to Matco pursuant to the Distributorship Agreement; you sign a joint and mutual general release with Matco; the transferee and transferee's Principal Owner meets Matco's standards; the transferee and the Transferee's Principal Owner executes the then-current version of Matco's Distributorship Agreement and agrees to complete the Matco Business System Training (MBST) Program; and you and the transferee complete all necessary assignments and other legal documents. Matco may also rely on any other reasonable conditions in determining whether to approve the transfer. Matco may expand upon, and provide more details related to, the conditions for transfer and Matco's consent as described in the Distributorship Agreement, and may do so in the Manual or otherwise in writing. Matco may, but is not obligated to, provide the additional details regarding the transfer conditions and Matco's consent to you. Any purchase and sale agreement must provide for and require the Mobile Store and Distributorship to continue to operate without interruption during the transfer.
n. Franchisor's right of first refusal to acquire	Not applicable	Not applicable

<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Distributorship Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
franchisee's business		
o. Franchisor's option to purchase franchisee's business	Not applicable	Not applicable
p. Death or disability of franchisee	Article 11.5	The death of the Principal Owner is grounds for default and termination of the Distributorship Agreement. You will not have the right to cure if your Principal Owner is disabled to the extent that you cannot perform such obligations contained in the Distributorship Agreement for a period of six consecutive months, or if your Principal Owner dies.
q. Noncompetition covenants during the term of the franchise	Article 11.9	During the term of the Agreement, the Distributor and Principal Owner must promise that the Distributor, the Principal Owner, the Operator, and any other owners, or Guarantors will not engage in any activities in direct or indirect competition with Matco, including without limitation, a business that manufactures, sells, and/or distributes any products that are the same as or similar to the Products, and will not sell or attempt to sell to any customers or Potential Customers of the Distributorship any products that are the same or similar to the Products.
r. Noncompetition covenants after the franchise is terminated or expires	Articles 10.6 and 11.9	For one year after the termination of your Distributorship Agreement, the Distributor and Principal Owner must promise that the Distributor, the Principal Owner, the Operator and any other owners, or Guarantors will not sell or attempt to sell any tools to any customer to whom the Distributor sold Products in the previous 12 months, or to any person or business located on, or identified in, the List of Calls if the Distributor had made any sales calls to such person or business in the previous 12 months. Matco encourages new Distributors to obtain a noncompetition agreement from the previous Distributor in connection with a transfer or assignment of the route, the business or the accounts.
s. Modification of the agreement	Article 13.5	Any modification must be in writing and signed by both you and Matco.
t. Integration/merger clauses	Article 13.5	The Distributorship Agreement is the entire agreement between you and Matco. Any representations or promises outside of the franchise disclosure document and Distributorship Agreement may not be enforceable. (See

<b>Provision</b>	<b>Section in Distributorship Agreement</b>	<b>Summary</b>
		Note 1 below)
u. Dispute resolution by arbitration or mediation	Article 12	Except for certain claims, all disputes must be arbitrated in Summit or Cuyahoga County, Ohio. (See Notes 1 and 3 below)
v. Choice of forum	Article 12.10	Litigation must be in Summit or Cuyahoga County, Ohio (See Note 1 below)
w. Choice of law	Article 13.3	Governing law will be the laws of the State of Ohio (See Note 1 below)

Provisions of the Distributorship Agreement giving Matco the right to terminate in the event of your bankruptcy may not be enforceable under federal bankruptcy law (11 U.S.C. Sec. 101, et seq.).

Notes:

1. If a state law requires any modifications to these provisions of the Distributorship Agreement, those modifications will be found in Appendix H, the State-Specific Disclosures and State-Specific Amendments to the Distributorship Agreement.
2. In addition to the provisions noted in the chart above, the Distributorship Agreement contains a number of provisions that may affect your legal rights, including a mutual waiver of a jury trial, mutual waiver of punitive or exemplary damages, and limitations on when claims may be raised. See the Distributorship Agreement Article 12. We recommend that you carefully review all of these provisions, and all of the contracts, with a lawyer.
3. If the Distributor has a claim or complaint, and before any claim is submitted to arbitration, Matco may, within its sole discretion, offer the Distributor the use of an Ombudsman to assist in resolving the claim or issue prior to initiating arbitration. The Ombudsman is a person trained in conflict resolution, and is hired or retained by Matco. Matco has no obligation to offer the use of an Ombudsman and will only offer it where Matco deems it appropriate as a method for resolving the claim or dispute prior to the initiation of arbitration. If offered, the Distributor is not required to use or work with the Ombudsman.

## **(18) PUBLIC FIGURES**

Matco does not use any public figure to promote the Distributorships.

## **(19) FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE REPRESENTATIONS**

The FTC's Franchise Rule permits a franchisor to provide information about the actual or potential financial performance of its franchised and/or franchisor-owned outlets, if there is a reasonable basis for the information, and if the information is included in the disclosure document. Financial performance information that differs from that included in Item 19 may be given only if: (1) a franchisor provides the actual records of an existing outlet you are considering buying; or (2) a franchisor supplements the information provided in this Item 19, for example, by providing information about possible performance at a particular location or under particular circumstances.

Presented below in Sections 19-A and 19-B are certain operating and sales results from 1,545 Distributors during the period from January 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024. The four different charts in each Section display this data for the three different types of Matco Distributorships that a Distributor may operate: (1) the “standard” Distributorship, (2) the 225, and (3) the ETD. The other (first) chart in each Section displays this data for all Distributors in the system, including standard Distributorships, 225s, and ETDs. For the purposes of this Item 19, a standard Distributorship has between 325 and 349 Potential Customers, a 225 has fewer than 325 Potential Customers, and an ETD has 350 or more Potential Customers. In 2024, there were 1,311 standard Distributors, 31 225s, and 203 ETDs.

This Item 19 only includes operating data for Matco Distributors in the United States that operated pursuant to Distributorship Agreements with Matco and were in business for all of 2024. Matco is not providing, and this Item 19 does not reflect, information regarding Distributors who started during 2024, or those who left the system or stopped selling Products during 2024.

Section 19-A reflects the average gross revenue figures, referred to as “Average Total Completed Business,” for the Matco Distributors, which includes the revenue from the sales of Products and any other items that were sold by the Mobile Store. Section 19-A also includes the Median, and the Highest and Lowest gross revenue figures. The information is segregated into thirds, based on Total Completed Business. Section 19-B reflects the average weekly sales figures for the Matco Distributors in 2024. Section 19-B also includes the Median, and the Highest and Lowest weekly sales figures. The information in Section 19-A and Section 19-B is explained below. Please read carefully all of the information in this Item 19, and all of the notes following the data, in conjunction with your review of the historical data.

#### **Section 19-A:**

#### **Average, Median, and Highest and Lowest Numbers in the Range of Total Completed Business – 2024**

#### **CHART 1**

<b>All Reporting Distributorships</b>		
<u>Top 1/3</u>	<u>Middle 1/3</u>	<u>Bottom 1/3</u>
Average: <b>\$766,817</b>	Average: <b>\$489,391</b>	Average: <b>\$302,140</b>
No. of Distributors Above Average: 191 (37%)	No. of Distributors Above Average: 255 (50%)	No. of Distributors Above Average: 308 (60%)
Median: <b>\$717,524</b>	Median: <b>\$487,544</b>	Median: <b>\$324,948</b>
Highest: <b>\$1,966,672</b>	Highest: <b>\$577,768</b>	Highest: <b>\$410,768</b>
Lowest: <b>\$579,613</b>	Lowest: <b>\$411,030</b>	Lowest: <b>\$2,339</b>



**CHART 2**

Standard Distributorships		
<u>Top 1/3</u>	<u>Middle 1/3</u>	<u>Bottom 1/3</u>
Average: <del>\$726,124</del> <u>726,521</u>	Average: \$476,934	Average: <del>\$299,345</del> <u>295,903</u>
No. of Distributors Above Average: <del>175</del> <u>172</u> ( <del>40.0</del> <u>39</u> %)	No. of Distributors Above Average: <del>232</del> <u>231</u> ( <del>53.1</del> <u>52.9</u> %)	No. of Distributors Above Average: <del>282</del> <u>292</u> ( <del>64.5</del> <u>66.8</u> %)
Median: \$688,863	Median: <del>\$481,009</del> <u>481,609</u>	Median: \$316,920
Highest: \$1,483,674	Highest: <del>\$674,277</del> <u>559,009</u>	Highest: <del>\$569,964</del> <u>403,061</u>
Lowest: <del>\$438,922</del> <u>559,027</u>	Lowest: <del>\$357,439</del> <u>403,922</u>	Lowest: \$2,339

**CHART 3**

225 Distributorships		
<u>Top 1/3</u>	<u>Middle 1/3</u>	<u>Bottom 1/3</u>
Average: \$702,172	Average: \$436,474	Average: \$247,432
No. of Distributors Above Average: 4 (36.4%)	No. of Distributors Above Average: 6 (60%)	No. of Distributors Above Average: 7 (70%)
Median: \$633,829	Median: \$441,616	Median: \$266,596
Highest: \$1,095,775	Highest: \$503,840	Highest: \$341,664
Lowest: \$584,321	Lowest: \$341,664	Lowest: \$104,710

**CHART 4**

Enhanced Territory Distributorships (ETDs)		
<u>Top 1/3</u>	<u>Middle 1/3</u>	<u>Bottom 1/3</u>

Average: <b>\$964,951</b>	Average: <b>\$600,479</b>	Average: <b>\$365,323</b>
No. of Distributors Above Average: 30 ( <b>44.1%</b> )	No. of Distributors Above Average: 34 ( <b>50%</b> )	No. of Distributors Above Average: 35 ( <b>52.2%</b> )
Median: <b>\$924,639</b>	Median: <b>\$599,528</b>	Median: <b>\$371,652</b>
Highest: <b>\$1,966,672</b>	Highest: <b>\$718,832</b>	Highest: <b>\$483,477</b>
Lowest: <b>\$718,853</b>	Lowest: <b>\$485,192</b>	Lowest: <b>\$16,995</b>

#### Notes for Section 19-A:

1. Chart 1 – *All Distributors*: Chart 1 chart reflects the operating data for 1,545 total Matco Distributors in the United States operating pursuant to Distributorship Agreements with Matco that were in business for all of 2024 and who reported sales for at least 48 weeks during 2024. The three groupings of Distributors in Chart 1 (Top 1/3, Middle 1/3 and Bottom 1/3) included 515 Distributors in the Top 1/3 group, 515 Distributors in the Middle 1/3 group, and 515 Distributors in the Bottom 1/3 group.

2. Chart 2 – *Standard Distributorships*: Chart 2 reflects the operating data for 1,311 standard Matco Distributors in the United States operating pursuant to Distributorship Agreements with Matco that were in business for all of 2024, who had between 325 and 349 Potential Customers, and who reported sales for at least 48 weeks during 2024. The three groupings of Distributors (Top 1/3, Middle 1/3 and Bottom 1/3) included 437 Distributors in the Top 1/3 group, 437 Distributors in the Middle 1/3 group, and 437 Distributors in the Bottom 1/3 group.

3. Chart 3 – *225s*: Chart 3 reflects the operating data for 31 total Matco Distributors in the United States operating pursuant to Distributorship Agreements with Matco that were in business for all of 2024, who had fewer than 325 Potential Customers, and who reported sales for at least 48 weeks during 2024. The three groupings of Distributors (Top 1/3, Middle 1/3 and Bottom 1/3) included 11 Distributors in the Top 1/3 group, 10 Distributors in the Middle 1/3 group, and 10 Distributors in the Bottom 1/3 group.

4. Chart 4 – *ETDs*: Chart 4 reflects the operating data for 203 total Matco Distributors in the United States operating pursuant to Distributorship Agreements with Matco that were in business for all of 2024, who had more than 350 Potential Customers, and who reported sales for at least 48 weeks during 2024. The three groupings of Distributors (Top 1/3, Middle 1/3 and Bottom 1/3) included 68 Distributors in the Top 1/3 group, 68 Distributors in the Middle 1/3 group, and 67 Distributors in the Bottom 1/3 group.

5. The term “Total Completed Business,” as used in Section 19-A, means the total cash or revenue a Distributor received during 2024 including sales tax collected, from the sale of all products and services. This includes revenue from the sale of Products and any other items that were sold by the Mobile Store. The revenue received by the Distributors is comprised of cash sales, Time Payment collections from previous sales, credits received by the Distributor from the sale of PSA (Purchase Security Agreements, which are installment contracts; see Item 10 above), and cash received based on monthly invoices and customers (usually products sold to a shop or business, and not an individual). This does not include any Volume Payment to Terms bonus, or rebate payments.

6. The “Average” is calculated by adding the total business for all Distributors in the group, and dividing that number by the number of Distributors in the group.

7. The term “Median” means the data point that is in the center of all data points used. For example, in the “Top 1/3” group in Chart 1 (all Distributorships) there were 515 Matco Distributors. The “median” Total Completed Business of \$717,524 means that 257 of the 515 Distributors in the group had Total Completed Business greater than \$717,524 of the 515 Distributors with group had Total Completed Business of less than that figure, and one Distributor had Total Completed Business of exactly that figure.

8. The term “Highest” and “Lowest,” as used in Section 19-A, refers to the highest and lowest numbers in the range.

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**Section 19-B**  
Weekly National Distributor Sales Average – 2024

**CHART 5**

All Reporting Distributorships	
National Distributor Sales Average:	\$9,693
Distributors Reporting:	1,545
Distributors At or Above Average:	666 (43.1%)
Median:	\$9,074
Highest:	\$38,133
Lowest:	\$(1,819)

**CHART 6**

Standard Distributorships	
National Distributor Sales Average:	<del>\$9,633</del> <u>\$9,628</u>
Distributors Reporting:	1,311
Distributors At or Above Average:	544 (41.5%)
Median:	\$8,872
Highest:	\$26,285
Lowest:	\$(1,819)

**CHART 7**

225 Distributorships	
National Distributor Sales Average:	\$8,603

Distributors Reporting:	31
Distributors At or Above Average:	14 (45.2%)
Median:	\$8,125
Highest:	\$19,562
Lowest:	\$686

### **CHART 8**

<b>Enhanced Territory Distributorships (ETDs)</b>	
National Distributor Sales Average:	\$11,936
Distributors Reporting:	203
Distributors At or Above Average:	93 (45.9%)
Median:	\$11,062
Highest:	\$38,133
Lowest:	\$181

#### Notes for Section 19-B:

1. Chart 5 – *All Distributors*: Chart 5 reflects the operating data for 1,545 total Matco Distributors in the United States operating pursuant to Distributorship Agreements with Matco that were in business for all of 2024 and who reported sales for at least 48 weeks during 2024.
2. Chart 6 – *Standard Distributorships*: Chart 6 reflects the operating data for 1,311 standard Matco Distributors in the United States operating pursuant to Distributorship Agreements with Matco that were in business for all of 2024, who had between 325 and 349 Potential Customers, and who reported sales for at least 48 weeks during 2024.
3. Chart 7– 225s: Chart 7 reflects the operating data for 31 total Matco Distributors in the United States operating pursuant to Distributorship Agreements with Matco that were in business for all of 2024, who had fewer than 325 Potential Customers, and who reported sales for at least 48 weeks during 2024.
4. Chart 8 – *ETDs*: Chart 8 reflects the operating data for 203 total Matco Distributors in the United States operating pursuant to Distributorship Agreements with Matco that were in business for all of 2024, who had more than 350 Potential Customers, and who reported sales for at least 48 weeks during 2024.
5. The terminology “National Distributor Sales Average” as used in Section 19-B means the total reported sales of all Products by the reporting Distributors in 2024 in each group, divided by the number of weekly “close-outs” of those same Distributors. Each week the Distributors are required to report their sales of Products which are the gross selling price of all Products, whether or not the sale is for cash, for credit, or partial cash and partial credit, or trade-in. When a Distributor closes out its sales for the week, it triggers a report. The total sales for a year may not be reported for each of 52 weeks, as Distributors may not close out sales each week. Therefore, the annual National Sales Average may not represent 52 weeks of sales.

6. The terminology, “Median” means the data point that is in the center of all data points used. The Median amount of weekly Product sales in 2024 was \$9,074. This means that of the 1,545 Distributors reporting, 772 had weekly sales greater than \$9,074, and 772 had weekly sales less than \$9,074.
7. The terminology “Highest” and “Lowest,” as used in Section 19-B refers to the highest and lowest numbers in the range. The Highest amount of Product sales reported in a week during 2024 was \$38,133 and the Lowest amount was \$(1,819).
8. The number of Distributors reporting sales in 2024 was 1,545. The 1,545 Distributors were Matco Distributors in the United States who (i) were in business at the beginning of 2024, (ii) were operating at the end of 2024, and (iii) reported sales close-outs at least 48 weeks during 2024.
9. One of the differences between the “Total Completed Business” and “Sales” is that “Sales” (Section 19-B) reflects all sales, even if some of the payments have not been received, and “Total Completed Business” (Section 19-A) reflects sales only based on cash collected and PSA credits collected. Therefore, there is a difference due to timing and collections. Another difference between “Total Completed Business” and “Sales,” is that the figures reported by Distributors for Total Completed Business includes sales tax collected, and that the figures for Sales do not include sales tax.
10. The National Distributor Sales Average will be utilized in connection with the performance criteria discussed in Items 8 and 12. Also, as discussed in Items 8 and 12, Matco may utilize a “District” Distributor Sales Average to evaluate performance (but those figures are not reflected in this Item 19).

Notes for both Sections 19-A and 19-B, and this entire Item 19:

1. The data in the charts are obtained from the Distributors through the MDBS system (see Item 11). As Distributors purchase Products from Matco, they also report on sales made and revenue received. A weekly sales report is generated if the Distributor places an order to purchase Products in a given week. Therefore, the information in the charts is based solely on data received from the Distributors through MDBS. These figures have not been reviewed or audited by Matco.
2. During the time period covered by this financial performance representation—the 2024 calendar year—265 Distributors closed or ceased operations. Of these, 12 were open for less than 12 months, including 10 that closed or ceased operations pursuant to the Test Drive program that is described in Item 5.
3. Substantiation of the data used in preparing the materials in this Item 19 chart will be made available to you upon reasonable request.
4. Your sales, revenue and income will be affected by a variety of factors, including the sales and marketing skills of your Principal Owner; your Principal Owner’s or Operator’s frequency of visits to actual and Potential Customers; efforts to collect on unpaid invoices or installment contracts; retail prices you charge for products; discounts you may offer; prevailing economic or market conditions; demographics; interest rates; your capitalization level; the amount and terms of any financing that you may secure; and your Principal Owner’s business and management skills.

5. **Some distributors have sold this amount. Your individual results may differ. There is no assurance that you will sell as much.**
6. Other than revenue figures above, the charts do not include any estimate of, or specific or historic data regarding, costs, expenses or debts that a Distributor has incurred, or may in the future incur. We cannot predict or project your costs and expenses. The following is a list of the types of expenses that a Matco Distributor may incur:
  - Labor costs, including payroll, taxes and benefits (which may include health and/or life insurance, vacation, and pension plan contributions) for your Principal Owner or any other employee.
  - Cost of goods sold, which includes wholesale cost of products that may be offered.
  - Mobile Store costs, including lease or purchase payments, maintenance, gas, and similar costs.
  - Insurance.
  - Marketing and promotional costs.
  - Freight costs incurred with tool returns and warranty repairs, as well as those incurred for receiving shipments of certain items from Matco.

The types of expenses, and the amount of costs and expenses, are likely to vary from Matco Distributor to Matco Distributor and from list of calls to list of calls. These may not be all of the expenses that you may incur.

7. Prospective distributors should be aware that in evaluating a financial performance representation or an earnings claim that includes revenue or sales figures only, or does not include all costs of goods sold, operating expenses, and other expenses, that costs and expenses must be deducted from the gross revenue or gross sales figures to obtain net income or profit. This Item 19 financial performance representation does not include net income or profit.
8. The Matco Distributors whose results are reflected in Sections 19-A and 19-B have been operating a Matco Distributorship during 2024. Some of the Distributors have been operating their Matco Distributorship for many years, and may have developed a large and loyal customer base.
9. The information in this Item 19 reflects the historical aggregate results of 1,545 Matco Distributors in 2024. You are strongly advised to conduct an independent investigation of this opportunity to evaluate the expected or potential costs and expenses you will incur as a Matco Distributor. You should consult your attorney, accountant, and other professional advisors. Also, current and former Distributors listed in this Disclosure Document may be one source of information.
10. Other than the preceding financial performance representations in this Item 19, Matco does not make any financial performance representations. We do not authorize our employees or representatives to make any such representations either orally or in writing. If you are purchasing



an existing distributorship, however, we may provide you with the actual records of that business. If you receive any other financial performance information or projections of your future income, you should report it to our management by contacting Nick Ridgway, Matco's Director of Franchise and Compliance, at Matco Tools Corporation, 4403 Allen Road, Stow, Ohio, 44224, 330-929-4949, the Federal Trade Commission and the appropriate state regulatory agencies.

## (20) OUTLETS AND FRANCHISEE INFORMATION

As of December 31, 2024, Matco had 1,811 operational Matco® Distributorships and 18 company-owned Matco® Distributorships. The following tables provide information concerning the Matco® Distributorships by state:

**Table 1**  
**Systemwide Outlet Summary**  
**For years 2022, 2023, and 2024 (Note 1)**

Outlet Type	Year	Outlets at the Start of the Year	Outlets at the End of the Year	Net Change
<b>Franchised</b>	<b>2022</b>	1854	1809	-45
	<b>2023</b>	1809	1841	32
	<b>2024</b>	1841	1811	-30
<b>Company-Owned</b>	<b>2022</b>	1	6	5
	<b>2023</b>	6	11	5
	<b>2024</b>	11	18	7
<b>Total Outlets</b>	<b>2022</b>	1855	1815	-40
	<b>2023</b>	1815	1852	37
	<b>2024</b>	1852	1829	-23

Notes:

- (1) All numbers are as of the fiscal year end. Each fiscal year ends on December 31.

**Table 2**  
**Transfers of Outlets from Franchisees to New Owners (other than the Franchisor)**  
**For years, 2022, 2023, and 2024 (Note 1)**

State (Note 2)	Year	Number of Transfers
<b>California</b>	<b>2022</b>	0
	<b>2023</b>	2
	<b>2024</b>	0
<b>Colorado</b>	<b>2022</b>	0
	<b>2023</b>	0

State (Note 2)	Year	Number of Transfers
	2024	1
Iowa	2022	0
	2023	1
	2024	0
Maryland	2022	0
	2023	1
	2024	0
Montana	2022	0
	2023	1
	2024	0
New Jersey	2022	0
	2023	1
	2024	0
Utah	2022	0
	2023	1
	2024	0
Total	2022	0
	2023	7
	2024	1

Notes:

- (1) All numbers are as of the fiscal year end. Each fiscal year ends on December 31.
- (2) States not listed above did not have any activity or distributorships during these three years.

**Table 3**  
**Status of Franchised Outlets**  
**For years 2022, 2023, and 2024 (Note 1)**

State	Year	Outlets at Start of Year	Outlets Opened	Terminations	Non-Renewals	Reacquired by Franchisor	Ceased Operations Other Reasons	Outlets at End of the Year
Alabama	2022	33	2	0	0	0	4	31
	2023	31	4	0	0	0	3	32
	2024	32	5	0	0	0	2	35
Alaska	2022	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
	2023	7	0	0	0	0	0	7

State	Year	Outlets at Start of Year	Outlets Opened	Terminations	Non-Renewals	Reacquired by Franchisor	Ceased Operations Other Reasons	Outlets at End of the Year
	2024	7	0	0	0	0	0	7
Arizona	2022	50	11	0	1	0	10	50
	2023	50	8	2	1	0	7	48
	2024	48	8	1	0	0	7	48
Arkansas	2022	22	6	0	0	0	5	23
	2023	23	2	0	0	0	3	22
	2024	22	3	0	0	0	3	22
California	2022	186	8	4	0	0	17	173
	2023	173	17	4	2	0	19	165
	2024	165	10	7	1	0	19	148
Connecticut	2022	25	1	1	0	0	1	24
	2023	24	6	0	0	0	5	25
	2024	25	0	0	0	0	5	20
Colorado	2022	37	5	0	0	0	5	37
	2023	37	10	1	0	0	6	40
	2024	40	8	0	0	0	5	43
Delaware	2022	6	2	0	1	0	0	7
	2023	7	1	0	0	0	0	8
	2024	8	1	0	0	0	0	9
Florida	2022	100	17	1	0	0	11	105
	2023	105	18	3	0	0	14	106
	2024	106	20	1	0	0	16	109
Georgia	2022	71	10	1	0	0	7	73
	2023	73	11	0	0	0	5	79
	2024	79	14	0	0	0	12	81
Hawaii	2022	7	0	0	0	0	3	4
	2023	4	1	0	0	0	0	5
	2024	5	1	0	0	0	1	5
Idaho	2022	15	0	0	0	0	0	15
	2023	15	2	0	0	0	4	13
	2024	13	3	0	0	0	1	15
Illinois	2022	77	3	1	0	0	7	72
	2023	72	4	1	0	0	5	70

State	Year	Outlets at Start of Year	Outlets Opened	Terminations	Non-Renewals	Reacquired by Franchisor	Ceased Operations Other Reasons	Outlets at End of the Year
	2024	70	6	2	0	0	12	62
Indiana	2022	45	7	0	0	0	9	43
	2023	43	6	0	0	0	5	44
	2024	44	7	0	0	0	4	47
Iowa	2022	22	5	1	0	0	5	21
	2023	21	4	0	0	0	4	21
	2024	21	7	0	0	0	2	26
Kansas	2022	10	1	1	0	0	3	7
	2023	7	1	0	0	0	0	8
	2024	8	2	0	0	0	0	10
Kentucky	2022	17	3	1	0	0	2	17
	2023	17	2	0	0	0	2	17
	2024	17	4	0	1	0	0	20
Louisiana	2022	30	2	0	1	0	5	26
	2023	26	4	0	0	0	6	24
	2024	24	3	0	1	0	4	22
Maine	2022	7	0	1	0	0	3	3
	2023	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
	2024	3	0	0	0	0	0	3
Maryland	2022	41	5	0	1	0	5	40
	2023	40	3	0	0	0	3	40
	2024	40	5	0	0	0	6	39
Massachusetts	2022	10	5	0	0	0	2	13
	2023	13	1	0	0	0	1	13
	2024	13	1	0	0	0	3	11
Michigan	2022	45	5	0	1	0	3	46
	2023	46	6	0	0	0	6	46
	2024	46	7	0	1	0	6	46
Minnesota	2022	38	8	1	0	0	8	37
	2023	37	8	0	0	0	5	40
	2024	40	2	0	0	0	6	36
Mississippi	2022	18	0	0	0	0	2	16
	2023	16	2	0	0	0	1	17

State	Year	Outlets at Start of Year	Outlets Opened	Terminations	Non-Renewals	Reacquired by Franchisor	Ceased Operations Other Reasons	Outlets at End of the Year
Missouri	2024	17	3	1	0	0	2	17
	2022	40	6	2	0	0	11	33
	2023	33	6	1	0	0	4	34
	2024	34	2	1	0	0	1	34
Montana	2022	11	2	0	1	0	3	9
	2023	9	2	0	0	0	1	10
	2024	10	2	0	0	0	2	10
Nebraska	2022	9	2	0	0	0	2	9
	2023	9	1	0	0	0	2	8
	2024	8	2	0	0	0	3	7
Nevada	2022	19	1	0	1	0	2	17
	2023	17	3	0	0	0	2	18
	2024	18	1	1	0	0	3	15
New Hampshire	2022	2	1	0	0	0	0	3
	2023	3	0	0	0	0	1	2
	2024	2	2	0	0	0	2	2
New Jersey	2022	23	1	0	1	0	2	21
	2023	21	3	0	1	0	1	22
	2024	22	2	0	0	0	1	23
New Mexico	2022	12	4	0	0	0	4	12
	2023	12	3	0	0	0	0	15
	2024	15	0	0	0	0	2	13
New York	2022	67	3	1	1	0	4	64
	2023	64	4	2	0	0	3	63
	2024	63	14	0	0	0	3	74
North Carolina	2022	76	10	0	0	0	6	80
	2023	80	7	1	1	0	7	78
	2024	78	8	0	0	0	7	79
North Dakota	2022	9	0	0	0	0	2	7
	2023	7	1	0	0	0	1	7
	2024	7	0	0	0	0	1	6
Ohio	2022	85	9	1	1	0	10	82
	2023	82	9	1	0	0	8	82

State	Year	Outlets at Start of Year	Outlets Opened	Terminations	Non-Renewals	Reacquired by Franchisor	Ceased Operations Other Reasons	Outlets at End of the Year
	2024	82	5	0	0	0	10	77
Oklahoma	2022	25	8	0	0	0	6	27
	2023	27	5	0	0	0	4	28
	2024	28	4	2	1	0	3	26
Oregon	2022	15	5	0	0	0	4	16
	2023	16	5	0	0	0	2	19
	2024	19	1	0	0	0	3	17
Pennsylvania	2022	47	6	1	1	0	7	44
	2023	44	6	0	0	0	6	44
	2024	44	10	0	0	0	5	49
Puerto Rico	2022	12	2	0	0	0	0	14
	2023	14	0	0	0	0	1	13
	2024	13	0	0	0	0	0	13
Rhode Island	2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2024	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
South Carolina	2022	32	5	0	0	0	4	33
	2023	33	5	0	0	0	1	37
	2024	37	6	0	0	0	6	37
South Dakota	2022	8	0	0	0	0	2	6
	2023	6	5	0	0	0	1	10
	2024	10	2	0	0	0	2	10
Tennessee	2022	49	8	0	0	0	8	49
	2023	49	8	1	0	0	4	52
	2024	52	5	0	0	0	8	49
Texas	2022	198	27	1	2	0	23	199
	2023	199	30	0	0	0	25	204
	2024	204	19	3	1	0	20	199
Utah	2022	27	4	0	0	0	5	26
	2023	26	3	0	0	0	4	25
	2024	25	6	0	0	0	5	26
Vermont	2022	4	2	0	1	0	0	5
	2023	5	0	0	0	0	0	5



State	Year	Outlets at Start of Year	Outlets Opened	Terminations	Non-Renewals	Reacquired by Franchisor	Ceased Operations Other Reasons	Outlets at End of the Year
	2024	5	0	0	0	0	0	5
Virginia	2022	50	7	0	0	0	6	51
	2023	51	6	0	0	0	4	53
	2024	53	8	1	0	0	10	50
Washington	2022	41	4	0	0	0	8	37
	2023	37	5	0	0	0	7	35
	2024	35	1	1	0	0	3	32
West Virginia	2022	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
	2023	6	3	0	0	0	0	9
	2024	9	0	0	0	0	0	9
Wisconsin	2022	62	6	0	0	0	5	63
	2023	63	9	0	0	0	4	68
	2024	68	4	0	0	0	11	61
Wyoming	2022	6	1	0	0	0	1	6
	2023	6	2	0	0	0	1	7
	2024	7	1	0	0	0	1	7
Totals	2022	1854	230	19	14	0	242	1809
	2023	1809	252	17	5	0	198	1841
	2024	1841	225	21	6	0	228	1811

Notes:

- (1) All numbers are as of the fiscal year end. Each fiscal year ends on December 31.

**Table 4**  
**Status of Company-Owned Outlets**  
**For years 2022, 2023, and 2024**

State (Note 1)	Year	Outlets at Start of the Year	Outlets Opened	Outlets Reacquired From Franchisee	Outlets Closed	Outlets Sold to Franchisee	Outlets at End of the Year
New Jersey	2022	0	0	0	0	0	0
	2023	0	1	0	0	0	1
	2024	1	3	0	0	0	4
Ohio	2022	1	0	0	0	0	1

State (Note 1)	Year	Outlets at Start of the Year	Outlets Opened	Outlets Reacquired From Franchisee	Outlets Closed	Outlets Sold to Franchisee	Outlets at End of the Year
	2023	1	0	0	0	0	1
	2024	1	0	0	0	0	1
Pennsylvania	2022	0	5	0	0	0	5
	2023	5	4	0	0	0	9
	2024	9	5	0	0	1	13
Totals	2022	1	5	0	0	0	6
	20	6	5	0	0	0	11
	2024	11	8	0	0	1	18

Notes:

- (1) States not listed did not have any outlets or distributorships.

**Table 5**  
**Projected Openings As Of December 31, 2024 for 2025 (Note 1)**

State	Distributorship Agreements Signed But Outlet Not Opened	Projected New Franchised Outlet In The Next Fiscal Year	Projected New Company-Owned Outlet In The Next Year
Alabama		5	
Alaska		1	
Arizona		6	
Arkansas		4	
California		14	
Connecticut		5	
Colorado		5	
Delaware		3	
District of Columbia		1	
Florida		10	
Georgia		6	
Hawaii		1	
Idaho		2	
Illinois		6	
Indiana		5	
Iowa		3	
Kansas		3	
Kentucky		2	
Louisiana		5	
Maine		5	
Maryland		5	
Massachusetts		6	
Michigan		8	
Minnesota		5	
Mississippi		4	

State	Distributorship Agreements Signed But Outlet Not Opened	Projected New Franchised Outlet In The Next Fiscal Year	Projected New Company-Owned Outlet In The Next Year
Missouri		4	
Montana		3	
Nebraska		3	
Nevada		4	
New Hampshire		4	
New Jersey		5	
New Mexico		3	
New York		6	
North Carolina		8	
North Dakota		3	
Ohio		8	
Oklahoma		6	
Oregon		5	
Pennsylvania		8	1
Puerto Rico		1	
Rhode Island		3	
South Carolina		6	
South Dakota		2	
Tennessee		6	
Texas		18	
Utah		3	
Vermont		4	
Virginia		6	
Washington		6	
West Virginia		3	
Wisconsin		8	
Wyoming		4	
<b>Total</b>	0	260	1

Notes:

- (1) For the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2025.

Attached as Appendix B is a list of the addresses and telephone numbers of our Active Distributors that are required to be disclosed under this Item. Attached as Appendix C is a list containing the name, city and state, and current business telephone number or last known home telephone number of every Distributor whose Matco Distributorship has, within the one-year period immediately preceding December 31, 2024, been terminated, canceled, not renewed, or who has, during the same period, otherwise voluntarily or involuntarily ceased to do business as a Matco Distributor, or who has not communicated with Matco during the ten-week period preceding the date of this Disclosure Document. (Matco's record of "no communication" indicates Distributors for whom there have been no purchases from Matco during the six-week period ended December 31, 2024.) If you buy a Matco Distributorship, your contact information may be disclosed to other buyers when you leave the franchise system.

In some instances, current or former Distributors sign provisions restricting their ability to speak openly about their experience with Matco. During the last three fiscal years, Matco has signed 123 confidentiality agreements with former Distributors as part of settlement agreements in conjunction with the conclusion and resolution of a dispute. You may wish to speak with current and former Distributors, but be aware that not all such Distributors will be able to communicate with you.

Matco has established the MDAC system, which consists of voluntary Matco Distributor Advisory Councils in different districts and regions. MDACs are designed to foster and facilitate an exchange of ideas between Matco and the Distributors. (See Item 11 above). As of the date of this Disclosure Document, Matco is not aware of any formal Matco Distributor associations that have been formed and have requested that Matco include them in this Disclosure Document. Matco is aware that one former Distributor claims to have started a group called “Matco Tools Distributor’s Association,” but the purported group has not requested inclusion in this Disclosure Document nor is Matco knowledgeable of (if any) members, organization, or contact information. Other than MDACs previously noted, as of the date of this Disclosure Document, there are no Matco Distributor associations in existence regardless of whether or not they use our trademark.

Matco currently has a policy under which it may offer a \$5,000 Open Purchase Account savings credit or a free toolbox with a total price of \$12,150, for the first successful referral of a prospect who becomes a Matco Distributor after the referral, with additional amounts of free tools or toolboxes for subsequent successful referrals in a 12-month period. Matco may modify or eliminate this incentive policy from time to time. Washington distributors who receive financial incentives to refer franchise prospects to Matco may be required to register as franchise brokers under the laws of Washington State.

## (21) FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Attached as Appendix A are:

The audited financial statement of Vontier Corporation, which includes the company’s consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2024 and December 31, 2023, and the related consolidated statement of earnings, comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the period ended December 31, 2024, December 31, 2023, and December 31, 2022, and the related notes to the consolidated financial statement.

Vontier will guarantee our obligations under the Distributorship Agreement. A copy of the guarantee is attached at Appendix O to this Disclosure Document.

## (22) CONTRACTS

Attached to this Disclosure Document as Appendix D is the Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement, with the following exhibits attached thereto:

Exhibit A	List of Calls Acknowledgment
Exhibit B	Initial Investment Reserve Acknowledgement
Exhibit C	Installment Promissory Note for Standard Initial Financing Program
Exhibit D	Security Agreement
Exhibit E	Distributor’s Purchase-Security Agreement Credit Assignment Agreement
Exhibit F	Addendum and Guaranty to Distributor’s Purchase-Security Agreement Credit Assignment Agreement
Exhibit G	Purchase Money Security Agreement
Exhibit H-1	Purchase Money Security – Master Agreement
Exhibit H-2	Purchase Money Security – Master Agreement (Revised for use in later 2025)
Exhibit I	End User’s Credit Application Subject to Matco Tools/P.S.A. Credit Approval

Exhibit J	Distributor's Purchase Security Agreement Recourse Credit Assignment Agreement
Exhibit K-1	Purchase Money Security Agreement – Tech Start and Purchase Money Security Agreement – Tech Assured
Exhibit K-2	Purchase Money Security Agreement – Tech Advantage
Exhibit L	Revolving Line of Credit Agreement and Promissory Note
Exhibit M	Assignment, Assumption, and Consent Agreement
Exhibit N	Guarantee, Indemnification, and Acknowledgment
Exhibit O	Matco Distributor Business System Software License, Maintenance and Support Agreement and Information Form
Exhibit P	Owner Designation
Exhibit Q	Matco Tools Web Page Agreement
Exhibit R	Payment Program Authorization
Exhibit S-1	Promissory Note for Mobile Store Upgrade Financing Program
Exhibit S-2	Security Agreement for Mobile Store Upgrade Financing Program

Attached to this Disclosure Document are the following other contracts and acknowledgements:

Appendix E-1:	Distributor Disclosure Questionnaire
Appendix E-2:	Acknowledgment Regarding Ownership of Distributorship in Individual Capacity
Appendix I:	Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement
Appendix J:	Mutual Release Agreement
Appendix K:	List of Calls Acknowledgment
Appendix L:	Matco 225 Amendments
Appendix M:	Conversion Incentive Amendments
Appendix N:	Renewal Addendum
Appendix P:	Enhanced Territory Distributorship Amendment (Signing a Successor Agreement)
Appendix Q:	Enhanced Territory Distributorship Amendment (Not Signing a Successor Agreement)
Appendix R:	Distributor Expense Worksheet

### **(23) RECEIPTS**

The last page of this Disclosure Document is a detachable acknowledgement of receipt.

**MATCO TOOLS**

**FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

**APPENDIX A: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**



## **Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors of Vontier Corporation

### **Opinion on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

We have audited Vontier Corporation and subsidiaries' internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024, based on criteria established in Internal Control—Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) (the COSO criteria). In our opinion, Vontier Corporation and subsidiaries (the Company) maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the consolidated balance sheets of the Company as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related consolidated statements of earnings and comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes and financial statement schedule listed in the index at Item 15(a) and our report dated February 13, 2025 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

### **Basis for Opinion**

The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting included in the accompanying Report of Management on Vontier Corporation's Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects.

Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### **Definition and Limitations of Internal Control Over Financial Reporting**

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

Raleigh, North Carolina  
February 13, 2025

## **Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm**

To the Stockholders and the Board of Directors of Vontier Corporation

### **Opinion on the Financial Statements**

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Vontier Corporation and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the related consolidated statements of earnings and comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2024, and the related notes and financial statement schedule listed in the Index at Item 15(a) (collectively referred to as the “consolidated financial statements”). In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company at December 31, 2024 and 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2024, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) (PCAOB), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2024, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (2013 framework) and our report dated February 13, 2025 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

### **Basis for Opinion**

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the PCAOB and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

### **Critical Audit Matter**

The critical audit matter communicated below is a matter arising from the current period audit of the financial statements that was communicated or required to be communicated to the audit committee and that: (1) relates to accounts or disclosures that are material to the financial statements and (2) involved our especially challenging, subjective or complex judgments. The communication of the critical audit matter does not alter in any way our opinion on the consolidated financial statements, taken as a whole, and we are not, by communicating the critical audit matter below, providing a separate opinion on the critical audit matter or on the accounts or disclosures to which it relates.

*Description of the Matter*

***Allowance for credit losses of commercial purchase security agreements***

As described in Note 4 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company's financing receivables portfolio and the associated allowance for credit losses for commercial purchase security agreements, were \$352.2 million and \$38.2 million as of December 31, 2024, respectively. As disclosed in Note 2 to the consolidated financial statements, the Company estimates the allowance for credit losses for financing receivables based on numerous quantitative and qualitative factors reflecting management's estimate of collectability over the remaining contractual life of the financing receivables.

Auditing the Company's allowance for credit losses was challenging in that it requires significant judgment about the severity of credit losses, including the risk profile of each underlying receivable and expectations regarding the impact of current and future economic conditions on the creditworthiness of its customers.

*How we Addressed the Matter in our Audit*

We obtained an understanding, evaluated the design and tested the operating effectiveness of management's controls over the allowance for credit losses including controls over the completeness and accuracy of underlying data. To test the allowance for credit losses, our audit procedures included, among others, evaluating the methods and assumptions used by management, including comparing actual losses incurred to management's historical estimates, evaluating external economic and industry trends and evaluating the overall composition of the financing receivables portfolio.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2019.

Raleigh, North Carolina  
February 13, 2025

**VONTIER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**  
(in millions, except per share amounts)

	December 31,	
	2024	2023
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 356.4	\$ 340.9
Accounts receivable, less allowance for credit losses of \$34.9 million and \$35.7 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively	526.1	497.5
Inventories	337.8	296.6
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	149.7	141.4
Current assets held for sale	—	56.1
Total current assets	1,370.0	1,332.5
Property, plant and equipment, net	120.2	102.3
Operating lease right-of-use assets	46.8	47.0
Long-term financing receivables, less allowance for credit losses of \$32.2 million and \$33.7 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively	291.7	276.2
Other intangible assets, net	486.5	568.3
Goodwill	1,726.0	1,742.4
Other assets	269.3	225.3
Total assets	\$ 4,310.5	\$ 4,294.0
<b>LIABILITIES AND EQUITY</b>		
Current liabilities:		
Short-term borrowings and current portion of long-term debt	\$ 52.3	\$ 106.6
Trade accounts payable	378.1	366.8
Current operating lease liabilities	16.3	14.0
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	462.5	435.8
Current liabilities held for sale	—	32.1
Total current liabilities	909.2	955.3
Long-term operating lease liabilities	36.6	37.1
Long-term debt	2,092.0	2,189.0
Other long-term liabilities	212.8	217.0
Total liabilities	3,250.6	3,398.4
Commitments and Contingencies (Note 17)		
Equity:		
Preferred stock, 15.0 million shares authorized; no par value; no shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Common stock, 2.0 billion shares authorized; \$0.0001 par value; 172.1 million and 170.8 million shares issued, and 149.3 million and 154.3 million outstanding as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively	—	—
Treasury stock, at cost, 22.8 million and 16.5 million shares as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively	(627.0)	(403.4)
Additional paid-in capital	83.0	56.8
Retained earnings	1,539.1	1,132.1
Accumulated other comprehensive income	56.0	104.9
Total Vontier stockholders' equity	1,051.1	890.4
Noncontrolling interests	8.8	5.2
Total equity	1,059.9	895.6
Total liabilities and equity	\$ 4,310.5	\$ 4,294.0

See the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

**VONTIER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF EARNINGS AND COMPREHENSIVE INCOME**  
(in millions, except per share amounts)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Sales of products	\$ 2,668.4	\$ 2,778.1	\$ 2,874.3
Sales of services	310.6	317.1	310.1
Total sales	2,979.0	3,095.2	3,184.4
Operating costs and expenses:			
Cost of product sales, excluding amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets	(1,354.9)	(1,451.0)	(1,552.5)
Cost of service sales, excluding amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets	(200.0)	(213.0)	(203.6)
Selling, general and administrative expenses	(629.7)	(643.1)	(627.8)
Research and development expenses	(177.7)	(163.5)	(144.6)
Amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets	(79.7)	(81.2)	(78.0)
Operating profit	537.0	543.4	577.9
Non-operating income (expense), net:			
Interest expense, net	(74.7)	(93.7)	(69.6)
Gain on sale of business	37.2	34.4	—
Gain on previously held equity interests from combination of business	—	—	32.7
Unrealized loss on equity securities measured at fair value	—	—	(8.7)
Other non-operating expense, net	(1.9)	(0.6)	(4.9)
Earnings before income taxes	497.6	483.5	527.4
Provision for income taxes	(75.4)	(106.6)	(126.1)
Net earnings	<u>\$ 422.2</u>	<u>\$ 376.9</u>	<u>\$ 401.3</u>
Net earnings per share:			
Basic	\$ 2.76	\$ 2.43	\$ 2.50
Diluted	\$ 2.75	\$ 2.42	\$ 2.49
Weighted average shares outstanding:			
Basic	152.8	155.1	160.5
Diluted	153.8	156.0	161.0
Net earnings	\$ 422.2	\$ 376.9	\$ 401.3
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of income taxes:			
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(49.6)	(1.3)	(77.1)
Other adjustments	0.7	0.1	1.5
Total other comprehensive loss, net of income taxes	(48.9)	(1.2)	(75.6)
Comprehensive income	<u>\$ 373.3</u>	<u>\$ 375.7</u>	<u>\$ 325.7</u>

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**VONTIER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN EQUITY**  
(in millions, except per share amounts)

	Common Stock		Treasury Stock		Additional	Retained	Accumulated Other	Noncontrolling	Total
	Shares	Amount	Shares	Amount	Paid-In Capital	Earnings	Comprehensive Income	Interests	
<b>Balance, December 31, 2021</b>	169.2	\$ —	—	\$ —	\$ 1.5	\$ 386.7	\$ 181.7	\$ 3.8	\$ 573.7
Net earnings	—	—	—	—	—	401.3	—	—	401.3
Dividends on common stock (\$0.025 per share)	—	—	—	—	—	(15.9)	—	—	(15.9)
Other comprehensive loss, net of income taxes	—	—	—	—	—	—	(75.6)	—	(75.6)
Stock-based compensation expense	—	—	—	—	23.9	—	—	0.4	24.3
Common stock-based award activity, net of shares for tax withholding	0.5	—	—	—	(1.6)	—	—	—	(1.6)
Purchase of treasury stock	—	—	13.7	(328.0)	—	—	—	—	(328.0)
Change in noncontrolling interests and other	—	—	—	—	3.8	(1.3)	—	(1.2)	1.3
<b>Balance, December 31, 2022</b>	169.7	—	13.7	(328.0)	27.6	770.8	106.1	3.0	579.5
Net earnings	—	—	—	—	—	376.9	—	—	376.9
Dividends on common stock (\$0.025 per share)	—	—	—	—	—	(15.6)	—	—	(15.6)
Other comprehensive loss, net of income taxes	—	—	—	—	—	—	(1.2)	—	(1.2)
Stock-based compensation expense	—	—	—	—	27.4	—	—	4.1	31.5
Common stock-based award activity, net of shares for tax withholding	1.1	—	—	—	2.2	—	—	—	2.2
Purchase of treasury stock	—	—	2.8	(75.4)	—	—	—	—	(75.4)
Change in noncontrolling interests and other	—	—	—	—	(0.4)	—	—	(1.9)	(2.3)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2023</b>	170.8	—	16.5	(403.4)	56.8	1,132.1	104.9	5.2	895.6
Net earnings	—	—	—	—	—	422.2	—	—	422.2
Dividends on common stock (\$0.025 per share)	—	—	—	—	—	(15.2)	—	—	(15.2)
Other comprehensive loss, net of income taxes	—	—	—	—	—	—	(48.9)	—	(48.9)
Stock-based compensation expense	—	—	—	—	27.4	—	—	4.2	31.6
Common stock-based award activity, net of shares for tax withholding	1.3	—	—	—	4.9	—	—	—	4.9
Purchase of treasury stock	—	—	6.3	(223.6)	(2.5)	—	—	—	(226.1)
Change in noncontrolling interests and other	—	—	—	—	(3.6)	—	—	(0.6)	(4.2)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2024</b>	172.1	\$ —	22.8	\$ (627.0)	\$ 83.0	\$ 1,539.1	\$ 56.0	\$ 8.8	\$ 1,059.9

See the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.



**VONTIER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**  
(in millions)

	Year Ended December 31,		
	2024	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities:			
Net earnings	\$ 422.2	\$ 376.9	\$ 401.3
Non-cash items:			
Depreciation expense	47.4	43.8	40.9
Amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets	79.7	81.2	78.0
Stock-based compensation expense	31.6	31.5	24.3
Gain on sale of business	(37.2)	(34.4)	—
Gain on previously held equity interests from combination of business	—	—	(32.7)
Unrealized loss on equity securities measured at fair value	—	—	8.7
Change in deferred income taxes	(32.8)	(47.3)	(41.2)
Other non-cash items	3.3	3.4	11.9
Change in accounts receivable, net	(203.9)	(148.1)	(217.2)
Change in inventories	(48.5)	48.9	(74.3)
Change in long-term financing receivables, net	147.9	141.2	140.3
Change in trade accounts payable	14.9	(66.8)	21.3
Change in other operating assets and liabilities	2.9	24.7	(40.1)
<b>Net cash provided by operating activities</b>	<b>427.5</b>	<b>455.0</b>	<b>321.2</b>
Cash flows from investing activities:			
Proceeds from sale of business, net of cash provided	68.4	107.5	—
Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash received	—	—	(277.5)
Payments for additions to property, plant and equipment	(82.7)	(60.1)	(60.0)
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	5.6	4.5	0.4
Cash paid for equity investments	(2.9)	(3.0)	(11.8)
Proceeds from sale of equity securities	0.2	20.4	19.0
<b>Net cash (used in) provided by investing activities</b>	<b>(11.4)</b>	<b>69.3</b>	<b>(329.9)</b>
Cash flows from financing activities:			
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	—	—	1,167.0
Repayment of long-term debt	(150.0)	(300.0)	(1,167.0)
Net (repayments of) proceeds from short-term borrowings	(4.5)	1.9	0.4
Payments for debt issuance costs	—	—	(0.8)
Payments of common stock cash dividend	(15.2)	(15.5)	(15.9)
Purchases of treasury stock	(224.7)	(74.7)	(328.0)
Proceeds from stock option exercises	17.0	10.4	2.5
Other financing activities	(14.9)	(9.9)	(6.1)
<b>Net cash used in financing activities</b>	<b>(392.3)</b>	<b>(387.8)</b>	<b>(347.9)</b>
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(8.3)	(0.1)	(11.5)
<b>Net change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>15.5</b>	<b>136.4</b>	<b>(368.1)</b>
Beginning balance of cash and cash equivalents	340.9	204.5	572.6
<b>Ending balance of cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>\$ 356.4</b>	<b>\$ 340.9</b>	<b>\$ 204.5</b>

See the accompanying Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.

**VONTIER CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**NOTE 1. BUSINESS OVERVIEW**

**Nature of Business**

Vontier Corporation (“Vontier” or the “Company”) is a global industrial technology company uniting productivity, automation and multi-energy technologies to meet the needs of a rapidly evolving, more connected mobility ecosystem. The Company operates through three reportable segments which align to the Company’s three operating segments: (i) Mobility Technologies, which provides digitally enabled equipment and solutions to support efficient operations across the mobility ecosystem, including point-of-sale and payment systems, workflow automation solutions, telematics, data analytics, software platform for electric vehicle charging networks, and integrated solutions for alternative fuel dispensing; (ii) Repair Solutions, which manufactures and distributes aftermarket vehicle repair tools, toolboxes, automotive diagnostic equipment and software through a network of mobile franchisees; and (iii) Environmental & Fueling Solutions, which provides environmental and fueling hardware and software, and aftermarket solutions for global fueling infrastructure.

Vontier Corporation was incorporated in 2019 in connection with the separation of Vontier from Fortive Corporation (“Fortive” or “Former Parent”) on October 9, 2020, as an independent company (the “Separation”).

**NOTE 2. BASIS OF PRESENTATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES**

**Basis of Presentation**

The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements present the Company’s historical financial position, results of operations, changes in equity and cash flows in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States of America (“GAAP”).

The Consolidated Financial Statements include all accounts of Vontier and its subsidiaries. All intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated upon consolidation. The Consolidated Financial Statements also reflect the impact of noncontrolling interests. Noncontrolling interests do not have a significant impact on the Company’s consolidated results of operations, therefore, net earnings and net earnings per share attributable to noncontrolling interests are not presented separately in the Company’s Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income. Net earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests have been reflected in selling, general and administrative expenses (“SG&A”) and were insignificant in all periods presented.

**Use of Estimates**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. The Company bases these estimates on historical experience, the current economic environment and on various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances. However, uncertainties associated with these estimates exist and actual results may differ from these estimates.

**Cash and Cash Equivalents**

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with a maturity of three months or less at the date of purchase to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are valued at cost, plus accrued interest, which approximates fair value due to the short-term maturity of these instruments.

**Accounts and Financing Receivables and Allowances for Credit Losses**

All trade accounts and financing receivables are reported in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets net of allowances for credit losses. The allowances for credit losses represent management’s best estimate of the credit losses expected from trade accounts and financing receivables portfolios. Determination of the allowances requires management to exercise judgment about the timing, frequency and severity of credit losses that could materially affect the provision for credit losses and, therefore, net earnings. The Company regularly performs detailed reviews of its portfolios to determine if an impairment has occurred and evaluate the collectability of receivables based on a combination of financial and qualitative factors that may affect customers’ ability to pay, including customers’ financial condition, collateral, debt-servicing ability, past payment experience and credit bureau information. In circumstances where the Company is aware of a specific customer’s inability to meet its financial obligations, a specific reserve is recorded against amounts due to reduce the recognized receivable to the amount reasonably expected to be collected.

Additions to the allowances for credit losses are charged to current period earnings and amounts determined to be uncollectible are charged directly against the allowances. If the financial condition of the Company's customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, additional reserves would be required. The Company does not believe that accounts and financing receivables represent significant concentrations of credit risk because of the diversified portfolio of individual customers and geographical areas. Expense associated with credit losses was \$51.2 million, \$42.5 million and \$32.2 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

### ***Financing Receivables***

The Company estimates its allowance to reflect expected credit losses over the remaining contractual life of the asset. Assets with similar risk characteristics are pooled for this measurement based on attributes which includes asset type, duration, and/or credit risk rating. The future expected losses of each pool are estimated based on numerous quantitative and qualitative factors reflecting management's estimate of collectability over the remaining contractual life of the pooled assets, including:

- portfolio duration;
- historical, current, and forecasted future loss experience by asset type;
- historical, current, and forecasted delinquency and write-off trends;
- historical, current, and forecasted economic conditions; and
- historical, current, and forecasted credit risk.

### **Inventories**

Inventories include the costs of material, labor and overhead and are stated at the lower of cost or net realizable value using the first-in, first-out ("FIFO") method. The net realizable value of inventory, which is the estimated selling price in the ordinary course of business, less reasonably predictable costs of completion, disposal and transportation, is estimated based on assumptions of future demand and related pricing.

### **Property, Plant and Equipment**

Property, plant and equipment are carried at cost. Provisions for depreciation have been computed principally by the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the depreciable assets which are generally as follows:

Category	Useful Life
Buildings	30 years
Capitalized software	3 – 5 years
Leased assets and leasehold improvements	Amortized over the lesser of the economic life of the asset or the term of the lease
Machinery, equipment and other	3 – 10 years

Estimated useful lives are periodically reviewed and, when appropriate, changes to estimates are made prospectively.

### ***Capitalized Software***

Costs associated with software developed or obtained for internal-use are capitalized during the application development stage of the project and are presented in Property, plant and equipment, net on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Costs incurred during the preliminary project and post-implementation stages are expensed as incurred.

### **Other Assets**

Other assets principally include contract assets, deferred tax assets and other investments.

### **Fair Value**

Accounting standards define fair value based on an exit price model, establish a framework for measuring fair value for assets and liabilities required to be carried at fair value and provide for certain disclosures related to the valuation methods used within the valuation hierarchy as established within the accounting standards. This hierarchy prioritizes the inputs into three broad levels as follows:

- Level 1 inputs are quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.
- Level 2 inputs are quoted prices for similar assets and liabilities in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar assets in markets that are not active, or other observable characteristics for the asset or liability, including interest rates, yield curves and credit risks, or inputs that are derived principally from, or corroborated by, observable market data through correlation.

- Level 3 inputs are unobservable inputs based on our assumptions.

A financial asset or liability's classification within the hierarchy is determined based on the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement in its entirety.

Financial instruments consist primarily of trade accounts receivable, financing receivables, obligations under trade accounts payable and short and long-term debt. Due to their short-term nature, the carrying values for trade accounts receivable, trade accounts payable and short-term debt approximate fair value.

Certain assets and liabilities are carried on the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets at cost and are not remeasured to fair value on a recurring basis. These assets include finite-lived intangible assets, which are tested when a triggering event occurs, and goodwill and identifiable indefinite-lived intangible assets, which are tested for impairment at least annually as of the first day of the fourth quarter or more frequently if events and circumstances indicate that the asset may not be recoverable.

As of December 31, 2024, assets carried on the balance sheet and not remeasured to fair value on a recurring basis were \$1.7 billion of goodwill and \$486.5 million of identifiable intangible assets, net.

Refer to Note 10. Financing for the fair value of the Company's long-term debt.

### **Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets**

Goodwill arises from the purchase price for acquired businesses exceeding the fair value of tangible and intangible assets acquired less assumed liabilities. In accordance with accounting standards related to business combinations, neither goodwill nor indefinite-lived intangible assets are amortized; however, definite-lived identifiable intangible assets, primarily customer relationships, acquired technology and trade names, are amortized over their estimated useful lives. Refer to Note 7. Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets for additional information regarding our goodwill and other intangible assets.

The goodwill of each of the Company's reporting units is assessed for impairment at least annually as of the first day of the fourth quarter or more frequently if events and circumstances indicate that goodwill may not be recoverable. When evaluating for impairment, the Company may first perform a qualitative assessment to determine whether it is more likely than not that a reporting unit or indefinite-lived intangible asset is impaired. The Company's decision to perform a qualitative impairment assessment for an individual reporting unit or indefinite-lived intangible assets in a given year is influenced by a number of factors, inclusive of the size of the reporting unit's goodwill, the significance of the excess of the reporting unit's estimated fair value over carrying value at the last quantitative assessment date, the amount of time in between quantitative fair value assessments and the date of acquisition.

As part of the Company's 2024 annual impairment analysis, the Company elected to apply the qualitative goodwill impairment assessment guidance in ASC 350-20, *Goodwill*, for all three of the Company's reporting units as of the assessment date, or approximately \$1.7 billion of goodwill as of the assessment date. Factors considered in the qualitative assessment include general macroeconomic conditions, industry and market conditions, cost factors, overall financial performance of the reporting units, events or changes affecting the composition or carrying value of the net assets of the reporting units, information related to market multiples of peer companies and other relevant entity specific events. Based on the assessment, the Company determined on the basis of the qualitative and quantitative factors that the fair values of the reporting units were more likely than not greater than their respective carrying values, and therefore, a quantitative test was not required.

If the Company does not perform a qualitative assessment, or if it determines that it is not more likely than not that the fair value of the reporting unit or indefinite-lived intangible asset exceeds its carrying amount, impairment is determined by using a quantitative approach. The Company identifies potential impairment by comparing the fair value of each reporting unit, determined using various valuation techniques, with the primary technique being a discounted cash flow analysis, to its carrying value. If the carrying amount of the reporting unit exceeds the fair value, an impairment loss is recognized.

Identified intangible assets are reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the related carrying amounts may not be recoverable. Determining whether an impairment loss occurred requires a comparison of the carrying amount to the sum of undiscounted cash flows expected to be generated by the asset. Intangible assets with indefinite lives are tested at least annually for impairment. In these analyses, management considers general macroeconomic conditions, industry and market conditions, cost factors, financial performance and other entity and asset specific events and may require management to make judgments and estimates about future revenues, expenses, market conditions and discount rates related to these assets.

No goodwill or other intangible assets impairment charges were recorded during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022.

## **Insurance Liabilities**

The Company is self-insured for certain losses related to medical claims. The Company has stop-loss coverage to limit the exposure arising from medical claims. In addition, the Company has deductible-based insurance policies for certain other losses, including general liability, workers' compensation and automobile.

## **Debt Issuance Costs**

Debt issuance costs relating to the Company's term loan and senior note facilities are recorded as a direct reduction of the carrying amount of the related debt. These costs are deferred and amortized to interest expense using the effective interest method, over the respective terms of the related debt.

Debt issuance costs relating to the Company's revolving credit facilities are recorded in Other assets on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. These costs are deferred and amortized to interest expense using the straight-line method over the respective terms of the related debt.

## **Revenue Recognition**

Revenue is recognized when control of promised products or services is transferred to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to be entitled to in exchange for those products or services.

Product sales include revenues from the sale of products and equipment, which includes software-as-a-service ("SaaS") product offerings, equipment rentals, fees for referrals to third-party payment processors, and interest income related to our financing receivables.

Service sales include revenues from extended warranties, post-contract customer support ("PCS"), maintenance contracts or services, and services related to previously sold products.

Revenues associated with the Company's interest income related to financing receivables are recognized to approximate a constant effective yield over the contract term.

For revenue related to a product or service to qualify for recognition, the Company must have an enforceable contract with a customer that defines the goods or services to be transferred and the payment terms related to those goods or services. Further, collection of substantially all consideration for the goods or services transferred must be probable based on the customer's intent and ability to pay the promised consideration. The Company applies judgment in determining the customer's ability and intention to pay, which is based on a combination of financial and qualitative factors, including the customers' financial condition, collateral, debt-servicing ability, past payment experience and credit bureau information.

Customer allowances and rebates, consisting primarily of volume discounts and other short-term incentive programs, are considered in determining the transaction price for the contract; these allowances and rebates are reflected as a reduction in the contract transaction price. Significant judgment is exercised in determining product returns, customer allowances and rebates, which are estimated based on historical experience and known trends.

Most of the Company's sales contracts contain standard terms and conditions. The Company evaluates contracts to identify distinct goods and services promised in the contract, the performance obligations. Sometimes this evaluation involves judgment to determine whether the goods or services are highly dependent on or highly interrelated with one another, or whether such goods or services significantly modify or customize one another. Certain customer arrangements, including our SaaS product offerings, include multiple performance obligations, typically hardware, installation, training, consulting, services and/or PCS. These elements are often delivered within the same reporting period, however, the Company's SaaS, PCS and other subscription-based and extended contracts may extend beyond one year. The Company allocates the contract transaction price to each performance obligation using the observable price that the good or service sells for separately in similar circumstances and to similar customers. Allocating the transaction price to each performance obligation may require judgment.

The Company's principal terms of sale are FOB Shipping Point, or equivalent, and, as such, the Company primarily records revenue upon shipment as the Company has transferred control to the customer at that point and our performance obligations are satisfied. The Company evaluates contracts with delivery terms other than FOB Shipping Point and recognizes revenue when the Company has transferred control and satisfied the performance obligations. If any significant obligation to the customer with respect to a sales transaction remains to be fulfilled following shipment (typically installation, other services noted above or acceptance by the customer), revenue recognition is deferred until such obligations have been fulfilled. Further, revenue related to separately priced extended warranty and product maintenance agreements is deferred when appropriate and recognized as revenue over the term of the agreement.

## **Shipping and Handling**

Shipping and handling costs are included as a component of Cost of sales in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income. Revenue derived from shipping and handling costs billed to customers is included in Sales in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income.

## **Advertising**

Advertising costs are expensed as incurred and are included as a component of Selling, general and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income.

## **Research and Development**

The Company conducts research and development activities for the purpose of developing new products, enhancing the functionality, effectiveness, ease of use and reliability of existing products and expanding the applications for which uses of the Company's products are appropriate. Research and development costs are expensed as incurred.

## **Restructuring**

The Company periodically initiates restructuring activities to appropriately position its cost base relative to prevailing economic conditions and associated customer demand as well as in connection with certain acquisitions. Costs associated with restructuring actions can include termination benefits and related charges in addition to facility closure, contract termination and other related activities, and are recorded when the associated liability is incurred. Refer to Note 16. Restructuring and Other Related Charges for additional information.

## **Foreign Currency Translation and Transactions**

Exchange rate adjustments resulting from foreign currency transactions are recognized in Net earnings, whereas effects resulting from the translation of financial statements are reflected as a component of Accumulated other comprehensive income within equity. Assets and liabilities of subsidiaries operating outside the United States with a functional currency other than U.S. dollars are translated into U.S. dollars using year-end exchange rates and income statement accounts are translated at weighted average exchange rates. Net foreign currency transaction gains or losses were not material in any of the periods presented.

## **Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation**

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation by measuring the cost of employee services received in exchange for all equity awards granted, including stock options, restricted stock units ("RSUs") and performance stock units ("PSUs"), based on the fair value of the award as of the grant date.

The fair value of each stock option issued was estimated on the date of the grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model which incorporates the following assumptions to value stock-based awards:

*Risk-free interest rate:* The risk-free rate of interest for periods within the contractual life of the option is based on a zero-coupon U.S. government instrument whose maturity period equals or approximates the option's expected term.

*Volatility:* Since the Company does not have sufficient history to estimate the expected volatility of its common share price, expected volatility is based on a blended approach that uses the volatility of the Company's common stock for periods in which the Company has information and the volatility for selected reasonably similar publicly traded companies for periods in which the historical information is not available.

*Dividend yield:* The expected dividend yield is calculated by dividing our annualized dividend, based on the Company's history of declared dividends, by the Company's stock price on the grant date.

*Expected years until exercise:* The expected term of stock options granted is based on an estimate of when options will be exercised in the future. As the Company does not have sufficient history to estimate its expected term, the Company applied the simplified method of estimating the expected term of the options, as described in the SEC's Staff Accounting Bulletins 107 and 110. The expected term, calculated under the simplified method, is applied to all stock options which have similar contractual terms. Using this method, the expected term is determined using the average of the vesting period and the contractual life of the stock options granted.

The fair value of RSUs and PSUs with performance-based vesting conditions is calculated using the closing price of the Company's common stock on the date of grant less a discount due to the lack of participation in the Company's dividend by RSU holders. The fair value of PSUs with market-based vesting conditions is calculated using a Monte Carlo pricing model on the date of grant.



Stock-based compensation expense is recognized net of an estimated forfeiture rate on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period of the award, with the expense for PSUs with performance-based vesting conditions adjusted based on the likelihood of future achievement of the performance metrics.

## **Income Taxes**

In accordance with GAAP, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted rates expected to be in effect during the year in which the differences reverse. Deferred tax assets generally represent items that can be used as a tax deduction or credit in the Company's tax return in future years for which the tax benefit has already been reflected on the Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income. Deferred tax liabilities generally represent items that have already been taken as a deduction on our tax return but have not yet been recognized as an expense in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities due to a change in tax rates is recognized in income tax expense in the period that includes the enactment date.

Deferred tax assets are reduced by a valuation allowance if, based on the weight of available evidence, it is more likely than not, a likelihood of more than 50 percent, that some portion or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized. The Company evaluates the realizability of deferred tax assets for each of the jurisdictions in which it operates. If there is cumulative pretax income in a particular jurisdiction in the three-year period including the current and prior two years, the Company generally concludes that the deferred tax assets will more likely than not be realizable and no valuation allowance is recognized, unless known or planned operating developments would lead management to conclude otherwise. However, if there are cumulative pretax losses in a particular jurisdiction in the three-year period including the current and prior two years, the Company then considers a series of factors in the determination of whether the deferred tax assets can be realized. These factors include historical operating results, known or planned operating developments, the period of time over which certain temporary differences will reverse, consideration of the utilization of certain deferred tax liabilities, tax law carryback capability in the particular country, and prudent and feasible tax planning strategies. After evaluation of these factors, if the deferred tax assets are expected to be realized within the tax carryforward period allowed for by that specific country, the Company would conclude that no valuation allowance would be required. To the extent that the deferred tax assets exceed the amount that is expected to be realized within the tax carryforward period for a particular jurisdiction, a valuation allowance is established.

Tax benefits from uncertain tax positions are recognized only if it is more likely than not that the tax position will be sustained on examination by the taxing authorities, based on the technical merits of the position. The tax benefits recognized in the Consolidated Financial Statements from such positions are measured based on the largest benefit that has a greater than 50% likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. Judgment is required in evaluating tax positions and determining income tax provisions. The Company reevaluates the technical merits of its tax positions and may recognize an uncertain tax benefit in certain circumstances, including when: (i) a tax audit is completed; (ii) applicable tax laws change, including a tax case ruling or legislative guidance; or (iii) the applicable statute of limitations expires. Potential accrued interest and penalties associated with unrecognized tax positions are recognized as a component of Provision for income taxes in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income. Refer to Note 14. Income Taxes for additional information.

## **Pension and Other Postretirement Benefit Plans**

Pension assets and obligations are measured to determine the funded status as of the end of the Company's fiscal year. An asset is recognized for an overfunded status or a liability is recognized for an underfunded status. Changes in the funded status of the pension plans are recognized in the year in which the changes occur and are reported in other comprehensive income. Refer to Note 11. Employee Benefit Plans for additional information.

## **Reclassifications**

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current year presentation.

### Recently Adopted Accounting Standards

In November 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-07, Segment Reporting (Topic 280): Improvements to Reportable Segment Disclosures (“ASU 2023-07”), which enhances segment disclosures primarily by requiring disclosure of significant segment expenses. ASU 2023-07 is effective for the Company’s annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2024, and for its interim financial statements beginning with the first fiscal quarter of the year ended December 31, 2025. Retrospective application is required. The Company has expanded its segment disclosures in accordance with ASU 2023-07. Refer to Note 15. Segment Information.

### Recently Issued Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted

In December 2023, the FASB issued ASU 2023-09, Income Taxes (Topic 740): Improvements to Income Tax Disclosures (“ASU 2023-09”), which requires consistent categories and greater disaggregation of information in the rate reconciliation and disaggregation of income taxes paid by jurisdiction. ASU 2023-09 is effective for the Company’s annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2025, with early adoption permitted. Prospective application is required, with retrospective application permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact ASU 2023-09 will have on its consolidated financial statements.

In November 2024, the FASB issued ASU 2024-03, Income Statement - Reporting Comprehensive Income - Expense Disaggregation Disclosures (Subtopic 220-40): Disaggregation of Income Statement Expenses (“ASU 2024-03”), which requires disclosure of certain expense categories that are included within relevant income statement expense captions. ASU 2024-03 is effective for the Company’s annual financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2027, and for its interim financial statements beginning with the first fiscal quarter of the year ended December 31, 2028, with early adoption permitted. ASU 2024-03 may be applied either prospectively or retrospectively. The Company is currently assessing the impact ASU 2024-03 will have on its consolidated financial statements.

### NOTE 3. ACQUISITIONS

The Company has completed a number of acquisitions that have been accounted for as purchases and resulted in the recognition of goodwill in its financial statements. This goodwill arises because the purchase price for each acquired business reflects a number of factors including the complementary fit, the acceleration of its strategy, the synergies the business brings to existing operations, the future earnings and cash flow potential of the business, the potential to add other strategically complementary acquisitions to the acquired business, the scarce or unique nature of the business in its markets, the competition to acquire the business, the valuation of similar businesses in the marketplace (as reflected in a multiple of revenues, earnings or cash flows) and the avoidance of the time and costs which would be required (and the associated risks that would be encountered) to enhance the Company’s existing offerings to key target markets and develop new and profitable businesses.

A preliminary purchase price allocation is made at the date of acquisition based on an initial understanding of the fair value of the acquired assets and assumed liabilities. As additional information about these assets and liabilities is obtained, the estimates of fair value are refined and the preliminary purchase price allocation is adjusted during the applicable measurement period for items identified as of the acquisition date.

To determine the fair value of the acquired intangible assets and certain previously held equity interests related to its acquisitions, management utilized significant unobservable inputs (Level 3 in the fair value hierarchy) and was required to make judgements and estimates about future results such as revenues, margin, net working capital and other valuation assumptions such as useful lives, royalty rates, technology obsolescence, attrition rates and discount rates. Intangible assets consisting of technology and trade names were valued using a relief from royalty method or using a multi-period excess earnings method while customer relationships were valued using a multi-period excess earnings method. These assumptions are forward-looking and could be affected by future economic and market conditions.

Acquisition-related costs are included in Selling, general and administrative expenses in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income.

The Company did not make any acquisitions during the years ended December 31, 2024 and 2023. The following describes the Company’s acquisition activity during the year ended December 31, 2022.

#### 2022 Acquisitions

##### *Driivz*

On February 7, 2022, the Company acquired the remaining 81% of the outstanding shares of Driivz Ltd. (“Driivz”) for \$152.5 million, net of cash received. Driivz, which is based in Israel, is a cloud-based subscription software platform supporting electric vehicle charging infrastructure (“EVCI”) providers with operations management, energy optimization, billing and roaming capabilities, as well as driver self-service apps. The acquisition of Driivz accelerates the Company’s portfolio diversification and e-mobility strategies and positions the Company to capitalize on the global EVCI market opportunities.

The acquisition of Driivz was accounted for as a business combination and, accordingly, the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed have been recorded at their respective fair values as of the acquisition date. The goodwill is attributable to the workforce of the acquired business, future market opportunities and the expected synergies with the Company's existing operations. The majority of the goodwill derived from this acquisition is not deductible for tax purposes.

The Company's final purchase price allocation is as follows:

(\$ in millions)	Final Purchase Price Allocation	Weighted Average Amortization Period
Accounts receivable	\$ 1.0	
Technology	56.3	8.0
Customer relationships	28.1	13.0
Trade names	9.2	16.0
Goodwill	125.7	
Other assets	2.9	
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	(12.5)	
Other long-term liabilities	(15.2)	
Purchase price, net of cash received	<u>\$ 195.5</u>	

The carrying value of the Company's approximately 19% interest in Driivz prior to the acquisition was \$10.3 million, which historically was carried at cost. In connection with the acquisition, this investment was remeasured to a fair value of \$43.0 million resulting in the recognition of an aggregate noncash gain of \$32.7 million during the year ended December 31, 2022, which was included in Gain on previously held equity interests from combination of business in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income.

The Company has not disclosed post-acquisition or pro forma revenue and earnings attributable to Driivz as it did not have a material effect on the Company's results. Driivz is presented in the Company's Mobility Technologies segment.

### ***Invenco***

On August 31, 2022, the Company acquired all of the outstanding equity interests of Invenco Group Ltd. ("Invenco") for \$83.1 million, net of cash received. The purchase price includes contingent consideration initially measured at \$6.1 million. Invenco, which is based in New Zealand, is a global provider of self-service payment and microservice solutions with a range of products including outdoor payment terminals, electronic payment servers, payment switches and cloud services. The acquisition of Invenco further advances the Company's portfolio diversification and accelerates its digital strategy.

The acquisition of Invenco was accounted for as a business combination and, accordingly, the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed have been recorded at their respective fair values as of the acquisition date. The final purchase price allocation was as follows: (i) \$35.7 million to definite-lived intangible assets consisting of developed technology, customer relationships and a trade name with a weighted average amortization period of approximately five years, (ii) \$33.0 million to goodwill and (iii) \$14.4 million to other net assets. The goodwill is attributable to the workforce of the acquired business, future market opportunities and the expected synergies with the Company's existing operations. The majority of the goodwill derived from this acquisition is not deductible for tax purposes.

The Company has not disclosed post-acquisition or pro forma revenue and earnings attributable to Invenco as it did not have a material effect on the Company's results. Invenco is presented in the Company's Mobility Technologies segment.

### ***Other Acquisitions***

In addition to the acquisitions noted above, during the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company acquired all of the outstanding equity interests in two other businesses for \$43.4 million, net of cash received. The purchase price includes contingent consideration initially measured at \$5.5 million. Both of these acquisitions align with the Company's portfolio diversification strategy and enable opportunities in new end markets.

The Company has not disclosed post-acquisition or pro forma revenue and earnings attributable to these acquisitions as they did not have a material effect on the Company's results, individually or in aggregate. These acquisitions are presented in the Company's Mobility Technologies segment.

#### NOTE 4. FINANCING AND TRADE RECEIVABLES

Financing receivables are primarily comprised of commercial purchase security agreements originated between the Company's franchisees and technicians or independent shop owners that are assumed by the Company ("PSAs") and commercial loans to the Company's franchisees ("Franchisee Notes") in the Repair Solutions segment. The Company also has financing receivables in its Mobility Technologies and Environmental & Fueling Solutions segments which totaled \$14.4 million as of December 31, 2024.

The following disclosures relate to the financing receivables in the Repair Solutions segment.

##### Repair Solutions Financing Receivables

PSAs are installment sales contracts originated between the franchisee and technicians or independent shop owners which enable these customers to purchase tools and equipment on an extended-term payment plan. PSA payment terms are generally up to five years. Upon origination, the Company assumes the PSA by crediting the franchisee's trade accounts receivable. As a result, originations of PSAs are non-cash transactions. The Company records PSAs at amortized cost.

Franchisee Notes have payment terms of up to 10 years and include financing to fund business startup costs including: (i) installment loans to franchisees used generally to finance inventory, equipment, and franchise fees; and (ii) lines of credit to finance working capital, including additional purchases of inventory.

Financing receivables are generally secured by the underlying tools and equipment financed.

Revenues associated with the Company's interest income related to financing receivables are recognized to approximate a constant effective yield over the contract term. Accrued interest is included in Accounts receivable, less allowance for credit losses on the Consolidated Balance Sheets and was insignificant as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

Product sales to franchisees and the related financing income is included in Cash flows from operating activities in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows.

The components of financing receivables with payments due in less than twelve months that are presented in Accounts receivable, less allowance for credit losses on the Consolidated Balance Sheets were as follows:

(\$ in millions)	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
<b>Gross current financing receivables:</b>		
PSAs	\$ 98.6	\$ 100.7
Franchisee Notes	25.4	23.1
Current financing receivables, gross	\$ 124.0	\$ 123.8
<b>Allowance for credit losses:</b>		
PSAs	\$ 11.0	\$ 12.8
Franchisee Notes	8.0	7.3
Total allowance for credit losses	\$ 19.0	\$ 20.1
<b>Net current financing receivables:</b>		
PSAs, net	\$ 87.6	\$ 87.9
Franchisee Notes, net	17.4	15.8
Total current financing receivables, net	\$ 105.0	\$ 103.7

The components of Long-term financing receivables, less allowance for credit losses, which consists of financing receivables with payments due beyond one year, were as follows:

(\$ in millions)	December 31, 2024	December 31, 2023
Gross long-term financing receivables:		
PSAs	\$ 253.6	\$ 245.7
Franchisee Notes	62.8	64.2
Long-term financing receivables, gross	\$ 316.4	\$ 309.9
Allowance for credit losses:		
PSAs	\$ 27.2	\$ 28.7
Franchisee Notes	5.0	5.0
Total allowance for credit losses	\$ 32.2	\$ 33.7
Net long-term financing receivables:		
PSAs, net	\$ 226.4	\$ 217.0
Franchisee Notes, net	57.8	59.2
Total long-term financing receivables, net	\$ 284.2	\$ 276.2

Net deferred origination costs were insignificant as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the net unamortized discount on our financing receivables was \$18.5 million and \$17.6 million, respectively.

It is the Company's general practice to not engage in contract or loan modifications of existing arrangements for troubled debt restructurings. In limited instances, the Company may modify certain impaired receivables with customers in bankruptcy or other legal proceedings, or in the event of significant natural disasters. Restructured financing receivables as of December 31, 2024 and 2023 were insignificant.

Credit score and distributor tenure are the primary indicators of credit quality for the Company's financing receivables. Depending on the contract, payments for financing receivables are due on a monthly or weekly basis. Weekly payments are converted into a monthly equivalent for purposes of calculating delinquency. Delinquencies are assessed at the end of each month following the monthly equivalent due date and are considered delinquent once past due.

The amortized cost basis and current period gross write-offs of PSAs and Franchisee Notes by origination year as of and for the year ended December 31, 2024 is as follows:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	Prior	Total
<b>PSAs</b>							
<b>Credit Score:</b>							
Less than 400	\$ 9.8	\$ 7.2	\$ 3.0	\$ 1.4	\$ 0.4	\$ —	\$ 21.8
400-599	28.6	14.3	6.4	2.7	0.9	0.2	53.1
600-799	57.5	30.3	13.3	6.6	2.0	0.5	110.2
800+	92.1	45.2	19.9	7.6	2.1	0.2	167.1
Total PSAs	<u>\$ 188.0</u>	<u>\$ 97.0</u>	<u>\$ 42.6</u>	<u>\$ 18.3</u>	<u>\$ 5.4</u>	<u>\$ 0.9</u>	<u>\$ 352.2</u>
<b>Franchisee Notes</b>							
Active distributors	\$ 27.2	\$ 16.6	\$ 10.1	\$ 8.3	\$ 3.7	\$ 5.3	\$ 71.2
Separated distributors	0.3	2.2	4.2	3.2	1.4	5.7	17.0
Total Franchisee Notes	<u>\$ 27.5</u>	<u>\$ 18.8</u>	<u>\$ 14.3</u>	<u>\$ 11.5</u>	<u>\$ 5.1</u>	<u>\$ 11.0</u>	<u>\$ 88.2</u>
<b>Current Period Gross Write-offs</b>							
PSAs	\$ 2.9	\$ 18.6	\$ 11.5	\$ 5.9	\$ 2.7	\$ 1.3	\$ 42.9
Franchisee Notes	—	0.2	0.5	2.2	1.6	2.7	7.2
Total current period gross write-offs	<u>\$ 2.9</u>	<u>\$ 18.8</u>	<u>\$ 12.0</u>	<u>\$ 8.1</u>	<u>\$ 4.3</u>	<u>\$ 4.0</u>	<u>\$ 50.1</u>

#### **Past Due**

PSAs are considered past due when a contractual payment has not been made. If a customer is making payments on its account, interest will continue to accrue. The table below sets forth the aging of the Company's PSA balances as of:

(\$ in millions)	30-59 days past due	60-90 days past due	Greater than 90 days past due	Total past due	Total not considered past due	Total	Greater than 90 days past due and accruing interest
December 31, 2024	\$ 3.7	\$ 1.9	\$ 7.9	\$ 13.5	\$ 338.7	\$ 352.2	\$ 7.9
December 31, 2023	3.7	1.9	7.2	12.8	333.6	346.4	7.2

Franchisee Notes are considered past due when payments have not been made for 21 days after the due date. Past due Franchisee Notes (where the franchisee had not yet separated) were insignificant as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

#### **Uncollectable Status**

PSAs are deemed uncollectable and written off when they are both contractually delinquent and no payment has been received for 180 days.

Franchisee Notes are deemed uncollectable and written off after a distributor separates and no payments have been received for one year.

The Company stops accruing interest and other fees associated with financing receivables when (i) a customer is placed in uncollectable status and repossession efforts have begun; (ii) upon receipt of notification of bankruptcy; (iii) upon notification of the death of a customer; or (iv) other instances in which management concludes collectability is not reasonably assured.

#### **Allowance for Credit Losses Related to Financing Receivables**

The Company calculates the allowance for credit losses considering several factors, including the aging of its financing receivables, historical credit loss and portfolio delinquency experience and current economic conditions. The Company also evaluates financing receivables with identified exposures, such as customer defaults, bankruptcy or other events that make it unlikely it will recover the amounts owed to it. In calculating such reserves, the Company evaluates expected cash flows, including estimated proceeds from disposition of collateral, and calculates an estimate of the potential loss and the probability of loss. When a loss is considered probable on an individual financing receivable, a specific reserve is recorded.

The following is a rollforward of the PSAs and Franchisee Notes components of the Company's allowance for credit losses related to financing receivables as of December 31:

(\$ in millions)	2024			2023		
	PSAs	Franchisee Notes	Total	PSAs	Franchisee Notes	Total
Allowance for credit losses, beginning of year	\$ 41.5	\$ 12.3	\$ 53.8	\$ 45.5	\$ 11.8	\$ 57.3
Provision for credit losses	37.8	7.8	45.6	31.1	4.4	35.5
Write-offs	(42.9)	(7.2)	(50.1)	(36.9)	(4.2)	(41.1)
Recoveries of amounts previously charged off	1.8	0.1	1.9	1.8	0.3	2.1
Allowance for credit losses, end of year	<u>\$ 38.2</u>	<u>\$ 13.0</u>	<u>\$ 51.2</u>	<u>\$ 41.5</u>	<u>\$ 12.3</u>	<u>\$ 53.8</u>

#### Allowance for Credit Losses Related to Trade Accounts Receivables

The following is a rollforward of the allowance for credit losses related to the Company's trade accounts receivables, excluding financing receivables, and the Company's trade accounts receivable cost basis as of December 31:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023
Cost basis of trade accounts receivable	\$ 430.1	\$ 409.4
Allowance for credit losses balance, beginning of year	15.6	14.6
Provision for credit losses	5.6	7.0
Write-offs	(4.5)	(6.0)
Foreign currency and other	(0.8)	—
Allowance for credit losses balance, end of year	<u>15.9</u>	<u>15.6</u>
Net trade accounts receivable balance	<u>\$ 414.2</u>	<u>\$ 393.8</u>

#### NOTE 5. INVENTORIES

The classes of inventory as of December 31 are summarized as follows:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023
Finished goods	\$ 144.8	\$ 132.8
Work in process	20.8	20.1
Raw materials	172.2	143.7
Total	<u>\$ 337.8</u>	<u>\$ 296.6</u>

#### NOTE 6. PROPERTY, PLANT AND EQUIPMENT

The classes of property, plant and equipment as of December 31 are summarized as follows:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023
Land and improvements	\$ 4.3	\$ 4.9
Buildings and leasehold improvements	68.0	68.0
Capitalized software	98.1	73.6
Machinery, equipment and other	217.3	209.3
Gross property, plant and equipment	<u>387.7</u>	<u>355.8</u>
Less: accumulated depreciation	(267.5)	(253.5)
Property, plant and equipment, net	<u>\$ 120.2</u>	<u>\$ 102.3</u>

No interest was capitalized related to capitalized expenditures during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022.

Depreciation expense related to property, plant and equipment was \$24.4 million, \$23.2 million and \$23.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.



## NOTE 7. GOODWILL AND OTHER INTANGIBLE ASSETS

### Goodwill

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill by reportable segment are as follows:

(\$ in millions)	One Reportable Segment	Mobility Technologies	Repair Solutions	Environmental & Fueling Solutions	Total
<b>Balance, December 31, 2022</b>	\$ 1,738.7	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 1,738.7
Reallocation to new segments <sup>(a)</sup>	(1,738.7)	1,201.5	15.2	522.0	—
Measurement period adjustments for prior year acquisitions	—	1.0	—	—	1.0
Foreign currency translation and other	—	1.5	—	1.2	2.7
<b>Balance, December 31, 2023</b>	—	1,204.0	15.2	523.2	1,742.4
Foreign currency translation and other	—	(7.4)	—	(9.0)	(16.4)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2024</b>	\$ —	\$ 1,196.6	\$ 15.2	\$ 514.2	\$ 1,726.0

<sup>(a)</sup> During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company realigned its internal organization resulting in changes to the Company's reportable segments.

Accumulated impairment charges, within the Mobility Technologies reportable segment, were \$85.3 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023.

### Intangible Assets

Finite-lived intangible assets are generally amortized on a straight-line basis over the shorter of their legal or estimated useful lives. The following summarizes the gross carrying value and accumulated amortization for each major category of intangible asset as of December 31:

(\$ in millions)	2024			2023		
	Gross Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Amount	Gross Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Amount
<b>Finite-lived intangibles:</b>						
Customer relationships	\$ 473.0	\$ (253.0)	\$ 220.0	\$ 477.3	\$ (217.5)	\$ 259.8
Patents and technology	295.6	(156.8)	138.8	299.6	(123.7)	175.9
Trademarks and trade names	57.0	(20.0)	37.0	57.4	(15.6)	41.8
<b>Total finite-lived intangibles</b>	<b>825.6</b>	<b>(429.8)</b>	<b>395.8</b>	<b>834.3</b>	<b>(356.8)</b>	<b>477.5</b>
<b>Indefinite-lived intangibles:</b>						
Trademarks and trade names	90.7	—	90.7	90.8	—	90.8
<b>Total intangibles</b>	<b>\$ 916.3</b>	<b>\$ (429.8)</b>	<b>\$ 486.5</b>	<b>\$ 925.1</b>	<b>\$ (356.8)</b>	<b>\$ 568.3</b>

Based on the intangible assets recorded as of December 31, 2024, amortization expense is estimated to be as follows for the next five years and thereafter:

(\$ in millions)	
2025	\$ 75.0
2026	61.4
2027	54.5
2028	45.5
2029	45.3
Thereafter	114.1
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 395.8</b>

## NOTE 8. ACCRUED EXPENSES AND OTHER LIABILITIES

Accrued expenses and other liabilities as of December 31 were as follows:

(\$ in millions)	2024		2023	
	Current	Long-term	Current	Long-term
Compensation, pension and post-retirement benefits	\$ 102.6	\$ 12.2	\$ 109.5	\$ 13.1
Claims, including self-insurance and litigation	26.7	86.7	24.5	80.1
Income and other taxes	60.6	20.0	35.4	32.9
Deferred revenue	139.2	58.9	132.4	53.6
Sales and product allowances	37.0	—	30.9	—
Warranty	27.4	11.6	30.5	12.5
Other	69.0	23.4	72.6	24.8
Total	<u>\$ 462.5</u>	<u>\$ 212.8</u>	<u>\$ 435.8</u>	<u>\$ 217.0</u>

### Contingent Consideration

The Company records contingent consideration liabilities related to potential payments to previous owners of acquired companies contingent on the achievement of certain revenue targets. The Company records a liability for contingent consideration in the purchase price for acquisitions at fair value on the acquisition date, and remeasures the liability at each reporting date, based on the Company's estimate of the expected probability of achievement of the contingency targets. This estimate is based on significant unobservable inputs and represents a Level 3 measurement within the fair value hierarchy. Contingent consideration liabilities, which are presented in Other in the table above, were \$0.5 million and \$9.3 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively.

### Warranty Costs

Estimated warranty costs are generally accrued at the time of sale as a component of Cost of sales on the Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income. In general, manufactured products are warrantied against defects in material and workmanship when properly used for their intended purpose, installed correctly and appropriately maintained. Warranty period terms depend on the nature of the product and range from 90 days up to the life of the product. The amount of the accrued warranty liability is determined based on historical information such as past experience, product failure rates or number of units repaired, estimated cost of material and labor, and in certain instances, estimated property damage. The accrued warranty liability is reviewed on a quarterly basis and may be adjusted as additional information regarding expected warranty costs becomes known.

The following is a rollforward of the accrued warranty liability:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023
<b>Accrual for warranties, beginning of year</b>	\$ 43.0	\$ 43.0
Accruals for warranties issued during the year	37.3	33.8
Settlements made	(40.9)	(33.9)
Effect of foreign currency translation	(0.4)	0.1
<b>Accrual for warranties, end of year</b>	<u>\$ 39.0</u>	<u>\$ 43.0</u>

## NOTE 9. LEASES

The Company determines if an arrangement is or contains a lease at inception. The Company has operating leases for office space, warehouses, distribution centers, research and development facilities, manufacturing locations, and certain equipment, primarily automobiles. For lease agreements with both lease and non-lease components, the Company has elected the practical expedient for all underlying asset classes to account for the lease and related non-lease component(s) as a single lease component. Many leases include one option to renew, some of which include options to extend the lease for up to 15 years, and some of which include options to terminate the leases within one year. Options to renew are included in the measurement of right-of-use assets and lease liabilities if it is determined they are reasonably certain to be exercised. The Company primarily uses its incremental borrowing rate as the discount rate for its leases, as the Company is generally unable to determine the interest rate implicit in the lease. Finance leases were immaterial for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The Consolidated Financial Statements include the following amounts related to operating leases for the years ended December 31:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023	2022
<b>Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income</b>			
Operating lease cost	\$ 25.3	\$ 23.9	\$ 22.6
<b>Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows</b>			
Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of operating lease liabilities	24.0	23.6	20.3
Right-of-use assets obtained in exchange for operating lease obligations	15.5	16.4	13.3

Short-term and variable lease cost and sublease income were immaterial for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

The weighted average remaining lease term and weighted average discount rate of our operating leases were as follows as of December 31:

	2024	2023
Weighted average remaining lease term	4.0 years	4.7 years
Weighted average discount rate	5.3 %	5.0 %

The following table presents the maturity of the Company's operating lease liabilities as of December 31, 2024:

(\$ in millions)	
2025	\$ 17.2
2026	15.4
2027	12.6
2028	7.5
2029	2.6
Thereafter	4.1
Total lease payments	59.4
Less: imputed interest	(6.5)
Total lease liabilities	\$ 52.9

As of December 31, 2024, the Company had no material leases that had not yet commenced.

## NOTE 10. FINANCING

The Company had the following debt outstanding as of December 31:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023
Short-term borrowings:		
Short-term borrowings and bank overdrafts	\$ 2.3	\$ 6.6
Long-term debt:		
Three-Year Term Loans due 2024	\$ —	\$ 100.0
Three-Year Term Loans due 2025 <sup>(a)</sup>	550.0	600.0
1.800% senior unsecured notes due 2026	500.0	500.0
2.400% senior unsecured notes due 2028	500.0	500.0
2.950% senior unsecured notes due 2031	600.0	600.0
Revolving Credit Facility due 2026	—	—
Total long-term debt	2,150.0	2,300.0
Less: current portion of long-term debt <sup>(a)</sup>	(50.0)	(100.0)
Less: discounts and debt issuance costs	(8.0)	(11.0)
Total long-term debt, net	<u>\$ 2,092.0</u>	<u>\$ 2,189.0</u>

<sup>(a)</sup> During February 2025, the Company repaid \$50.0 million of the Three-Year Term Loans due 2025 and executed an amendment to extend the maturity date to February 2028. As of December 31, 2024, the Company has classified \$50.0 million and \$500.0 million of the Three-Year Terms Loans due 2025 as a current liability and long-term liability, respectively, on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Refer to Note 21. Subsequent Events for additional information.

Debt issuance costs that have been netted against the aggregate principal amounts of the components of debt in the short-term borrowings section above are immaterial. Given the nature of the short-term borrowings, the carrying value approximates fair value as of December 31, 2024.

The Company made interest payments of \$75.6 million, \$94.7 million and \$67.5 million during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively, related to the Company's long-term debt.

As of December 31, 2024, the contractual maturities of the Company's long-term debt were as follows:

(\$ in millions)	
2025 <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 50.0
2026	500.0
2027	—
2028 <sup>(a)</sup>	1,000.0
2029	—
Thereafter	600.0
Total principal payments	<u>\$ 2,150.0</u>

<sup>(a)</sup> As discussed above, during February 2025, the Company repaid \$50.0 million and extended the maturity of the remaining \$500.0 million of the Three-Year Term Loans due 2025. The Company has presented \$50.0 million and \$500.0 million of the Three-Year Terms Loans due 2025 in 2025 and 2028, respectively.

### Credit Facilities

#### A&R Credit Agreement

On April 28, 2021, the Company executed an amended and restated credit agreement (the "A&R Credit Agreement"), which consists of a \$400.0 million three-year term loan (the "Three-Year Term Loans Due 2024") and a \$750.0 million Revolving Credit Facility. Two of the Company's wholly-owned subsidiaries are Guarantors under the A&R Credit Agreement. The A&R Credit Agreement addresses the discontinuation of LIBOR and its impact on U.S. dollar and multicurrency loans.

The A&R Credit Agreement contains various affirmative and negative covenants, including financial reporting requirements and limitations on indebtedness, liens, mergers, consolidations, liquidations and dissolutions, sales of assets, dividends and other restricted payments, investments (including acquisitions) and transactions with affiliates. Certain affirmative covenants, including certain reporting requirements and requirements to establish cash dominion accounts with the administrative agent, are triggered by failing to maintain availability under the credit facility at or above specified thresholds or by the existence of an event of default under the facility.

The A&R Credit Agreement contains covenants which require a maximum consolidated leverage ratio of 3.75 to 1.0 and a minimum consolidated interest coverage ratio of 3.50 to 1.0.

The A&R Credit Agreement contains events of default customary for facilities of this nature, including, but not limited, to: (i) events of default resulting from the Borrowers' failure or the failure of any credit party to comply with covenants (including the above-referenced financial covenants during periods in which the financial covenants are tested); (ii) the occurrence of a change of control; (iii) the institution of insolvency or similar proceedings against the Borrowers or any credit party; and (iv) the occurrence of a default under any other material indebtedness the Borrowers or any guarantor may have. Upon the occurrence and during the continuation of an event of default, subject to the terms and conditions of the A&R Credit Agreement, the lenders will be able to declare any outstanding principal balance of the Credit Facility, together with accrued and unpaid interest, to be immediately due and payable and exercise other remedies, including remedies against the collateral, as more particularly specified in the A&R Credit Agreement. As of December 31, 2024, the Company was in compliance with its debt covenants under the A&R Credit Agreement.

#### *Three-Year Term Loans Due 2024*

The Three-Year Term Loans Due 2024 were to mature on October 28, 2024. The Company was not obligated to make repayments prior to the maturity date but did voluntarily repay the remaining \$100.0 million outstanding as of December 31, 2023 prior to the maturity date.

#### *Revolving Credit Facility*

As of December 31, 2024, there were no borrowings outstanding and \$750.0 million of borrowing capacity under the Revolving Credit Facility. The Revolving Credit Facility, which matures on April 28, 2026, bears interest at a variable rate equal to SOFR plus an 11.4 basis points SOFR adjustment, plus a ratings-based margin which was 117.5 basis points as of December 31, 2024. The Revolving Credit Facility requires the Company to pay lenders a commitment fee for unused commitments of 0.125% to 0.325% based on a ratings grid.

#### *Three-Year Term Loans Due 2025*

On October 28, 2022 the Company entered into a three-year, \$600.0 million senior unsecured delayed draw term loan (the "Three-Year Term Loans Due 2025") with a syndicate of lenders. The Company's two wholly-owned subsidiaries which are Guarantors under the A&R Credit Agreement are also Guarantors under the Three-Year Term Loans Due 2025. On December 30, 2022, the Company drew the entire \$600.0 million and used the proceeds to pay off other debt obligations.

The Three-Year Term Loans Due 2025, which mature on December 30, 2025, bear interest at a variable rate equal to SOFR plus a 10.0 basis points credit spread adjustment plus a ratings-based margin which was 125.0 basis points as of December 31, 2024. The interest rate was 5.94% per annum as of December 31, 2024. The Company is not obligated to make repayments prior to the maturity date, but did voluntarily repay \$50.0 million during the year ended December 31, 2024. The Company is not permitted to re-borrow once repayment is made.

As of December 31, 2024, there was no material difference between the carrying value and the estimated fair value of the debt outstanding.

#### **Senior Unsecured Notes**

On March 10, 2021, the Company completed the private placement of each of the following series of senior unsecured notes (collectively, the "Notes"):

- \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes due April 1, 2026 (the "2026 Notes") issued at 99.855% of their principal amount and bearing interest at the rate of 1.800% per year;
- \$500.0 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes due April 1, 2028 (the "2028 Notes") issued at 99.703% of their principal amount and bearing interest at the rate of 2.400% per year; and
- \$600.0 million aggregate principal amount of senior notes due April 1, 2031 (the "2031 Notes") issued at 99.791% of their principal amount and bearing interest at the rate of 2.950% per year.

In connection with the issuance of the Notes, the Company entered into a registration rights agreement, pursuant to which the Company was obligated to use commercially reasonable efforts to file with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission, and cause to be declared effective within 365 days, a registration statement with respect to an offer to exchange (the "Registered Exchange Offer") each series of Notes for registered notes with terms that are substantially identical to the Notes of each series. The Registered

Exchange Offer was completed on January 18, 2022. Substantially all of the Notes were tendered and exchanged for the corresponding Registered Notes in the Registered Exchange Offer.

The Registered Notes are fully and unconditionally guaranteed (the “Guarantees”), on a joint and several basis, by Gilbarco Inc. and Matco Tools Corporation, two of Vontier’s wholly-owned subsidiaries (the “Guarantors”). Interest on the Registered Notes is payable semi-annually in arrears on April 1 and October 1 of each year. The Registered Notes and the Guarantees are the Company’s and the Guarantors’ general senior unsecured obligations.

The Company may redeem some or all of each series of the Registered Notes at any time prior to the dates specified in the Registered Notes indenture (the “Call Dates”) at a redemption price equal to the greater of (i) 100% of the principal amount of the Registered Notes of such series to be redeemed, and (ii) the sum of the present values of the remaining scheduled payments of principal and interest on such series of the Registered Notes to be redeemed discounted to the date of redemption on a semi-annual basis at the applicable Treasury Rate plus 20 basis points in the case of the 2026 Notes and 2028 Notes and plus 25 basis points in the case of the 2031 Notes, plus the accrued and unpaid interest. Call dates for the 2026 Notes, 2028 Notes and 2031 Notes are March 1, 2026, February 1, 2028 and January 1, 2031, respectively.

If a change of control triggering event occurs, the Company will, in certain circumstances, be required to make an offer to repurchase the Registered Notes at a purchase price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount plus accrued and unpaid interest. A change of control triggering event is defined as the occurrence of both a change of control and a rating event, each as defined in the Registered Notes indenture. Except in connection with a change of control triggering event, the Registered Notes do not have any credit rating downgrade triggers that would accelerate the maturity of the Registered Notes.

The Registered Notes contain customary covenants, including limits on the incurrence of certain secured debt and sale-leaseback transactions. None of these covenants are considered restrictive to the Company’s operations and as of December 31, 2024, the Company was in compliance with all of the covenants under the Registered Notes.

The estimated fair value of the Registered Notes was \$1.4 billion as of December 31, 2024. The fair value of the Registered Notes was determined based upon Level 2 inputs including indicative prices based upon observable market data. The difference between the fair value and the carrying amounts of the Registered Notes may be attributable to changes in market interest rates and/or the Company’s credit ratings subsequent to the incurrence of the borrowing.

### **Short-term Borrowings**

As of December 31, 2024, certain of the Company’s businesses were in a cash overdraft position, and such overdrafts are included in Short-term borrowings and current portion of long-term debt on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Additionally, the Company has other short-term borrowing arrangements with various banks to facilitate short-term cash flow requirements in certain countries also included in Short-term borrowings and current portion of long-term debt on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Given the nature of the short-term borrowings, the carrying value approximates fair value as of December 31, 2024.

Interest payments associated with the above short-term borrowings were not significant for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022.

## **NOTE 11. EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PLANS**

### **Defined Benefit Pension Plans**

Certain employees participate in noncontributory defined benefit pension plans. In general, the Company’s policy is to fund these plans based on considerations relating to legal requirements, underlying asset returns, the plan’s funded status, the anticipated deductibility of the contribution, local practices, market conditions, interest rates and other factors.

The pension benefit obligations of the Company’s plans were \$13.3 million and \$14.9 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The fair value of the plan assets was \$7.9 million and \$8.2 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and include the use of Level 1 and Level 2 inputs in determining the fair value. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the underfunded status of the plans was \$5.4 million and \$6.7 million, respectively, and was included in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities and Other long-term liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The assumptions used in calculating the benefit obligations for the plans are dependent on the local economic conditions and were measured as of December 31, 2024 and 2023. The net periodic benefit costs were \$0.6 million, \$0.7 million and \$0.7 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

### **Defined Contribution Plans**

The Company administers and maintains 401(k) Programs. Contributions are determined based on a percentage of compensation. For the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, compensation expense for participating U.S. employees in the 401(k) Programs was \$49.8 million, \$49.3 million and \$41.0 million, respectively, which is inclusive of expense related to employer contributions of \$19.7 million, \$19.9 million and \$16.0 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

## NOTE 12. ACCUMULATED OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

The changes in Accumulated other comprehensive income by component are summarized below:

(\$ in millions)	Foreign currency translation adjustments <sup>(d)</sup>	Other adjustments <sup>(b)</sup>	Total
<b>Balance, December 31, 2021</b>	\$ 184.9	\$ (3.2)	\$ 181.7
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications, net of income taxes	(77.1)	—	(77.1)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income:			
Increase	—	2.0 <sup>(a)</sup>	2.0
Income tax impact	—	(0.5)	(0.5)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income, net of income taxes	—	1.5	1.5
Net current period other comprehensive (loss) income, net of income taxes	(77.1)	1.5	(75.6)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2022</b>	107.8	(1.7)	106.1
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications, net of income taxes	(1.6)	—	(1.6)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income:			
Sale of business	0.3 <sup>(c)</sup>	—	0.3
Increase	—	0.1 <sup>(a)</sup>	0.1
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income, net of income taxes	0.3	0.1	0.4
Net current period other comprehensive (loss) income, net of income taxes	(1.3)	0.1	(1.2)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2023</b>	106.5	(1.6)	104.9
Other comprehensive loss before reclassifications, net of income taxes	(50.6)	—	(50.6)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income:			
Sale of business	1.0 <sup>(c)</sup>	—	1.0
Increase	—	1.0 <sup>(a)</sup>	1.0
Income tax impact	—	(0.3)	(0.3)
Amounts reclassified from accumulated other comprehensive income, net of income taxes	1.0	0.7	1.7
Net current period other comprehensive (loss) income, net of income taxes	(49.6)	0.7	(48.9)
<b>Balance, December 31, 2024</b>	\$ 56.9	\$ (0.9)	\$ 56.0

<sup>(a)</sup> This accumulated other comprehensive income component is included in the computation of net periodic pension cost.

<sup>(b)</sup> Includes balances relating to defined benefit plans and supplemental executive retirement plans.

<sup>(c)</sup> Reclassified to Gain on sale of business in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income.

<sup>(d)</sup> The income tax impact of foreign currency translation adjustments was not significant for the periods presented.

## NOTE 13. SALES

Refer to a discussion of the Company's significant accounting policies regarding sales in Note 2. Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies.

### Contract Assets

In certain circumstances, contract assets are recorded which include unbilled amounts typically resulting from sales under contracts when revenue recognized exceeds the amount billed to the customer, and right to payment is subject to contractual performance obligations rather than subject only to the passage of time. Contract assets were \$8.0 million and \$6.8 million as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively, and are included in Prepaid expenses and other current assets in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.



## Contract Costs

The Company incurs direct incremental costs to obtain and fulfill certain contracts, typically costs associated with assets used by our customers in certain sales arrangements and sales-related commissions. As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company had \$101.5 million and \$90.9 million, respectively, in revenue-related capitalized contract costs primarily related to assets used by the Company's customers in certain software contracts, which are recorded in Prepaid expenses and other current assets, for the current portion, and Other assets, for the noncurrent portion, in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets. These assets have estimated useful lives between 3 and 5 years and are amortized on a straight-line basis. Total expense related to net revenue-related capitalized contract costs was \$41.0 million, \$41.0 million and \$34.6 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

Impairment losses recognized on our revenue-related capitalized contract costs were insignificant during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022.

## Contract Liabilities

The Company's contract liabilities consist of deferred revenue generally related to customer deposits, post contract support ("PCS") and extended warranty sales. In these arrangements, the Company generally receives up-front payment and recognizes revenue over the support term of the contracts where applicable. Deferred revenue is classified as current or noncurrent based on the timing of when revenue is expected to be recognized and is included in Accrued expenses and other current liabilities and Other long-term liabilities, respectively, in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The Company's contract liabilities consisted of the following as of December 31:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023
Deferred revenue, current	\$ 139.2	\$ 132.4
Deferred revenue, noncurrent	58.9	53.6
Total contract liabilities	<u>\$ 198.1</u>	<u>\$ 186.0</u>

During the year ended December 31, 2024, the Company recognized \$101.2 million of revenue related to the Company's contract liabilities at December 31, 2023. The change in contract liabilities from December 31, 2023 to December 31, 2024 was primarily due to the timing of cash receipts and sales of PCS and extended warranty services.

## Remaining Performance Obligations

Remaining performance obligations represent the transaction price allocated to performance obligations which are unsatisfied as of the end of the period. The Company has excluded performance obligations with an original expected duration of one year or less and amounts for variable consideration allocated to wholly-unsatisfied performance obligations. Remaining performance obligations as of December 31, 2024 were \$466.7 million, the majority of which are related to software-as-a-service and extended warranty and service contracts. The Company expects approximately 65 percent of the remaining performance obligations will be fulfilled within the next two years, 80 percent within the next three years, and 90 percent within four years.

## Disaggregation of Revenue

Revenue from contracts with customers is disaggregated by sales of products and services and geographic location for each of the Company's reportable segments, as it best depicts how the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows are affected by economic factors. In the Company's disaggregation of revenue by geographic location, high growth markets refers to developing markets of the world experiencing extended periods of accelerated growth in gross domestic product and infrastructure, which include Eastern Europe, the Middle East, Africa, Latin America and Asia Pacific (with the exception of Japan and Australia).

Disaggregation of revenue was as follows for the year ended December 31, 2024:

(\$ in millions)	Mobility Technologies	Repair Solutions	Environmental & Fueling Solutions	Other	Eliminations	Total
<b>Sales:</b>						
Sales of products	\$ 823.4	\$ 631.0	\$ 1,213.1	\$ 0.9	\$ —	\$ 2,668.4
Sales of services	161.1	2.4	146.7	0.4	—	310.6
Intersegment sales	30.0	—	—	—	(30.0)	—
Total	<u>\$ 1,014.5</u>	<u>\$ 633.4</u>	<u>\$ 1,359.8</u>	<u>\$ 1.3</u>	<u>\$ (30.0)</u>	<u>\$ 2,979.0</u>
<b>Geographic:</b>						
North America <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 648.2	\$ 633.4	\$ 843.9	\$ 1.3	\$ —	\$ 2,126.8
Western Europe	94.5	—	161.6	—	—	256.1
High growth markets	162.0	—	299.9	—	—	461.9
Rest of world	79.8	—	54.4	—	—	134.2
Intersegment sales	30.0	—	—	—	(30.0)	—
Total	<u>\$ 1,014.5</u>	<u>\$ 633.4</u>	<u>\$ 1,359.8</u>	<u>\$ 1.3</u>	<u>\$ (30.0)</u>	<u>\$ 2,979.0</u>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes total sales in the United States of \$2,032.0 million.

Disaggregation of revenue was as follows for the year ended December 31, 2023:

(\$ in millions)	Mobility Technologies	Repair Solutions	Environmental & Fueling Solutions	Other	Eliminations	Total
<b>Sales:</b>						
Sales of products	\$ 872.3	\$ 649.1	\$ 1,163.0	\$ 93.7	\$ —	\$ 2,778.1
Sales of services	128.9	2.4	160.7	25.1	—	317.1
Intersegment sales	2.6	—	—	—	(2.6)	—
Total	<u>\$ 1,003.8</u>	<u>\$ 651.5</u>	<u>\$ 1,323.7</u>	<u>\$ 118.8</u>	<u>\$ (2.6)</u>	<u>\$ 3,095.2</u>
<b>Geographic:</b>						
North America <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 703.3	\$ 651.5	\$ 815.6	\$ 117.2	\$ —	\$ 2,287.6
Western Europe	88.7	—	164.3	—	—	253.0
High growth markets	134.1	—	290.8	1.6	—	426.5
Rest of world	75.1	—	53.0	—	—	128.1
Intersegment sales	2.6	—	—	—	(2.6)	—
Total	<u>\$ 1,003.8</u>	<u>\$ 651.5</u>	<u>\$ 1,323.7</u>	<u>\$ 118.8</u>	<u>\$ (2.6)</u>	<u>\$ 3,095.2</u>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes total sales in the United States of \$2,161.0 million.

Disaggregation of revenue was as follows for the year ended December 31, 2022:

(\$ in millions)	Mobility Technologies	Repair Solutions	Environmental & Fueling Solutions	Other	Total
<b>Sales:</b>					
Sales of products	\$ 801.0	\$ 609.1	\$ 1,320.6	\$ 143.6	\$ 2,874.3
Sales of services	106.8	2.4	173.0	27.9	310.1
Total	<u>\$ 907.8</u>	<u>\$ 611.5</u>	<u>\$ 1,493.6</u>	<u>\$ 171.5</u>	<u>\$ 3,184.4</u>
<b>Geographic:</b>					
North America <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 648.3	\$ 611.5	\$ 954.7	\$ 168.5	\$ 2,383.0
Western Europe	75.6	—	167.0	—	242.6
High growth markets	102.8	—	313.5	2.8	419.1
Rest of world	81.1	—	58.4	0.2	139.7
Total	<u>\$ 907.8</u>	<u>\$ 611.5</u>	<u>\$ 1,493.6</u>	<u>\$ 171.5</u>	<u>\$ 3,184.4</u>

<sup>(a)</sup> Includes total sales in the United States of \$2,280.3 million.

## NOTE 14. INCOME TAXES

### Earnings and Income Taxes

Earnings (losses) before income taxes for the years ended December 31 were as follows:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023	2022
United States	\$ 429.5	\$ 482.8	\$ 552.4
Non-U.S.	68.1	0.7	(25.0)
Total	<u>\$ 497.6</u>	<u>\$ 483.5</u>	<u>\$ 527.4</u>

The provision (benefit) for income taxes for the years ended December 31 were as follows:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023	2022
<b>Current:</b>			
Federal U.S.	\$ 69.8	\$ 109.3	\$ 127.1
Non-U.S.	23.9	15.1	14.4
State and local	15.8	21.9	28.1
<b>Deferred:</b>			
Federal U.S.	(24.9)	(25.3)	(26.3)
Non-U.S.	(5.9)	(13.9)	(15.5)
State and local	(3.3)	(0.5)	(1.7)
Income tax provision	<u>\$ 75.4</u>	<u>\$ 106.6</u>	<u>\$ 126.1</u>

## Deferred Tax Assets and Liabilities

All deferred tax assets and liabilities have been classified as noncurrent and are included in Other assets and Other long-term liabilities in the accompanying Consolidated Balance Sheets, respectively. Deferred tax assets and liabilities as of December 31 were as follows:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023
<b>Deferred tax assets:</b>		
Allowance for credit losses	\$ 21.5	\$ 21.9
Operating lease liabilities	10.8	10.0
Inventories	11.9	14.8
Pension benefits	2.2	1.4
Other accruals and prepayments	36.6	35.7
Deferred revenue	15.4	16.5
Warranty services	3.9	8.9
Stock-based compensation expense	8.6	7.7
Tax credit and loss carryforwards	64.7	63.0
Capitalized research and development	68.9	44.3
Other	4.7	6.9
Valuation allowances	(26.0)	(27.2)
<b>Total deferred tax assets</b>	<b>223.2</b>	<b>203.9</b>
<b>Deferred tax liabilities:</b>		
Property, plant and equipment	(1.4)	(5.4)
Operating lease right-of-use assets	(9.7)	(9.5)
Goodwill and other intangibles	(95.2)	(104.1)
Other	(13.7)	(8.6)
<b>Total deferred tax liabilities</b>	<b>(120.0)</b>	<b>(127.6)</b>
<b>Net deferred tax asset</b>	<b>\$ 103.2</b>	<b>\$ 76.3</b>

Applying the valuation allowance methodology discussed in Note 2. Basis of Presentation and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies, valuation allowances have been established for certain deferred income tax assets to the extent they are not expected to be realized within the particular tax carryforward period. The Company's valuation allowance decreased by \$1.2 million during the current year.

As of December 31, 2024, the Company has federal, various state, and foreign net operating losses in the amounts of \$9.8 million, \$74.5 million, and \$229.6 million, respectively. These net operating loss carryforwards have various expiration periods beginning in 2025, including some with no expiration.

## Effective Tax Rate

The effective tax rate for the years ended December 31 varies from the U.S. statutory federal tax rate as follows:

	Percentage of Pretax Earnings		
	2024	2023	2022
Statutory federal income tax rate	21.0 %	21.0 %	21.0 %
Increase (decrease) in tax rate resulting from:			
State income taxes (net of federal income tax benefit)	2.7 %	3.6 %	4.0 %
Non-U.S. income taxed at different rate than U.S. statutory rate	0.7 %	(0.2)%	0.7 %
Foreign derived intangible income taxation	(0.9)%	(0.9)%	(1.4)%
Nontaxable income	(0.3)%	(1.3)%	(0.9)%
Uncertain tax positions	(1.4)%	3.3 %	0.3 %
Tax credits	(2.2)%	(2.2)%	(1.3)%
Business reorganizations and divestitures	(4.2)%	(1.5)%	— %
Other	(0.2)%	0.2 %	1.5 %
Effective income tax rate	15.2 %	22.0 %	23.9 %

Our effective tax rate for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 differs from the U.S. federal statutory rate of 21.0% due primarily to the effect of state taxes, foreign derived intangible income, tax credits and non-taxable income. For the year ended December 31, 2024, there was also favorable impacts related to business reorganizations and divestitures and uncertain tax positions. For the year ended December 31, 2023, there was also favorable impacts related to business reorganization and divestitures and unfavorable impacts related to uncertain tax positions.

We made income tax payments of \$93.5 million, \$126.0 million and \$167.2 million during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

## Unrecognized Tax Benefits

Gross unrecognized tax benefits were \$19.9 million (\$22.6 million total, including \$3.4 million associated with interest and penalties, and net of the impact of \$0.7 million of indirect tax benefits) and \$27.0 million (\$31.3 million total, including \$5.1 million associated with interest and penalties, and net of the impact of \$0.8 million of indirect tax benefits) as of December 31, 2024 and 2023, respectively. The Company recognized a benefit of \$1.7 million, expense of \$3.2 million, and expense of \$1.1 million in potential interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023, and 2022, respectively. To the extent taxes are not assessed with respect to uncertain tax positions, substantially all amounts accrued (including interest and penalties and net of indirect offsets) will be reduced and reflected as a reduction of the overall income tax provision. Unrecognized tax benefits and associated accrued interest and penalties are included in the income tax provision.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amount of unrecognized tax benefits, excluding amounts accrued for potential interest and penalties, is as follows as of December 31:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023	2022
Unrecognized tax benefits, beginning of year	\$ 27.0	\$ 14.0	\$ 14.1
Additions based on tax positions related to the current year	0.8	11.8	1.0
Additions for tax positions of prior years	4.6	2.9	1.2
Reductions for tax positions of prior years	(5.3)	(0.5)	(1.1)
Lapse of statute of limitations	(0.6)	(0.4)	—
Settlements	(6.3)	(0.9)	(0.9)
Effect of foreign currency translation	(0.3)	0.1	(0.3)
Unrecognized tax benefits, end of year	\$ 19.9	\$ 27.0	\$ 14.0

The Company is routinely examined by various domestic and international taxing authorities. The amount of income taxes paid is subject to audit by federal, state and foreign tax authorities, which may result in proposed assessments. The Company is subject to examination in the United States, various states and foreign jurisdictions. Prior to the Separation, the Company's operating results were included in Fortive's various consolidated U.S. federal and certain state income tax returns, as well as certain non-U.S. returns. In connection with the Separation, the Company entered into a Tax Matters Agreement with Fortive. In accordance with the Tax Matters Agreement with Fortive, the Company is liable for taxes arising from examinations of the following: (i) the Company's initial U.S. federal taxable year which includes the post-separation period; (ii) separate company state tax returns for all periods; (iii) joint state tax returns for the post-separation period; (iv) international separate company returns for all periods; and (v) joint international tax returns that include only Vontier legal entities for all periods. Global tax positions are reviewed on a quarterly basis. Based on these reviews, the results of discussions and resolutions of matters with certain tax authorities, tax rulings and court decisions and the expiration of statutes of limitations reserves for contingent tax liabilities are accrued or adjusted as necessary. The Company does not believe that the total amount of unrecognized tax benefits will change by a material amount within the next 12 months due to the settlement of audits and expirations of statutes of limitations.

The IRS concluded examination procedures on the Company's initial U.S. federal income tax return for the post-Separation period of 2020. No material adjustments were identified, as such the Company has released all uncertain tax positions associated with the U.S. federal income tax return for the post-Separation period in 2020. The Company remains subject to U.S. Federal income tax audit for 2021 to 2023. The Company is subject to tax audits for its combined/consolidated state income tax returns for post-Separation 2020 as well as 2021 to 2023. The Company remains subject to tax audits for its separate company tax returns in various U.S. states for the tax years 2020 to 2023. Our operations in certain foreign jurisdictions remain subject to routine examinations for the tax years 2017 to 2023.

### **Repatriation and Unremitted Earnings**

As of December 31, 2024, the Company's undistributed earnings of its foreign subsidiaries are intended to be permanently reinvested in non-U.S. operations. The operating plans, budgets and forecasts, and long-term and short-term financial requirements of the parent company and the subsidiaries indicate that there is no current or known future need to distribute cash from foreign subsidiaries for any purpose. Therefore, no deferred taxes have been recorded. A determination of the amount of the unrecognized deferred tax liability related to these undistributed earnings is not practicable due to the complexity and variety of assumptions necessary based on the manner in which the undistributed earnings would be repatriated.

### **NOTE 15. SEGMENT INFORMATION**

The President and CEO of Vontier has been identified as the Company's chief operating decision maker ("CODM"). Segment operating profit is used as a performance metric by the CODM in determining how to allocate resources and assess performance. Segment operating profit represents total segment sales less operating costs attributable to the segment, which does not include unallocated corporate costs and other operating costs not allocated to the reportable segments as part of the CODM's assessment of reportable segment operating performance, including amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, stock-based compensation expense, restructuring and other related charges and other unallocated income or expense not indicative of the segment's core operating performance. Corporate costs represent general and administrative expenses for the Company's corporate functions, including transaction and deal-related costs.

As part of the CODM's assessment of the Repair Solutions segment, a capital charge calculated based on the segment's average gross outstanding financing receivables portfolio during the period and an estimated weighted average cost of capital is assessed by Corporate (the "Repair Solutions Capital Charge").

The CODM does not regularly review any expenses on a segment basis. The CODM is regularly provided with actual and forecasted bookings and sales, and the related core growth for each, and segment operating profit and the related margin on a segment basis to assess segment performance. The CODM also reviews prior forecast to current forecast variances for bookings, sales and segment operating profit as part of the assessment of segment performance.

Intersegment sales primarily result from solutions developed by the Mobility Technologies segment that are integrated into products sold by the Environmental & Fueling Solutions segment. Intersegment sales are recorded at cost plus a margin which is intended to reflect the contribution made by the Mobility Technologies segment. Segment operating profit includes the operating profit from intersegment sales. Intersegment sales for the year ended December 31, 2022 are not significant and have been eliminated in the segments' results.

The Company's CODM does not review any information regarding total assets on a segment basis.

Segment results for the year ended December 31, 2024 were as follows:

(\$ in millions)	Mobility Technologies	Repair Solutions	Environmental & Fueling Solutions	Other	Eliminations	Total
Sales of products and services <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 984.5	\$ 633.4	\$ 1,359.8	\$ 1.3	\$ —	\$ 2,979.0
Intersegment sales	30.0	—	—	—	(30.0)	—
Total sales	1,014.5	633.4	1,359.8	1.3	(30.0)	2,979.0
Operating costs and expenses:						
Other segment items	(821.9)	(492.7)	(964.9)	(1.7)	30.0	(2,251.2)
Segment operating profit	\$ 192.6	\$ 140.7	\$ 394.9	\$ (0.4)	\$ —	\$ 727.8

<sup>(a)</sup> Repair Solutions includes interest income related to financing receivables of \$76.1 million.

Segment results for the year ended December 31, 2023 were as follows:

(\$ in millions)	Mobility Technologies	Repair Solutions	Environmental & Fueling Solutions	Other	Eliminations	Total
Sales of products and services <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 1,001.2	\$ 651.5	\$ 1,323.7	\$ 118.8	\$ —	\$ 3,095.2
Intersegment sales	2.6	—	—	—	(2.6)	—
Total sales	1,003.8	651.5	1,323.7	118.8	(2.6)	3,095.2
Other segment items	(803.9)	(481.5)	(954.2)	(107.5)	2.6	(2,344.5)
Segment operating profit	\$ 199.9	\$ 170.0	\$ 369.5	\$ 11.3	\$ —	\$ 750.7

<sup>(a)</sup> Repair Solutions includes interest income related to financing receivables of \$78.8 million.

Segment results for the year ended December 31, 2022 were as follows:

(\$ in millions)	Mobility Technologies	Repair Solutions	Environmental & Fueling Solutions	Other	Total
Sales of products and services <sup>(a)</sup>	\$ 907.8	\$ 611.5	\$ 1,493.6	\$ 171.5	\$ 3,184.4
Operating costs and expenses:					
Other segment items	(720.3)	(441.8)	(1,087.1)	(152.3)	(2,401.5)
Segment operating profit	\$ 187.5	\$ 169.7	\$ 406.5	\$ 19.2	\$ 782.9

<sup>(a)</sup> Repair Solutions includes interest income related to financing receivables of \$72.7 million.

Other segment items for each reportable segment includes the following for all periods presented:

- **Mobility Technologies:** Cost of sales, excluding amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, selling, general and administrative expenses and research and development expenses.
- **Repair Solutions:** Cost of sales, excluding amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, selling, general and administrative expenses, research and development expenses and the Repair Solutions Capital Charge. The Repair Solutions Capital Charge was \$43.9 million, \$41.7 million and \$39.8 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.
- **Environmental & Fueling Solutions:** Cost of sales, excluding amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, selling, general and administrative expenses and research and development expenses.
- **Other:** Cost of sales, excluding amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, selling, general and administrative expenses and research and development expenses.

Other segment items does not include unallocated corporate costs and other operating costs not allocated to the reportable segments as part of the CODM's assessment of reportable segment operating performance, as further discussed above.



A reconciliation of segment operating profit to earnings before income taxes for the years ended December 31 were as follows:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023	2022
Segment operating profit	\$ 727.8	\$ 750.7	\$ 782.9
Corporate & other unallocated costs:			
Amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets	(79.7)	(81.2)	(78.0)
Stock-based compensation expense	(31.6)	(31.5)	(24.3)
Restructuring and other related charges	(13.5)	(25.2)	(11.5)
Other unallocated expense	(0.9)	(1.2)	(6.8)
Corporate costs	(109.0)	(109.9)	(124.2)
Repair Solutions Capital Charge	43.9	41.7	39.8
Total corporate & other unallocated costs	(190.8)	(207.3)	(205.0)
Operating profit	537.0	543.4	577.9
Interest expense, net	(74.7)	(93.7)	(69.6)
Gain on sale of business	37.2	34.4	—
Gain on previously held equity interests from combination of business	—	—	32.7
Unrealized loss on equity securities measured at fair value	—	—	(8.7)
Other non-operating expense, net	(1.9)	(0.6)	(4.9)
Earnings before income taxes	\$ 497.6	\$ 483.5	\$ 527.4

Depreciation expense by segment for the years ended December 31 were as follows:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023	2022
Mobility Technologies	\$ 35.3	\$ 29.4	\$ 23.4
Repair Solutions	2.6	2.1	1.7
Environmental & Fueling Solutions	8.0	11.2	13.9
Other	—	—	0.9
Corporate	1.5	1.1	1.0
Total	\$ 47.4	\$ 43.8	\$ 40.9

Tangible long-lived assets, which consist of property, plant and equipment and operating lease right-of-use assets, by geographic area as of December 31 were as follows:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023
United States	\$ 106.0	\$ 93.6
All other	61.0	55.7
Total tangible long-lived assets	\$ 167.0	\$ 149.3

#### NOTE 16. RESTRUCTURING AND OTHER RELATED CHARGES

Restructuring and other related charges for the years ended December 31 were as follows:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023	2022
Employee severance related	\$ 9.6	\$ 19.0	\$ 10.6
Facility exit and other related	3.9	6.2	0.9
Total restructuring and other related charges	\$ 13.5	\$ 25.2	\$ 11.5

Substantially all restructuring activities initiated in 2024 were completed by December 31, 2024. We expect substantially all cash payments associated with remaining termination benefits recorded in 2024 will be paid during 2025. Substantially all restructuring activities initiated in the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 have been completed.

The nature of restructuring and related activities initiated in the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 focused on improvements in operational efficiency through targeted workforce reductions and facility consolidations and closures. These costs were incurred to optimize the Company's cost structure in order to provide products and services to the Company's customers in a cost efficient manner, taking into consideration industry and macroeconomic trends.

The table below summarizes the accrual balance and utilization by type of restructuring cost associated with our restructuring actions:

(\$ in millions)	Balance as of December 31, 2022	Costs Incurred	Paid / Settled	Balance as of December 31, 2023	Costs Incurred	Paid / Settled	Balance as of December 31, 2024
Employee severance and related	\$ 1.5	\$ 19.0	\$ (17.7)	\$ 2.8	\$ 9.6	\$ (9.1)	\$ 3.3
Facility exit and other related	1.1	6.2	(6.1)	1.2	3.9	(4.9)	0.2
Total	<u>\$ 2.6</u>	<u>\$ 25.2</u>	<u>\$ (23.8)</u>	<u>\$ 4.0</u>	<u>\$ 13.5</u>	<u>\$ (14.0)</u>	<u>\$ 3.5</u>

The restructuring and other related charges incurred during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 were primarily cash charges. These charges are reflected in the following captions in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income for the years ended December 31:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023	2022
Cost of sales	\$ 1.8	\$ 10.2	\$ 3.2
Selling, general and administrative expenses	11.7	15.0	8.3
Total	<u>\$ 13.5</u>	<u>\$ 25.2</u>	<u>\$ 11.5</u>

Restructuring and other related charges by reportable segment for the years ended December 31 were as follows:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023	2022
Mobility Technologies	\$ 5.8	\$ 3.7	\$ 0.8
Repair Solutions	0.4	0.5	—
Environmental & Fueling Solutions	5.3	19.9	6.9
Other	—	—	1.2
Corporate	2.0	1.1	2.6
Total	<u>\$ 13.5</u>	<u>\$ 25.2</u>	<u>\$ 11.5</u>

## NOTE 17. LITIGATION AND CONTINGENCIES

### Litigation and Other Contingencies

The Company is, from time to time, subject to a variety of litigation and other proceedings incidental to its business, including lawsuits involving claims for damages arising out of the use of its products, software and services; claims relating to intellectual property matters, employment matters, commercial disputes, product liability (including asbestos exposure claims) and personal injury; as well as regulatory investigations or enforcement. The Company may also become subject to lawsuits as a result of past or future acquisitions, or as a result of liabilities retained from, or representations, warranties or indemnities provided in connection with divested businesses. Some of these lawsuits may include claims for punitive and consequential as well as compensatory damages. Based upon experience, current information and applicable law, the Company does not believe that these proceedings and claims will have a material adverse effect on its financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

In accordance with accounting guidance, the Company records a liability in the Consolidated Financial Statements for loss contingencies when a loss is known or considered probable and the amount can be reasonably estimated. If the reasonable estimate of a known or probable loss is a range, and no amount within the range is a better estimate than any other, the minimum amount of the range is accrued. If a loss does not meet the known or probable level but is reasonably possible and a loss or range of loss can be reasonably estimated, the estimated loss or range of loss is disclosed.

The Company's reserves consist of specific reserves for individual claims and additional amounts for anticipated developments of these claims as well as for incurred but not yet reported claims. The specific reserves for individual known claims are quantified with the assistance of legal counsel and outside risk insurance professionals where appropriate. In addition, outside risk insurance professionals may assist in the determination of reserves for incurred but not yet reported claims through evaluation of our specific loss history, actual claims reported, and industry trends among statistical and other factors. Reserve estimates are adjusted as additional information regarding a claim becomes known. While the Company actively pursues financial recoveries from insurance providers, the Company does not recognize any recoveries until realized or until such time as a sustained pattern of collections is established related to historical matters of a similar nature and magnitude. If the risk insurance reserves the Company has established are inadequate, the Company would be required to incur an expense equal to the amount of the loss incurred in excess of the reserves, which would adversely affect the Company's net earnings.

In connection with the recognition of liabilities for asbestos-related matters, the Company records insurance recoveries that are deemed probable and estimable. In assessing the probability of insurance recovery, the Company makes judgments concerning insurance coverage that it believes are reasonable and consistent with its historical dealings, knowledge of any pertinent solvency issues surrounding insurers, and litigation and court rulings potentially impacting coverage. While the substantial majority of the Company's insurance carriers are solvent, some of our individual carriers are insolvent, which has been considered in the analysis of probable recoveries. Projecting future events is subject to various uncertainties, including litigation and court rulings potentially impacting coverage, that could cause insurance recoveries on asbestos-related liabilities to be higher or lower than those projected and recorded. Given the inherent uncertainty in making future projections, the Company reevaluates projections concerning the Company's probable insurance recoveries considering any changes to the projected liabilities, the Company's recovery experience or other relevant factors that may impact future insurance recoveries.

Gross liabilities associated with known and future expected asbestos claims and projected insurance recoveries were as follows as of December 31:

(\$ in millions)	Classification	2024	2023
<b>Gross liabilities</b>			
Current	Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	\$ 21.4	\$ 17.8
Long-term	Other long-term liabilities	83.2	76.5
Total		104.6	94.3
<b>Projected insurance recoveries</b>			
Current	Prepaid expenses and other current assets	14.1	12.7
Long-term	Other assets	50.7	43.9
Total		\$ 64.8	\$ 56.6

## Guarantees

As of December 31, 2024 and 2023, the Company had guarantees consisting primarily of outstanding standby letters of credit, bank guarantees, and performance and bid bonds of \$81.4 million and \$79.2 million, respectively. These guarantees have been provided in connection with certain arrangements with vendors, customers, financing counterparties, and governmental entities to secure the Company's obligations and/or performance requirements related to specific transactions.

## NOTE 18. STOCK-BASED COMPENSATION

In connection with the Separation and the related employee matters agreement, the Company adopted the 2020 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Stock Plan") that became effective upon the Separation. Outstanding equity awards of Fortive held by the Company's employees at the separation date were converted into or replaced with Vontier equity awards (the "Conversion Awards"). The Stock Plan provides for the grant of stock appreciation rights, RSUs, PSUs, performance based restricted stock awards and performance stock awards (collectively, "Stock Awards"), stock options or any other stock-based award. A total of 17.0 million shares of the Company's common stock have been authorized for issuance under the Stock Plan and as of December 31, 2024, approximately 8.6 million shares remain available for issuance under the Stock Plan.

Stock options under the Stock Plan generally vest pro rata over a five-year period and terminate 10 years from the grant date, though the specific terms of each grant are determined by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors. The Company's executive officers, certain other employees and non-employee directors may be awarded stock options with different vesting criteria. Exercise prices for stock options granted under the Stock Plan were equal to the closing price of Vontier's common

stock on the NYSE on the date of grant, while stock options issued as Conversion Awards were priced to maintain the economic value before and after the Separation.

RSUs granted to employees under the Stock Plan generally provide for time-based vesting over three years or five years, although certain employees may be awarded RSUs with different time-based vesting criteria. RSUs granted to non-employee directors under the Stock Plan vest on the earlier of the first anniversary of the grant date or the date of, and immediately prior to, the next annual meeting of stockholders following the grant date. Prior to vesting, RSUs granted under the Stock Plan do not have dividend equivalent rights, do not have voting rights and the shares underlying the RSUs are not considered issued or outstanding.

PSUs granted under the Stock Plan during the year ended December 31, 2024 vest based 50% on the Company's adjusted operating profit margin expansion and 50% based on core revenue growth, modified by the Company's total shareholder return relative to the S&P 500 Index, over a three-year performance period. PSUs granted under the Stock Plan during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022 vest based on the Company's adjusted earnings per share, modified by the Company's total shareholder return relative to the S&P 500 Index, over a three-year performance period.

Stock awards generally vest only if the employee is employed (or in the case of directors, the director continues to serve on the Board) on the vesting date. To cover the exercise of stock options and vesting of RSUs and PSUs, the Company generally issues shares authorized but previously unissued.

### Stock-based Compensation Expense

Stock-based compensation has been recognized as a component of Selling, general and administrative expenses in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income. The amount of stock-based compensation expense recognized during a period is based on the portion of the awards that are ultimately expected to vest. Pre-vesting forfeitures are estimated at the time of grant by analyzing historical data and are revised in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates.

Stock-based compensation expense related to stock options, restricted stock units and performance stock units granted under the Stock Plan and subsidiary stock plan further discussed below was \$31.6 million, \$31.5 million and \$24.3 million during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively, which was reduced by the related tax benefit of \$5.8 million, \$5.5 million and \$3.7 million, respectively.

The following summarizes the unrecognized compensation cost for the Stock Plan awards as of December 31, 2024. This compensation cost is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 1.8 years, representing the remaining service period related to the awards. Future compensation amounts will be adjusted for any changes in estimated forfeitures:

(\$ in millions)	
Stock Awards	\$ 37.0
Stock options	1.2
Total unrecognized compensation cost	<u>\$ 38.2</u>

## Stock Options

The following summarizes option activity under the Stock Plan for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 (in millions, except price per share and numbers of years):

	Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
<b>Outstanding as of December 31, 2021</b>	3.9	\$ 27.77		
Granted	—	—		
Exercised	(0.1)	16.14		
Canceled/forfeited	(0.5)	29.88		
<b>Outstanding as of December 31, 2022</b>	3.3	27.97		
Granted	—	—		
Exercised	(0.5)	21.01		
Canceled/forfeited	(0.6)	31.34		
<b>Outstanding as of December 31, 2023</b>	2.2	28.87		
Granted	0.1	41.10		
Exercised	(0.6)	27.22		
Canceled/forfeited	—	—		
<b>Outstanding as of December 31, 2024</b>	1.7	30.27	4.4	\$ 11.1
<b>Vested and expected to vest as of December 31, 2024</b>	1.7	30.23	4.4	11.0
<b>Exercisable as of December 31, 2024</b>	1.5	\$ 29.34	4.0	\$ 10.4

The fair value of each stock option granted was estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes model for service condition awards with the following weighted average assumptions for the year ended December 31, 2024. There were no options granted during the years ended December 31, 2023 and 2022.

	2024
Risk-free interest rate	4.3 %
Volatility	30.2 %
Dividend yield	0.3 %
Expected years until exercise	6.5

The total fair value of options vested during the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 was \$1.4 million, \$2.6 million and \$2.2 million, respectively.

Options outstanding as of December 31, 2024 are summarized below (in millions; except price per share and numbers of years):

Exercise Price	Outstanding			Exercisable	
	Number of Options	Average Exercise Price	Average Remaining Life (in years)	Number of Options	Average Exercise Price
\$0.00 - \$17.43	0.1	\$ 17.43	1.1	0.1	\$ 17.43
\$17.44 - \$23.46	0.2	22.32	2.2	0.2	22.31
\$23.47 - \$31.46	1.0	31.22	4.6	0.9	31.19
\$31.47 - \$33.43	0.2	33.35	4.0	0.2	33.35
\$33.44 - \$41.10	0.2	\$ 37.77	7.7	0.1	\$ 33.66
Total shares	1.7			1.5	

The following summarizes the aggregate intrinsic value of stock options exercised under the Stock Plan during the years ended December 31:

(\$ in millions)	2024	2023	2022
Aggregate intrinsic value of stock options exercised	\$ 7.9	\$ 5.2	\$ 1.0

### Stock Awards

The following summarizes information related to Stock Award activity under the Stock Plan for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022 (in millions; except price per share):

	Number of Stock Awards	Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value
<b>Unvested as of December 31, 2021</b>	1.8	\$ 32.44
Granted	1.4	23.60
Vested	(0.6)	31.29
Forfeited	(0.4)	29.15
<b>Unvested as of December 31, 2022</b>	2.2	27.39
Granted	1.4	26.39
Vested	(0.9)	27.56
Forfeited	(0.3)	26.56
<b>Unvested as of December 31, 2023</b>	2.4	26.87
Granted	1.0	41.34
Vested	(0.9)	27.62
Forfeited	(0.4)	31.81
<b>Unvested as of December 31, 2024</b>	2.1	\$ 32.37

### Subsidiary Stock Plan

The Company has a subsidiary stock-based compensation plan under which the Company grants equity awards to certain employees and non-employees for the common stock of a subsidiary that holds Driivz and certain other related entities. The Company recognized stock-based compensation expense related to the subsidiary stock plan of \$4.2 million, \$4.1 million and \$0.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2024, 2023 and 2022, respectively.

## NOTE 19. CAPITAL STOCK AND EARNINGS PER SHARE

### Capital Stock

The Company's authorized capital stock consists of 2.0 billion shares of common stock, par value \$0.0001 per share, and 15.0 million shares of preferred stock with no par value, with all shares of preferred stock undesignated.

Each share of Vontier common stock entitles the holder to one vote on all matters to be voted upon by common stockholders. Vontier's Board of Directors (the "Board") is authorized to issue shares of preferred stock in one or more series and has discretion to determine the rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions, including voting rights, dividend rights, conversion rights, redemption privileges and liquidation preferences, of each series of preferred stock. The Board's authority to issue preferred stock with voting rights or conversion rights that, if exercised, could adversely affect the voting power of the holders of the common stock, could potentially discourage attempts by third parties to obtain control of Vontier through certain types of takeover practices.

### Earnings Per Share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing net earnings by the weighted average number of shares of common stock outstanding. Diluted earnings per share is calculated by adjusting weighted average common shares outstanding for the dilutive effect of the assumed issuance of shares under stock-based compensation plans, determined using the treasury-stock method, except where the inclusion of such shares would have an anti-dilutive impact.

Information related to the calculation of net earnings per share of common stock is summarized as follows:

(in millions, except per share amounts)	Year Ended December 31		
	2024	2023	2022
<b>Numerator:</b>			
Net earnings	\$ 422.2	\$ 376.9	\$ 401.3
<b>Denominator:</b>			
Basic weighted average common shares outstanding	152.8	155.1	160.5
Effect of dilutive stock options and RSUs	1.0	0.9	0.5
Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding	153.8	156.0	161.0
<b>Earnings per share:</b>			
Basic	\$ 2.76	\$ 2.43	\$ 2.50
Diluted	\$ 2.75	\$ 2.42	\$ 2.49
Anti-dilutive shares	0.5	1.8	3.3

### Share Repurchase Program

During the first fiscal quarter of 2022, the Company entered into an accelerated share repurchase (“ASR”) agreement with a third-party financial institution, whereupon the Company made a prepayment of \$250.0 million. The ASR settled during the second fiscal quarter of 2022. The Company received 10.0 million of the Company’s shares at an average price per share of \$25.11 under the ASR.

On May 24, 2022, the Company’s Board of Directors approved a replenishment of the Company’s previously approved share repurchase program announced in May 2021, bringing the total amount authorized for future share repurchases to \$500.0 million. Under the share repurchase program, the Company may purchase shares of common stock from time to time in open market transactions, privately negotiated transactions, accelerated share repurchase programs, or by combinations of such methods, any of which may use prearranged trading plans that are designed to meet the requirements of Rule 10b5-1(c) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. The timing of any repurchases and the actual number of shares repurchased will depend on a variety of factors, including the Company’s stock price, corporate and regulatory requirements, restrictions under the Company’s debt obligations and other market and economic conditions. The share repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time and has no expiration date.

During the year ended December 31, 2022, the Company repurchased an additional 3.7 million of the Company’s shares for \$78.0 million through open market transactions at an average price per share of \$20.85.

During the year ended December 31, 2023, the Company repurchased 2.8 million of the Company’s shares for \$74.7 million through open market transactions at an average price per share of \$26.96.

During the third fiscal quarter of 2024, the Company entered into an ASR agreement with a third-party institution, whereupon the Company made a prepayment of \$100.0 million. The ASR agreement settled during the third fiscal quarter of 2024. The Company received 3.0 million of the Company’s shares at an average price per share of \$33.84 under the ASR.

During the fourth fiscal quarter of 2024, the Company entered into a share repurchase agreement with a third-party institution, whereupon the Company made a payment of \$25.0 million. At the end of an agreed-upon trading period during the fourth fiscal quarter of 2024, the Company received 0.6 million of the Company’s shares at an average price per share of \$39.57 under the share repurchase agreement.

The Company repurchased an additional 2.7 million of the Company’s shares for \$99.7 million through open market transactions at an average price per share of \$37.09 during the year ended December 31, 2024.

As of December 31, 2024, the Company had remaining authorization to repurchase \$129.6 million of its common stock under the share repurchase program.



## **NOTE 20. DIVESTITURES**

### ***Global Traffic Technologies***

On April 14, 2023, the Company completed the sale of Global Traffic Technologies for \$108.4 million. As a result of the transaction, the Company recognized a gain of \$34.4 million during the year ended December 31, 2023, which is presented in Gain on sale of business in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income. The operations of Global Traffic Technologies did not meet the criteria to be presented as discontinued operations.

### ***Coats***

On January 8, 2024, the Company completed the sale of Coats for \$72.4 million. As a result of the transaction, the Company recognized a gain of \$37.2 million during the year ended December 31, 2024, which is presented in Gain on sale of business in the Consolidated Statements of Earnings and Comprehensive Income. There is a transition services agreement (the “TSA”) in place between the Company and Coats which sets forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which the Company will provide certain services to Coats. Receipts related to the TSA were insignificant for the year ended December 31, 2024. The operations of Coats did not meet the criteria to be presented as discontinued operations.

## **NOTE 21. SUBSEQUENT EVENTS**

### ***Share Repurchase Program***

During January 2025, the Company repurchased 0.7 million of the Company’s shares through open market transactions for \$25.0 million.

### ***Credit Facilities***

During February 2025, the Company executed an amendment to the Revolving Credit Facility, which extended the maturity date to February 2030 and removed the SOFR adjustment.

During February 2025, the Company repaid \$50.0 million of the Three-Year Term Loans due 2025 and executed an amendment to extend the maturity date to February 2028. As part of the amendment, the credit spread adjustment was removed and the ratings-based margin was reduced by 12.5 basis points.

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**APPENDIX B: ACTIVE DISTRIBUTORS**

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State	Distributor Name	Address	City	Zip Code	Area Phone Code Number
AZ	HUGGINS, BOBBIE S	3564 N ESSO ST	KINGMAN	86409	928 385-0269
AZ	QUINTANA MORENO, MICHAEL	1511 S 84TH DR	TOLLESON	85353	602 999-3965
State Count: 2					
CA	KEDZIOR, BRIAN A	16285 PORTER AVE	RIVERSIDE	92504	909 781-1788
CA	DAVIS, WILLIAM M & MEGHAN	18980 PACHAPPA RD	APPLE VALLEY	92307	760 885-3501
CA	SHIELDS, YAMEL I	8742 BUENA VALLEY DR	SANTEE	92071	619 781-6258
State Count: 3					
CO	DELACRUZ, RYAN MATTHEW	12626 WINDINGWALK DR	PEYTON	80831	805 263-2951
State Count: 1					
DE	EDWARDSON, GERALD D & KYL	3014 RIDGEVALE RD	WILMINGTON	19808	801 885-4928
DE	LEITER, ELIJAH CLAIR *TRK	51 SARATOGA DR	NEW CASTLE	19720	302 538-3284
State Count: 2					
FL	REYES SALVA, ESLIE JOEL	997 LANCELOT DR	LAKE WALES	33853	863 399-5133
FL	SANCHEZ HENRIQUEZ, FRANCI	265 SW 159TH LN	PEMBROKE PINES	33027	954 997-8818
FL	RIVERA BETANCOURT, ROBERT	3570 FERNANDA DR	DELTONA	32738	407 369-0294
State Count: 3					
GA	SNYDER, KEITH MITCHELL &	4907 HOLLY HILL RD	ALBANY	31721	484 357-4864
GA	LIVINGSTONE, JOHN TERRY &	162 COUNTRY DR	LEESBURG	31763	912 980-1212
GA	PHILLIPS, RAYMOND LEE & D	1360 WILLOWBROOK DR SW	MARIETTA	30064	678 622-4895
GA	GUEVARA, JESUS	7048 FOUNDRY DR	WOODSTOCK	30188	305 298-3360
State Count: 4					
IA	TRAN, KIRBY LAC	10 MAPLE AVE #309	NEVADA	50201	515 209-9130

State Count: 1

IL	SEYS, JACOB P	19365 EAST 400TH STREET	COAL VALLEY	61240	309 714-1100
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State Count: 1

IN	MOORE, MARK K	2727 W US 52	RUSHVILLE	46173	765 561-6254
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State Count: 1

KY	HANEY, NICHOLAS GREGORY &	4517 DECOURSEY AVE	LATONIA	41015	859 816-1287
KY	NEUSPICKEL, JARED DAKOTA	642 SKYWAY DR	INDEPENDENCE	41051	859 814-4279

State Count: 2

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State	Distributor Name	Address	City	Zip Code	Area Phone Code Number
LA	WOLLFARTH, JERRY WAYNE	475 BROOKLYN AVE	NEW ORLEANS	70121	504 671-7268
	State Count:	1			
MD	BURRIER, JASON TYLER	14306 BARKDOLL RD	SMITHSBURG	21783	240 520-7490
MD	GRANDON, ARTURO PATRICIO	11887 SNOWDEN FARM PARKWA	CLARKSBURG	20871	240 705-4577
	State Count:	2			
MI	KALCZYNSKI, RYAN C	26 S WILLIAMSTON RD	DANSVILLE	48819	517 719-4501
	State Count:	1			
MN	LANGTEAU, MARK V	2150 SPRUCE PLACE	WHITE BEAR LAKE	55110	651 324-0880
	State Count:	1			
NC	GODFREY JR., DAVID HARRY	20541 OLD CONCORD RD	ALBEMARLE	28001	704 207-1569
	State Count:	1			
NJ	SPANO, ROBERT	267 CROWS NEST RD	MANAHAWKIN	08050	609 290-6655
	State Count:	1			
NM	BANNISTER, JEFFERY W II	2802 HIGHLAND RD	ROSWELL	88201	575 635-0639
	State Count:	1			
NY	GILCHRIST, ERIC W	33 WHISKEY RD	CORAM	11727	631 484-4979
NY	GEHM, JAMES ARTHUR	74 W MAIN ST	CORTLAND	13045	607 345-7468
	State Count:	2			
OH	NGUYEN, CHRISTOPHER	140 BURGESS ST. PO BOX 15	CAIRO	45820	407 202-5342

OH	PAINTER, MICHAEL B & MARG	1101 SOUTHERNHILLS	HAMILTON	45013	513 291-5345
OH	HALLIDAY, STEVEN L & KELL	15497 MARSHALLVILLE ST	CANAL FULTON	44614	330 617-6022
OH	LAGORIN, ADAM MATTHEW & A	6200 ALLANWOOD DR	PARMA	44129	216 659-1863

State Count: 4

OK	HUNTER, BRIAN K & LESA A	1802 N COUNTRY CLUB RD	MUSKOGEE	74403	918 685-8501
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State Count: 1

PA	FOERTSCH, LOUIS C	3205 CAMBERLY DRIVE	GIBSONIA	15044	724 699-3058
PA	MURPHY, KEITH W & STACI R	2815 FORREST LANE	YORK	17402	717 465-4954
PA	SNYDER, BRIAN T	742 HUGHES RD	WATSONTOWN	17777	570 989-2679
PA	HENDRICKS, TYLOR W *TERM*	2212 PUDDLE COURT	EAST STROUDSBUR	18302	570 688-5262
PA	DEAL, ANDREW CHRISTIAN	620 CHURCH ST	NEW MILFORD	18834	724 321-6002

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PA	CHESNIAK, CHRISTOPHER PAU	120 BROOKMERE LANE	MOSCOW	18444	570 589-9445
PA	HARVEY JR, FREDERICK CHAR	15 AMITY ROAD	DUNCANNON	17020	717 636-5585
	State Count:	7			
PR	RODRIGUEZ, JOSE A	URB ESTANCIAS DE BARCELON	BARCELONETA	00617	787 380-8838
	State Count:	1			
SD	SOLEM, MICHAEL HY0-SIK	47596 290TH STREET	CANTON	57013	605 408-4439
	State Count:	1			
TN	ZEISS, JONATHAN D *TERM*	29 PINSON ST	TREZEVANT	38258	731 535-0650
	State Count:	1			
TX	ESCALANTE, ENRIQUE R *JAV	1225 RIO GRANDE ST	SAN JUAN	78589	956 221-1027
	State Count:	1			
UT	RUTLEDGE, JONATHAN WESLEY	128 E 900 S	LAYTON	84041	801 425-3002
	State Count:	1			
VA	EAST, JEFFERY S	4187 BENVENUE RD	HAYMARKET	20169	703 282-7709
VA	COLBERT, KEVIN D	8 SWANNEE LN	ASHLAND	23005	804 386-8319
VA	LLOYD SR, RICHARD E & JAN	12019 GRANTWOOD DR	FREDERICKSBURG	22407	540 840-1278
	State Count:	3			
WA	HELMER, SCOTT LAWRENCE	713 EGGERMAN RD	COUPEVILLE	98239	206 793-0728
	State Count:	1			



WI MCKNIGHT, DAVID O & KRIST 500 GREEN SPRUCE DRIVE HOLMEN 54636 608 769-6325

State Count: 1

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State	Distributor Name	Address	City	Zip Code	Area Phone Code Number
AL	GUNTER, BRENT D *TERM*	3211 OSCAR BRADFORD RD	HAYDEN	35079	205 240-8768
AL	MARKLE, MICHAEL S & JENNI	745 CR 509	ANDERSON	35610	740 808-6430
State Count: 2					
AR	WICKLUND, JERRY R *TERM*	8428 MAGNOLIA HWY	EL DORADO	71730	907 590-3882
AR	STEVENS, SR., JOSHUA & ST	3500 HOLY RIDGE ROAD	TRASKWOOD	72167	501 467-0751
AR	CLAWSON, JEROMY J & ARIZO	1251 BOOTLEG RD	BENTONVILLE	72713	479 270-7324
State Count: 3					
AZ	MAY, MICHAEL A TRK 1 *TE	4543 E GELDING DR	PHOENIX	85032	602 339-6576
AZ	CURTIS, RICKY J *TERM*	8903 SOUTH 230TH AVE	BUCKEYE	85326	602 540-6381
AZ	SMITH, MICHAEL E.S. & RAQ	25570 N 102ND DR	PEORIA	85383	206 459-4982
AZ	BARKER, ROBERT A & DARLEN	3564 N ESSCO ST	KINGMAN	86409	928 296-1456
AZ	RIVERA ARIAS, ISAIAS & LE	8651 W DEVONSHIRE AVE	PHOENIX	85037	602 877-2571
AZ	ELLIS, COLE Y & BAILEY J	6230 WEST MARY JANE LANE	GLENDALE	85306	602 425-2447
AZ	TUCKER, ROBERT & PAMELA B	5435 E 12TH AVE	APACHE JUNCTION	85119	509 378-0329
AZ	MCGRAW, TIMOTHY A *TERM*	2722 E LYNWOOD ST	MESA	85213	480 201-8665
State Count: 8					
CA	WOLSKY, GLEN A *TERM*	41890 WHITTIER AVE	HEMET	92544	909 855-8094
CA	SHEEHAN, DONALD F JR *TER	14517 BOWDOIN RD	POWAY	92064	858 945-5785
CA	BALSTER, RICHARD R *TERM*	3213 BROOKE HOLLOW RD	FALLBROOK	92028	760 803-4410
CA	PADILLA, MICHAEL D *TERM*	209 NEEDLES WAY	FOLSOM	95630	916 337-3723
CA	BUZARD, BRENT B *TERM*	2851 HUERTA WAY	NORCO	92860	951 310-2506
CA	LOPEZ, ARTURO *RYNE LOPEZ	12861 WAINWRIGHT LN	MORENO VALLEY	92555	951 750-9676
CA	DOMINGUEZ, ABEL & LILIANA	1621 HONEYSUCKLE DR	SAN JOSE	95122	408 623-0396
CA	CORONA, DAN J *BRENT SHAR	2554 CIRO AVE	THOUSAND OAKS	91360	805 774-9072
CA	LUGO, LUIS R *LOU* *TERM*	1378 WARD WAY	MENTONE	92359	909 831-4373
CA	TOYAMA, NICHOLAS A *TERM*	2591 EDGEBROOK LANE	MANTECA	95336	209 672-0908
CA	MEDBERRY, FRANK A *TERM*	11555 BARZIN LANE	REDDING	96003	530 410-1036
CA	BARRIOS, SAMUEL G *TERM*	16764 DANBURY AVE	HESPERIA	92345	760 596-8842
CA	RAMOS, ROSAELVIRA H & SAN	6525 24TH ST	RIO LINDA	95673	530 312-8083

CA	WALKER, CHRISTOPHER SD *T	35525 VINEYARD ST	YUCAIPA	92399	909 492-6004
CA	JAMES, JOSHUA T & GRACIEL	8591 PICO AVE	HESPERIA	92345	760 984-2237
CA	SCHMIDTLINE, KENT M & VER	140 HARVARD AVE N PO BOX	CLAREMONT	91711	626 378-6142
CA	MONACELLI, ANTHONY P & JE	411 WILLAMETTE DR	VACAVILLE	95688	623 759-4559
CA	JOHNS, CHRISTOPHER M *TER	31056 IRON CIRCLE	TEMECULA	92591	760 705-2315
CA	STIFFLER, ROBERT J & BRID	1304 BYNUM WY	OAKLEY	94561	925 698-9961
CA	TAGLE, JR., ALEJANDRO & D	7714 ADRIAN DR	ROHNERT PARK	94928	707 758-8630
CA	FUENTES, VLADIMIR R *TERM	4112 KEVIN DRIVE	BAKERSFIELD	93308	831 406-3708
CA	SANCHEZ, JOSE DE JESUS *T	216 W GUINIDA APT C	ANAHEIM	92805	714 398-3387
CA	ORTEGA, SARAH M & CARL E	1672 G COURT	BANNING	92220	951 663-8195
CA	DALY, HENRY LAWRENCE & CL	9305 LAKEVIEW RD	LAKESIDE	92040	619 871-4593
CA	VANDIVER, MICHAEL LEE & I	44246 37TH ST W	LANCASTER	93536	661 816-9351
CA	SHATLEY, JERRY *TERM*	3300 BURNSIDE AVENUE	MODESTO	95354	209 604-6102
CA	MARTINEZ, ALLEN A *TERM*	1906 SHURTLEFF AVE	NAPA	94559	707 337-3241

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State	Distributor Name	Address	City	Zip Code	Area Phone Code Number
CO	RYAN, DONALD S *TERM*	133 CORNELL CR	PUEBLO	81005	719 251-4326
CO	DOWNEY, BRADLEY J & MARYA	2606 WAPITI RD	FORT COLLINS	80525	970 893-3477
CO	PALMER, ERIC W *TERM*	22879 E BELLEVIEW PL	AURORA	80015	970 618-8069
CO	MILLER, SHAUN R & KERRI S	11141 ECHO CANYON DR	COLORADO SPRING	80908	719 209-7607
CO	HELD, MITCHELL R & JORDYN	1960 LOTUS DR	MILLIKEN	80543	970 415-7661

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CT	HOGENAUER, KEITH E *TERM*	6 GEORGES HILL RD	NEWTOWN	06470	203 648-5539
CT	DENZEL, PAUL E SR *TERM*	10 HITFIELD RD	NEWTOWN	06470	203 456-4046
CT	HAYNES, DAVID WAYNE *TERM*	961 WOODTICK RD	WOLCOTT	06716	203 721-4046
CT	HURIA, JR., JOSEPH *TERM*	600 CLARK AVENUE UNTIT 21	BRISTOL	06010	860 906-2412
CT	SIMPSON, ROBERT *BOB* *TE	51 PEPPERMINT LANE	BRISTOL	06010-2275	860 416-4983

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FL	CROCKETT, MARK A *TERM*	6775 NW 5TH AVE	OCALA	34475	352 231-5776
FL	DAWSON, STEVEN N *TERM*	683 CHARLES PINCKNEY STRE	ORANGE PARK	32073	904 635-1155
FL	FRIETSCH, CHARLES M JR *T	2410 METRO DR	RUSKIN	33570	813 458-7310
FL	GOODELL, EVAN K *TERM*	30725 US HWY 19N	PALM HARBOR	34684	727 515-7197
FL	OWENS, ROBERT W *TERM*	1515 SAWYER RIDGE CV *TER	CANTONMENT	32533	559 380-5239
FL	SEITNER, MATHIAS J *TERM*	20361 NW 2ND ST	PEMBROOK PINES	33029	954 330-9384
FL	CORNISH, RONALD M *TERM*	1680 TROOST ST SE	PALM BAY	32909	321 368-0269
FL	JARMAN, JAY C *TERM*	6387 COTTON RD	PENSACOLA	32526	850 723-3193
FL	SULSONA VALLEJO, HIRAM *T	902 HALIFAX DR	KISSIMMEE	34758	321 437-8254
FL	SOTO, MARK D *TERM*	457 NW 2ND WAY	DEERFIELD BEACH	33441	954 856-1326
FL	MCKINLEY, JOSHUA B & DONN	950 NORTH SEABOARD POINT	INVERNESS	34453	352 651-8284
FL	CARRASQUILLO, RAFAEL A &	3787 HUNTWICKE BLVD	DAVENPORT	33837	267 772-0843
FL	MARTINEZ, DANIEL A & KATE	1867 SW NOTRE DAME	PORT SAINT LUCI	34953	561 601-8255
FL	CASTRO, PETER A & KELLY *	12911 LINDEN DR	SPRING HILL	34609	352 601-8084
FL	MCCORMICK, TODD S & EUGEN	2755 LAUREL AVE	LAKE WALES	33898	863 998-4770
FL	RIVETT, MICHAEL PATRICK &	514 SW HALIBUT AVE	PORT ST LUCIE	34953	772 485-8795
FL	DRAPER, ANDREW S & KELSEY	18224 E APSHAWA RD	CLERMONT	34715	775 323-9935

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GA	DELANCEY, KENNETH P *TERM	20 MAPLE COURT	STOCKBRIDGE	30281	770 855-2692
GA	LAMB, GEORGE A *TERM*	255 ALBERTA DR	WOODBINE	31569	912 674-8140
GA	HUDSON, TRAVIS R *TERM*	2508 ROBIN HOOD PL NE	MARIETTA	30068	770 713-9462
GA	CHEEK, KEVIN L & GIBSON C	151 WELLINGTON DRIVE	HULL	30646	706 202-5786
GA	HITSON, CHADWICK RONALD *	110 SUMMIT RIDGE CIRCLE S	CARTERSVILLE	30120	678 898-0620
GA	MCDONALD, JAMES D *TERM*	112 ROSEWOOD DR	GUYTON	31312	912 655-3706
GA	LEE, MELVIN HOUSTON *TERM	6035 YELLOW CREEK RD	MURRAYVILLE	30564	229 395-9759
GA	SHIELDS, JEFFREY TODD & L	230 WELLBORN BRANCH DR	BLAIRSVILLE	30512	706 897-5282
GA	GEARY, NICHOLAS RANDALL &	531 FREEDOM PKWY	HOSCHTON	30548	678 763-4418
GA	TAMAYO BARRABIA, YUDISMIR	869 SHORT ST	LAWRENCEVILLE	30046	770 866-0594
GA	GOEN, CHARLES *TERM*	4951 WRIGHTSBORO ROAD	GROVETOWN	30813	706 799-1613
GA	GILLMAN, JOHN A *TERM*	4024 HOLCOMB CREEK DR	BUFORD	30519	678 714-2753

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State	Distributor Name	Address	City	Zip Code	Area Phone Code Number
HI	DAFANG, JOVENCIO *TERM* C	91-1662 KAUKOLU ST	EWA BEACH	96706	808 232-3907
	State Count:	1			
IA	STOUT, DONOVAN K *TERM*	106 REDBUD LANE	COUNCIL BLUFFS	51503	712 323-6877
IA	BUCHMEYER, MARCUS Q *TERM	1674 HIGHWAY 30	CALAMUS	52729	563 659-7081
	State Count:	2			
ID	JENSEN, PAUL W *TERM*	539 E 700 N	FIRTH	83236	208 403-9745
	State Count:	1			
IL	REEDER, JOSHUA J *LEVI RE	3221 E 1ST RD	PERU	61354	815 830-2777
IL	ANDRINOPOULOS, ARTIE *TER	10N933 HIGHLAND TR	HAMPSHIRE	60140	630 774-9326
IL	MUGLER, MICHAEL P *TERM*	PO BOX 124	MINIER	61759	309 241-0364
IL	JESSEN, KEVIN A *TERM*	6045 PEART RD	MORRIS	60450	779 379-6877
IL	SCALPONE, VINCENT *TERM*	35 S SOUTH ELGIN BLVD	SOUTH ELGIN	60177	630 667-5886
IL	TRACY, ALEX M *TERM*	5109 MAPLE HILL DR	MCCULLOM LAKE	60050	847 366-4202
IL	MIHALEC, JOSEPH J *TERM*	1130 CRESTVIEW LN	PINGREE GROVE	60140	847 682-0591
IL	BAUTISTA RODRIGUEZ, SERGI	502 KRAKAR AVE	JOLIET	60432	815 274-0113
IL	MEYER, STEVEN E & TAMI B	1206 SOUTH CHESTNUT	PRINCETON	61356	815 878-6496
IL	LENNING, DANIEL C & CAMI	8682 E CR 150N	CHANDLERVILLE	62627	217 971-9007
IL	BUSCH, JEREMY R & JENNIFE	1416 W HAWK AVE	MCHENRY	60051	815 321-1653
IL	BERQUIST, ANDREA & STEVEN	7714 PRESTON DR	WONDER LAKE	60097	815 354-9194
IL	CHIOVARI, JOSEPH *TERM*	ONO85 FORSYTHE CT	WINFIELD	60190	630 6657846
IL	FREUND, ROBERT *MIKE* *TE	1136 PINE TREE LANE	LIBERTYVILLE	60048	847 680-4685
	State Count:	14			
IN	ROST, PAUL E JR TRK 1 *TE	14557 E 146TH ST	NOBLESVILLE	46060	317 440-8155
IN	SMITH, STEVEN R *TERM*	1707 MIMOSA LANE	ANDERSON	46011	765 639-6272
IN	MILLER, GLENN W *TERM*	11670 JEFFERSON ROAD	OSCEOLA	46561	574 514-1464
IN	HELDERMAN, CHARLES R & JE	7798 E CATT ROAD	VINCENNES	47591	812 890-7171



State Count: 4

KY	LOVELESS, ERIK O *TERM*	935 LOVELESS RD	SCIENCE HILL	42553	606 219-3361
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State Count: 1

LA	MELTON, KENNETH A *TERM*	5363 MYRLE ST	ADDIS	70710	225 892-0129
LA	MARONGE, NATHAN S*TERM*	5149 WOODCREST DR	MARRERO	70072	504 450-7683
LA	VELLIER, CHARLES J III *T	311 INDEPENDANCE DR	HOUMA	70360	985 228-2354
LA	VINYARD, HERBERT O JR *AM	20459 HWY 190 E	HAMMOND	70401	985 662-8386
LA	DUBOSE, RANDLE *DAVID* &	340 AUDLEMAN ROAD	DOYLINE	71023	318 780-2814

State Count: 5

MA	FORGIE, DAVID W *TERM*	132 LEONA AVE	CHICOPEE	01013	413 378-0146
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MA	LEBOVITZ, JAMES S & ERIKA	84 LILLIAN STREET	PITTSFIELD	01201	203 297-0923
MA	KING, KEVIN A & MARICRIS	202 OXBOW RD	ORANGE	01364	413 475-2644
State Count: 3					
MD	DEBORD, CHRISTOPHER G *TE	7193 OHIO AVE	HANNOVER	21076	301 351-7419
MD	LONG-MARTIN, KEAAN L *TER	100 SARA CIRCLE	SMITHSBURG	21783	240 388-8040
MD	YOUNG, JR., LOUIS H & DAW	526 GREENWOOD ROAD	LINTHICUM HEIGH	21090	410 977-5234
MD	MOORE, AUSTIN SHAYNE *TER	4684 MOUNTAIN ROAD	PASADENA	21122	410 999-4319
MD	KESECKER, DALE ROBERT *TE	128 COUNTRY CLUB DR	GLEN BURNIE	21060	410 777-3300
MD	KEARNS, JASON D *TERM*	242 WHITAKER AVE	NORTH EAST	21901	443 553-7361
State Count: 6					
MI	MATHENY, DAVID M *TERM*	47151 ROMEO PLANK RD	MACOMB	48044	586 601-8638
MI	DIEHL, BRAD W *TERM*	9833 FAIROAKS CT	ALTO	49302	616 745-2773
MI	LAJOIE, THOMAS P & ASHLEY	1685 GUN CLUB RD	CARO	48723	989 550-8228
MI	MARSICO, DANIEL E *TERM*	946 WILLOW RD	MARQUETTE	49855	906 250-0020
MI	STRAITS, DENNIS A & LORI	6180 FAR ROAD	DUNDEE	48131	734 777-7853
MI	GALONER, PAUL A *TERM*	111 EAST CENTER STREET	PETERSBURG	49270	734 891-5854
MI	PAYNE, GARY OLEN & STEPHA	5225 E M36	STOCKBRIDGE	49285	517 528-4326
State Count: 7					
MN	GIFFORD, MARK R *TERM*	33 105TH AVE NW	COON RAPIDS	55448	612 859-1221
MN	BRASHEAR, JESSE J *TERM*	3505 EAST 42ND ST	MINNEAPOLIS	55406	651 746-4229
MN	THOMPSON, NOAH A *TERM*	3000 3RD AVE NW	WILLMAR	56201	320 679-8222
MN	LINDQUIST, DAVID M *TERM*	42324 LONG LAKE ROAD	OTTERTAIL	56571	218 298-4643
MN	BROOKS, STEPHEN F & ERIN	7886 WUORI RD	VIRGINIA	55792	864 280-4626
MN	PLAKKE, SCOTT ALAN & DORI	625 GARFIELD AVE	MANKATO	56003	320 583-9401
State Count: 6					
MO	FARRIS, VINCE MR *TERM*	7433 CR 1930	WEST PLAINS	65775	417 274-8074
MO	FENTON, KYLE W & JACEY L	1109 W PARK AVENUE	SAVANNAH	64485	816 390-4576

State Count: 2

MS	GRIFFIN, JOHN C *TERM*	152 LOBLOLLY PINE DR	MONTICELLO	39654	601 320-8611
MS	GONZALES, JOE A *TERM*	110 REGATTA CIRCLE	SALTILLO	38866	662 791-1401
MS	STEELE, PRESTON L & MORGAN	105 FOX DRIVE	FULTON	38843	662 350-1206

State Count: 3

MT	BEVINS, JONATHAN G *TERM*	2625 2ND AVE SOUTH	GREAT FALLS	59405	406 396-0148
MT	SWETEN, BRIAN C & MELISSA	1240 THIBODEAU LN	MISSOULA	59802	406 240-6905

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NC	HARWELL, DONALD S *SCOTT*	2635 LOWER STONE CHURCH R	ROCKWELL	28138	704 267-5171
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NC	PILESKI, EDWARD J III *TE	8609 BUTTERFIELD CT	HARRISBURG	28075	704 574-4655
NC	FRANCISCO, RANDY T *TERM*	130 MOUNTAINSIDE LANE	FLETCHER	28732	404 751-8395
NC	WEBER, SCOTT W & BRIDGETT	306 KNOLLWOOD DR	SELMA	27576	919 394-7547
NC	BIENKIEVITZ, MARK T *TERM	3708 SPRING DR	MIDLAND	28107	704 778-0089
NC	BLANTON, KENNETH M *TERM*	603 PAGE ST	ROWLAND	28383	919 698-2068
NC	PARNIN II, JOHN P & JORDA	3205 MOBLEYS BRIDGE RD	GRIMESLAND	27837	252 917-9011
State Count: 7					
ND	BLANCHETTE, DONALD E *TER	1906 29TH STREET WEST	WILLISTON	58801	701 580-9020
State Count: 1					
NE	SOWERS, CHRISTOPHER L *TE	76 COTTONWOOD DR	COLUMBUS	68601	402 440-9900
NE	RYDBERG, CODY SW *TERM*	2210 WALNUT CREK DR	PAPILLION	68046	402 216-6742
NE	JORDAN, KEITH ALLEN *TERM	2565 NW 57TH ST	LINCOLN	68524	402 805-9112
State Count: 3					
NH	DOWNNEY, MATTHEW J *TERM*	173 BEE HOLE ROAD	LOUDON	03307	603 573-0760
NH	O'SULLIVAN, JACK *TERM*	67 N LOWELL ROAD	WINDHAM	03087	603 4265227
State Count: 2					
NJ	BENT, MICHAEL D *TERM*	2009 MILFORD-WARREN GLEN	BLOOMSBURY	08804	908 319-6078
State Count: 1					
NM	SMITH, KEN R *TERM*	5190 CRITERION ST	FARMINGTON	87402	505 486-3369
NM	COSPER, GEORGE R *TERM*	9756 HOPE HIGHWAY	ARTESIA	88210	575 703-2114
State Count: 2					
NV	BURK, TAYLOR A *TERM*	6631 ROCKING HORSE AVE	LAS VEGAS	89108	702 403-8802
NV	EPINO, EMMANUEL A *CRAIG	45 GARIBALDI WAY	HENDERSON	89011	702 768-9003

NV	LAMB, CHRISTOPHER A *TERM	240 W KIMBERLY DR	HENDERSON	89015	702 379-8286
NV	BURTON, MICHAEL P *TERM*	2284 MCCOIG AVE	LAS VEGAS	89119	702 429-4878

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NY	FIACCHI, MARIO N JR *TERM	4983 DAHLIA CIRCLE	LIVERPOOL	13088	315 440-3352
NY	LIBBEY, MATTHEW JAMES &	2670 US HIGHWAY 11	MARATHON	13803	607 591-3791
NY	POLLOTTA, CHRISTOPHER *TE	4 WESTWIND DRIVE	ROCHESTER	14624	585 233-8851

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OH	WAMPLER, KEVIN A *TERM*	6825 SCIOTO DARBY CREEK R	HILLIARD	43026	614 420-5878
OH	JAVENS, JEREMIAH M *TERM*	35977 TEEGARDEN RD	SALEM	44460	330 277-1721
OH	CORDY, NATHAN T *TERM*	11402 STILES RD	WHITEHOUSE	43571	419 902-2954
OH	DAVIE, DENNIS P *DENNY* *	80 NEW STREET	GREENWICH	44837	419 921-6090

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OH	BURKETT, DANIEL J *KEVIN	3425 KROPP RD	GROVE CITY	43123	614 403-4993
OH	VERMEIL, TROY L *TERM*	1824 PHEASANT HILLS DR	LOVELAND	45140	513 225-2064
OH	KAHLE, WENDY M *TRK 2**SE	39 BOULDER BLVD	PENINSULA	44264	330 715-4580
OH	BIBEY, KYLE A & ASHLEY D	2269 MIDVALE MINE RD SE	DENNISON	44621	330 260-8282
OH	MOBLEY, MICAH E & KATHERI	2591 RETFORD DRIVE	CINCINNATI	45231	513 400-6567
OH	SCHNEE, FREDERICK W *TERM	504 SUPERIOR STREET	GENOA	43430	419 855-3043
State Count: 10					
OK	SMITH, BARRY L *TERM*	1236 E 9TH	SHAWNEE	74801	405 308-0083
OK	STUBBS, JAMES M *TERM*	650 72ND AVE SE	NORMAN	73026	405 209-3329
OK	FITZGERALD, WILLIAM K *T	304 WEST 49TH STREET	SAND SPRINGS	74063	918 521-2555
OK	THOMPSON, RYAN E & NICHOL	5704 MARBLEWOOD DR	OKLAHOMA	73179	405 837-4231
OK	PHILLIPS II, ZAY G *TERM*	20 WEST ROCK AVE	MCALESTER	74501	918 470-5895
OK	PYLE, RUSS ALLEN & JANET	2101 TIMBER RIDGE DRIVE	NEW CASTLE	73065	405 684-3628
State Count: 6					
OR	NITCHER, KEVIN W *TERM*	5051 SE DAVID WAY	PRINEVILLE	97754	458 220-6831
OR	SARICH, JR., STEVEN & KIM	133 NE 133RD AVENUE	PORTLAND	97230	503 753-2782
OR	WILLIAMS II, FREDRICK R &	92107 MAKI ROAD	ASTORIA	97103	503 470-9751
State Count: 3					
PA	WALTER, ANDREW P *TERM*	2717 US-209	MILLERSBURG	17061	717 943-5276
PA	BROWN, TRAVIS L *TERM*	328 6TH STREET	WEATHERLY	18255	570 436-7769
PA	BOWERSOX, JASON T *TERM*	355 TWO FLATS RD	WATSONTOWN	17777	570 428-2068
PA	NACE, CHRISTOPHER J *TERM	465 STONERIDGE RD	EMMAUS	18049	610 966-4462
PA	FERN, MICHAEL L *TERM*	98 SPRING HILL LANE	LEBANON	17042	717 450-6861
State Count: 5					
SC	WESTMORELAND, FRANK L *TR	3224 DRIFTWOOD PT RD	GILBERT	29054	803 360-7491
SC	ROODE, SHAWN J *TERM*	607 PONDWAY DOWNS	ROCK HILL	29730	704 307-0785
SC	GESCHLECHT, MICHAEL P *TE	5470 HENDRICKS SHORT CUT	CONWAY	29526	843 321-7497

SC	BARTLEY, JASON R & CALINI	178 FINLEY RD	BELTON	29627	864 356-8665
SC	COOK, MARK C *TERM*	104 N LANFORD RD	SPARTANBURG	29301	864 909-5259
SC	LEWIS, JANAIS R & INDIA R	131 BEVINGTON DR	AIKEN	29803	706 871-0025

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SD	SHERMAN, RANDY L *TERM*	16790 SIOUX CONIFER ROAD	WATERTOWN	57201	605 520-2499
SD	RUDEN, TIMOTHY WILLIAM *T	105 E 5TH ST	CROOKS	57020	605 940-1507

State Count: 2

TN	GIDDENS, TRAVIS L*TERM*	262 GRADY PIGG LANE	COOKEVILLE	38501	615 477-7668
TN	ROLLINS, JAMES M *MATT* *	3764 PLEASANT GROVE RD	WHITEHOUSE	37188	615 424-8864
TN	KESSELL, JOSHUA P *TERM*	157 HIGHLAND HILL RD	BIG ROCK	37023	931 801-0424
TN	MARKHAM, MICHAEL A *TERM*	6938 AUTUMNHILL LANE	BARTLETT	38135	901 484-7145

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TN	PECORA, SEBASTIAN A *TERM	309 ELLINGSON ST	LAWRENCEBURG	38464	931 309-1923
TN	HUNTER, JAMES D *TERM*	6358 GREEN RD	SPRINGFIELD	37172	629 333-6167
TN	MOSES, ANTHONY T *TERM*	1060 BRIGHT HILL RD	SMITHVILLE	37166	615 337-7901
TN	SWARTZ, PAIGE R & RANDAL	1060 KENNESAW BLVD APT 81	GALLATIN	37066	719 251-1490
State Count: 8					
TX	SHIPMAN, JOHN M *TERM*	16115 JULEP CHASE	SELMA	78154	210 846-5044
TX	STROUD, WILLIAM J *TERM*	709 E SOUTH ST	LINDALE	75771	903 309-7371
TX	GURKA, EDWARD F TRK 2 *	1002 AIRLINE NORTH	ROSHARON	77583	979 264-0346
TX	PORTYANOY, ALEKSEY *ALEX*	1608 WILLOUGHBY WAY	LITTLE ELM	75068	469 388-7687
TX	RAMIREZ, GABRIEL E *TERM*	5835 PROVIDENCE SPRINGS T	KATY	77493	787 643-1152
TX	WINFREE, EDGAR A *TERM*	2678 OLD KOUNTZE RD	SILSBEE	77656	713 401-4945
TX	OQUENDO SANABRIA JORGE L	1906 ROCKY POINT LN	ROSENBERG	77469	713 393-9069
TX	ROBINSON, BRIAN W *TERM*	6815 COUNTRY HAVEN	SAN ANTONIO	78240	210 260-7456
TX	RITENOUR, BRANDON L & TAM	5435 MANION WAY	LUMBERTON	77657	409 880-5393
TX	DELGADO, RAFAEL A *TERM*	31616 SHILOH RD	WALLER	77484	346 213-7818
TX	EDWARDS, CHRIS A *TERM*	119 STANFORD LANE	SPRINGTOWN	76082	817 718-2575
TX	STARK, AARON M *TERM*	993 MIDNIGHT PASS	ROCKWALL	75087	469 230-3456
TX	RAINWATER, JACKSON W & VI	1953 OLD MILITARY RD	WESLACO	78596	956 532-4156
TX	CHACON, ANDRES J & ALEXIA	27303 SMOKEY CHASE	BOERNE	78015	361 737-1447
TX	VORCE, IRVING S *TERM*	816 LAKE BLUFF DR	FLOWER MOUND	75028	214 621-4649
TX	BEATTY, JAMES H & RITA R	3806 COTTONWOOD DR	LAPORTE	77571	713 903-1172
TX	FEBO, EDWIN J & MARISOL *	1405 RED RIVER DR	AUBREY	76227	940 268-9063
TX	DECKERS, MICHAEL J & BARB	809 HUMMINGBIRD LANE	LEANDER	78641	512 466-9134
TX	CHACON, ANDRES J & ALEXIA	27303 SMOKEY CHASE	BOERNE	78015	361 283-2984
TX	DEMETRES III, HARRY N & J	7609 COTTONWOOD CANYON	GODLEY	76044	702 606-8859
TX	MARTINEZ, GLORY M & ALEJA	9510 WILLOW HOLLOW	SAN ANTONIO	78254	210 744-5689
TX	MCKEAGUE, CHAZ KAMUELA *T	6363 SANDSTONE CIRCLE	NEVADA	75173	808 799-8732
TX	DESILETS, KEVIN LEE TRUCK	28834 HIDDEN COVE DR	MAGNOLIA	77354	713 417-8840
TX	ERNST, PATRICK J *TERM*	8635 WILLIAMS SCHOOL RD	NEEDVILLE	77461	832 660-6574
State Count: 24					
UT	BENGTZEN, RICHARD O *TERM	38 EAST SUNRISE WAY	FARMINGTON	84025	801 809-5935



UT	HUNSAKER, JEFF G *TERM*	2 EAST SUNRISE WAY	FARMINGTON	84025	801 455-2587
UT	GILES, WACEY & KAITLYNN D	599 E ABAJO PEAK DR	EAGLE MOUNTAIN	84005	435 733-1035
UT	PROWS, JOHN MERRILL *TERM	352 S 880 W	SPANISH FORK	84660	801 995-9931
UT	CARD, BRUCE W *TERM*	343 VALLEY VIEW DR	RICHFIELD	84701	435 896-8326

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VA	HUSH, CHRISTOPHER M *TERM	6106 BELMONT RD	MINERAL	23117	571 283-1487
VA	BELL, MICHAEL E JR *TERM*	426 PAGE ST	BERRYVILLE	22611	571 278-0257
VA	NIKODEM, SCOTT R & CHRIST	12 LOCKWOOD DR	FREDERICKSBURG	22405	574 360-9686
VA	SMITH, ROBERT A *BOB* *T	3193 KENTUCKY SPRINGS ROA	BUMPASS	23024	703 576-2094
VA	BURKE, MICHAEL LYNN *TERM	14958 GREYMONT DRIVE	CENTREVILLE	20120	571 238-5041
VA	MCCLINTOCK, BRANDON W *TE	1579 DOYLES LAKE RD	EMPORIA	23847	434 917-1214
VA	LLOYD, RENEE A *TERM*	26667 SLASH PINE CIRCLE	RUTHER GLEN	22546	804 982-7124
VA	MORRIS, MATTHEW A & CARRI	428 WESTMORELAND DR	STEPHENS CITY	22655	703 470-2245

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VA	HINCHEY, CASEY H*TERM*	18525 BISHOP ST	DINWIDDIE	23841	804 205-7048
VA	CATTERTON, JR., NORMAN E	5439 MUSTER FIELD ROAD	CULPEPER	22701	703 906-7321
VA	MILLER, EDWARD GRAY *TERM	1605 GLENSIDE DRIVE	RICHMOND	23226	804 773-8858
State Count: 11					
WA	VONDER HAAR, KYLE M *TERM	16915 SE 256TH ST	COVINGTON	98042	425 275-7659
WA	HUTCHINSON, RICHARD L *T	1521 205TH AVE EAST	BONNEY LAKE	98391	206 818-3491
WA	HAYWARD, STEVEN M *TERM*	24615 FLORENCE ACRES RD	MONROE	98272	206 486-6651
WA	BLOOD, JUSTIN M *TERM*	16528 133RD PLACE SE	RENTON	98058	425 941-9039
State Count: 4					
WI	ROBARGE, ROBERT J *TERM*	1525 S LAWE STREET	APPLETON	54915	920 609-1489
WI	KLEIST, BRADLEY S *TERM*	N3557 COUNTY RD C	PULASKI	54162	920 639-8724
WI	KOCH, JEROME D & NATALIE	143198 SUNNY LANE	MOSINEE	54455	715 459-6680
WI	FETHERSTON, NATHAN A & ST	135 AMES ST	OREGON	53575	608 235-6496
WI	JONES, KENNETH C*TERM*	126 W UNION AVE	CEDAR GROVE	53013	612 790-1013
WI	ERICKSON, TODD J & KAYLA	W15363 COUNTY RD CC	ETTRICK	54627	507 313-0221
WI	JISKRA, CRAIG A & MELISSA	25545 HWY 27	HOLCOMBE	54745	715 773-0041
WI	HOLOUBEK, SCOTT THOMAS &	1504 COLLEGE AVE	RACINE	53403	773 343-9105
WI	CORAGGIO, GUY A *TERM*	N94 W24711 BARK ROAD	COLGATE	53017	262 628-2308
WI	RUIZ HERRERA, RICARDO & M	2357 34TH STREET	MILWAUKEE	53215	414 870-3747
WI	FORMELLA, MICHAEL S *TERM	2189 S 81ST	WEST ALLIS	53219	414 530-3829
State Count: 11					
WY	BERGQUIST, VANCE M *TERM*	PO BOX 1231	LARAMIE	82073	307 630-7680
State Count: 1					
Total Count: 255					

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**APPENDIX D: DISTRIBUTORSHIP AGREEMENT AND EXHIBITS**

**MATCO TOOLS**  
**DISTRIBUTORSHIP AGREEMENT**

BETWEEN

**MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION**

4403 Allen Road  
Stow, Ohio 44224  
(330) 929-4949  
Fax: (330) 929-5008

AND

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DISTRIBUTOR

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Type of Entity / Individual

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State of Formation / State of Residence

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Street

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City

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Zip Code

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Area Code

Telephone

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Area Code

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DISTRIBUTOR NO: \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE OF DISTRIBUTORSHIP AGREEMENT**

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## **GLOSSARY**

For purposes of this Agreement, the following words will have the following definitions:

- (A) “Abandon” or “Abandonment” will mean that the Distributorship ceases operation for twenty-one (21) consecutive days, as determined by the lack of visits to businesses and Potential Customers on the List of Calls during such twenty-one day (21 day) period, or such other conduct of the Distributor and the Principal Owner, including acts of omission as well as commission, indicating the willingness, desire or intent of the Distributor and the Principal Owner to discontinue operating the Distributorship in accordance with the Business System and the standards and requirements set forth in the Manual and this Agreement.
- (B) “Business Partner” will mean an Owner that the Distributor designates as a “Business Partner,” who will assist the Principal Owner with aspects of operating the Distributorship.
- (C) “Customer” will mean, at any time during the Term of this Agreement, or upon termination, a person or business that has purchased Products from the Distributor within the immediately preceding twelve (12) month period.
- (D) “Mobile Store” will mean the truck used by the Distributor solely in connection with the operation of the Distributorship. The Mobile Store will at all times during the Term of this Agreement comply with all of Matco’s standards and requirements as to make, model, color, size, engine size, storage capacity, shelving and interior merchandising signage, graphics, on-board technology and design.
- (E) “New Distributor Starter Inventory” will mean the initial inventory of Matco Products required to be purchased by the Distributor.
- (F) “Operator” will mean the individual engaged or employed by the Distributor for purposes of operating the Distributorship. The Operator must meet Matco’s educational, managerial, and operational experience and standards. If the Operator is a former Matco mobile tools distributor, the Operator must have been in good standing throughout the term of the Operator’s distributorship agreement. Any individual who received a notice of termination from Matco, or who possessed an ownership interest in a distributorship that received a notice of termination from Matco, is deemed to not meet Matco’s standards to be an Operator.
- (G) “Owners” will mean all Persons having any direct or indirect legal or beneficial interest in You (as indicated to this Agreement for corporate, limited liability company and partnership distributorships) and any legal or equitable rights relating to such interests.
- (H) “Operations Guide” or “Operations Manual” or “Manual” will mean each published document or collection of documents, whether provided electronically or in hard copy, made available to the Distributor by Matco that contains the required policies and procedures for the operation of Your Distributorship Business and each publication to which they refer, as supplemented and revised by Matco from time to time including any letter, bulletin or other thing in writing delivered by Matco to You containing instructions, directives, requirements or standards pertaining to the Distributorship generally applicable to all distributors or designated groups of similarly situated distributors, all of which shall be deemed part of the Operations Guide, regardless of whether consistent with the format of the Operations Guide or expressly designated for inclusion in the Operations Guide. The Operations Guide

specifically includes, among other things, in each case as amended or updated from time to time. We may provide a copy of the Operations Guide or any part thereof in the form of Our choosing (whether printed, digital, a combination thereof, or otherwise) and may require You to exchange Your copy of the Operations Guide or part thereof upon Our request in the event that We update the form or substance of the Operations Guide. Our Service Standards are a part of our Operations Guide.

- (I) “Potential Customer” will mean (i) a full time professional mechanic, or (ii) the individual or entity that is an owner of a business who, in connection with his/her/its businesses, purchases tools and other products of the type that are offered or sold by Matco or its distributors, or (iii) any other individual in the automotive after-market and related markets who in the normal course of business is required to use and furnish his/her own tools, or (iv) other businesses with maintenance technicians, in which the business entity, the owner, or the individual technicians, will purchase tools to perform the required jobs.
- (J) “You” or “Your” will mean the Distributor, all Persons signing this Agreement on behalf of a corporate, partnership or limited liability company Distributor, and all Persons who guarantee the performance of the Distributor’s obligations under this Agreement.

There are other words and phrases not included in the above list that are defined within this Distributorship Agreement. Those terms shall have the meaning given to them in this Distributorship Agreement.

## **MATCO TOOLS DISTRIBUTORSHIP AGREEMENT**

This Distributorship Agreement (this “Agreement”) is entered into by and between Matco Tools Corporation (“Matco” also referred to as “We,” “Us” and “Our”), a Delaware corporation, and \_\_\_\_\_, a [resident of] [corporation/limited liability company/[other entity type] organized in] \_\_\_\_\_ and having offices at \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributor” also referred to as “You” and “Your”).

### **RECITALS**

Matco is a manufacturer and distributor of quality tools, toolboxes, and service equipment, and seller of independent franchise distributorships under the Matco brand name, and has developed a distinctive business system relating to the establishment and operation of Matco mobile distributorships that sell tools, toolboxes, service equipment, and other goods and services, including, without limitation, apparel, model cars and other collectible items, and consumables (such as mechanic’s hand soaps), and such other items that Matco may in its sole discretion offer (collectively, the “Products” or “Matco Products”) to professional mechanics, technicians, other service professionals, and other businesses which operate from a single location and purchase tools for their own use (the “Business System”).

The Business System is identified by means of certain trade names, service marks, trademarks, logos, and emblems, including, the trademarks and service marks “MATCO®” and MATCO® TOOLS (the “Marks”). A high standard of customer service is essential to the brand and the cornerstone of Matco’s Business System, and that customer service standard typically involves a one-on-one sales and service relationship between a Principal Owner (defined below), operating from a Matco mobile distributorship, and a Potential Customer (defined below).

The Distributor desires to operate a Matco mobile distributorship (the “Distributorship”) in accordance with the Business System and the other brand and system standards established by Matco, including standards for customer sales calls, inventory and sales, communications and computer software usage and other operating and customer service requirements. Accordingly, You have applied to Us for a franchise to operate a Matco Mobile Distribution. We have relied upon all of the acknowledgments and representations made by You in this Agreement, other agreements between You and Us or Our Affiliates and in Your franchise application, including those about Your financial resources and the manner in which You propose to own and operate Your Matco Mobile Distributorship.

Matco desires to appoint the Distributor as an authorized Matco mobile distributor to sell and service the Products in a certain geographic area and the Distributor desires to acquire and operate an independent Matco Mobile Distributorship.

You acknowledge that You have read and understand this Agreement and You have been given the opportunity to clarify any provision that You do not understand. You further acknowledge that We reserve the right to decline to franchise the operation of a Matco Mobile Distributorship to any Person at any time whether initially or upon any proposed transfer. The terms, conditions and promises contained in this Agreement are necessary to maintain Our high standards of service and to maintain the uniformity of those standards within the network of Matco Mobile Distributorships.

In consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Agreement, the Distributor and Matco agree and contract as follows:

## ARTICLE 1 APPOINTMENT OF DISTRIBUTOR

### 1.1 **Grant of Distributorship; Initial Fee.**

**1.1.1** Matco grants the Distributor the right, and the Distributor undertakes the obligation, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement, to operate a Distributorship and to purchase, resell, and service the Products.

**1.1.2** In consideration of Matco's grant to the Distributor to operate the Distributorship, Distributor must pay to Matco, on or before the execution of this Agreement, an Initial Fee in the amount of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000). The Initial Fee must be paid in full, unless Matco agrees to finance all or a portion of the Initial Fee. The Initial Fee is fully-earned and non-refundable upon execution of this Agreement, whether paid in full or paid pursuant to a promissory note or financing. Despite the requirement of a fully-earned and non-refundable Initial Fee on or before the execution of this Agreement, if the Distributor indicates to Matco in its Distributorship application that it intends to utilize part or all of a Principal Owner's existing 401(k) or IRA funds ("Rollover Funds") to invest in Distributor or the Distributorship, and Matco approves, Matco will allow Distributor 45 days following execution of this Agreement for Distributor to gain access to the Rollover Funds, which time period may be extended as approved by Matco for payment of initial required purchases, leases and/or the Initial Fee (the "Rollover Payment Period"). Matco is not required to offer the Distributor the Rollover Payment Period or financing for the Initial Fee.

**1.2 Territory/List of Calls.** The Distributor will be assigned a protected territory defined by a "List of Calls" attached to this Agreement as Exhibit A which identifies business locations where professional mechanics, technicians and other service professions operate and purchase tools and related products for their own use ("Potential Customers"). The List of Calls also identifies the current number of Potential Customers at each business location on the List of Calls. Based on Matco's experience and its territory survey, the List of Calls in Exhibit A may also include a proposed route, but ultimately it is Your responsibility to determine how best to operate Your Distributorship. The Distributor acknowledges that: (A) as of the Effective Date there are a maximum of three hundred twenty-five (325) Potential Customers, the location of which will be identified on the List of Calls, (B) there can be no assurance that the Potential Customers on the List of Calls will actually become Customers of the Distributor, and (C) the number of Potential Customers identified on the List of Calls may increase or decrease after the Effective Date due to a variety of reasons, which may include economic changes, competition, sales and service from the Distributor, businesses that close or reduce staffing levels, and other reasons. Matco is under no obligation to supplement the List of Calls with additional stops or Potential Customers in the event the number of Potential Customers declines. It is important that you review your List of Calls to make sure you are satisfied with it before you sign your Distributorship Agreement. **You hereby acknowledge that Matco encouraged You to cause your Principal Owner (defined below) to complete a ride along the proposed route on your List of Calls and to identify the locations and Potential Customers before you signed this Agreement. It is and was your responsibility to perform this due diligence. If you requested, a Matco representative was made available to ride with your Principal Owner to assist with this process and answer any questions your Principal Owner might have had. Prior to or in conjunction with your signing this Agreement, you also must sign a List of Calls Verification that your Principal Owner has reviewed the List of Calls, by way of a ride along the proposed route or otherwise.** If Distributor wishes to modify its List of Calls, including by adding a location or Potential Customers it shall submit a written request to Matco identifying the proposed changes to the List of Calls with an explanation for how the proposed changes to the List of Calls will help Distributor advance your business and continue to meet Matco's Customer Service Standards.

Distributor agrees that unless Matco approves a change to a Distributor's List of Calls the terms of Sections 3.2 and 11.5 govern.

**1.3 Exclusive Rights.** The Distributorship is a business which operates principally from a vehicle, and which is authorized to resell the Products to Potential Customers at locations identified on the List of Calls. The List of Calls is intended to serve as your protected territory. Thus, except as permitted under Section 1.4, and for so long as the Distributor is in compliance with this Agreement, Matco will not operate, or grant a license or franchise to operate, a Matco mobile distributorship that will be authorized to sell Products to Potential Customers at any location identified on the Distributor's List of Calls.

**1.4 Rights Reserved by Matco.** The Distributor acknowledges and agrees that except for the rights expressly granted to the Distributor and provided herein, Matco retains all rights to sell, and license or authorize others to sell, Products to any customers, at any location, and through any channels or methods of distribution. Without limiting the foregoing, Matco retains the following rights, on any terms and conditions Matco deems advisable, and without granting Distributor any rights therein:

**1.4.1** Matco (and any affiliates, licensees or franchisees of Matco, if specifically permitted by Matco in writing) will have the absolute right to sell the Products, directly or indirectly, or through non-mobile distributors, including commercial sales representatives, (A) to industrial customers, industrial accounts, and owners of vehicle repair businesses (including businesses, entities, governmental agencies, and others, but excluding the Potential Customers on the Distributor's List of Calls) who (i) have central purchasing functions, or (ii) may purchase and/or acquire special order products designed for multiple-party use, which are not included as part of Matco's regular or special purchase inventory list, or (iii) may purchase Products through a bidding process, such as railroads, airlines, manufacturers, governmental agencies and schools, (B) to industrial and multiple-line and multiple brand wholesale distributors who may resell such Products to any potential purchaser or customer, including the Customers; and (C) to vocational and training schools and programs, and to the students and employees of such schools and programs.

**1.4.2** Matco (and any affiliates, licensees or franchisees of Matco, if specifically permitted by Matco in writing) will have the absolute and exclusive right to sell the Products through (A) mail order, telephone orders, and the use of catalogs distributed to potential customers (including Distributor's Potential Customers and Customers), (B) any current or future means of electronic commerce, including the Internet (which includes, but is not limited to, social media) and Matco's website, and downloading and other electronic delivery of software applications and other products and services, and (C) at special and/or temporary venues (including race tracks, and other motor sports events).

**1.4.3** Matco, and any present or future affiliates of Matco, may manufacture and/or sell products that are the same as or similar to the Products, and Matco's present or future affiliates may sell such products directly, or indirectly through wholesalers, suppliers, distributors or others, to potential customers who are the same as or similar to the Distributor's Potential Customers and Customers. Matco and the Distributor acknowledge and agree that Matco has no control over the sales or distribution methods or operations of its affiliates, and that Matco has no liability or obligations to the Distributor due to any sales or distribution activities of Matco's affiliates.

**1.4.4** Matco reserves, maintains, and controls all rights with respect to the presentation, promotion, and sale of Products, and the use of the brand, Marks, and System, in the metaverse.

- 1.5 Understandings and Acknowledgments.** Matco and the Distributor acknowledge and agree that Matco shall have no liability or obligation to the Distributor if any Customer or Potential Customer of the Distributor purchases or receives Products or competitive products through any method or channel of distribution described in Section 1.4, or otherwise reserved to Matco. Further, the Distributor and Matco acknowledge and agree that notwithstanding Section 1.3, Matco has in the past granted (A) distributorships that do not have any territorial restrictions or limitations on the distributor, and (B) distributorships that have territories in which the distributor is not limited to selling Products to a specified number of customers or to specified customers. Matco shall use its reasonable efforts to deter such distributors, and other distributors, from selling Products to Potential Customers on the List of Calls, but Matco cannot and does not provide the Distributor with any guaranty or assurance that such distributors will not offer and sell Products to the Distributor's Potential Customers. Further, the Distributor acknowledges and agrees that, prior to the Effective Date, Distributor has neither executed more than two (2) agreements with Matco for a Matco mobile tools distributorship, nor has an ownership interest in any entity that has executed more than two (2) agreements with Matco for a Matco mobile tools distributorship.
- 1.6 Principal Owner.** The "Principal Owner" shall be designated on Exhibit P. If Distributor is an individual, Distributor shall be considered the Principal Owner. If the Distributor is an entity, the Principal Owner shall be a person who owns not less than a majority of the outstanding equity interests in the Distributor (at least 51%), and who shall be responsible for the overall management and operation of the Distributorship either through an Operator, employees or otherwise. The Principal Owner shall be the individual responsible for all communications between the Distributor and Matco; shall be the person to whom, and from whom, all contractually required notices must be sent; and shall be the principal spokesperson for the Distributor in all communications with Matco and other Matco distributors. The Principal Owner shall be the person who has the right to contractually bind the Distributor. The Principal Owner shall successfully complete all training programs required by Matco. The Principal Owner and any other person whose assets are considered in any financing application shall sign the Guarantee, Indemnification, and Acknowledgment in the form set forth in Exhibit N as a "Guarantor." In operating the Distributorship, the Principal Owner shall ensure that the Operator and any employees of Distributor comply with all of Matco's standards and requirements as they may be modified from time to time in the Manual or otherwise in writing. Regardless of whether Distributor is initially an individual or an entity upon signing this Agreement, Distributor (if Distributor is initially an individual), or Principal Owner (if Distributor is initially an entity) will execute the Principal Owner acknowledgment on the signature page to this Agreement and to any of its exhibits or attachments.
- 1.7 Other Owners.** Any individual who owns any ownership interest in the Distributor shall be designated on Exhibit P as an owner. You shall cause all of your Owners (and any other person whose assets are considered in any financing application, as described above) to personally bind themselves to the obligations set forth in this Agreement by signing the Guarantee, Indemnification, and Acknowledgment in the form set forth in Exhibit N as a "Guarantor."

## **ARTICLE 2**

### **TERM OF AGREEMENT; DISTRIBUTOR'S OPTION TO REACQUIRE DISTRIBUTORSHIP**

- 2.1 Term.** Subject to termination as provided herein, the term of this Agreement will be for ten (10) years, commencing on the Effective Date (the "Term"). This Agreement will not be enforceable until it has been signed by both the Distributor and Matco.

**2.2 Distributor's Option to Reacquire Distributorship.** At the end of the Term of this Agreement, the Distributor will have the right, at its option, to reacquire the Matco Distributorship, and execute a successor Distributorship Agreement, to serve the existing customers identified in Exhibit A, for an additional ten (10) year period, provided the Distributor complies in all respects with the following conditions: (A) the Distributor has given Matco written notice at least one hundred eighty (180) days, but not more than one (1) year, prior to the end of the Term of this Agreement of its intention to reacquire the Matco Distributorship; (B) the Distributor has complied with all of the material terms and conditions of this Agreement, has materially complied with Matco's operating and quality standards and procedures, and has timely paid all monetary obligations owed to Matco throughout the Term of this Agreement; (C) the Distributor has been in strict compliance with this Agreement and the policies and procedures prescribed by Matco for (i) the six (6) month period prior to the Distributor's notice of its intent to reacquire a successor Matco Distributorship, and (ii) the six (6) month period prior to the expiration of the Term of this Agreement; (D) the Distributor has agreed, in writing, to make the reasonable capital expenditures necessary to update, modernize, and/or replace the Mobile Store and equipment used by the Distributor and the Principal Owner in the Distributorship to meet the then-current specifications and the general image portrayed by the Matco Business System; (E) the Distributor agrees to sign and comply with the then-current standard Distributorship Agreement then being offered to new distributors by Matco at the time the Distributor elects to exercise the Distributor's option to reacquire the Matco Distributorship; and (F) the Distributor and Matco have signed a joint and mutual general release of all claims each may have against the other. In addition, Matco will charge, and the Distributor must pay, on or before the execution of the new or successor Distributorship Agreement, a Successor Distributorship Fee equal to fifty percent (50%) of the then-current Initial Fee being charged by Matco.

**2.2.1 Operation After End of Term.** If You continue to operate Your Distributorship after the end of the term (and, as applicable, the end of any Renewal Periods) without having renewed the franchise in accordance with the terms hereof, including by having executed the then-current form of distributorship agreement, We may, at Our option: (1) upon thirty (30) days' written notice deem You to be operating Your Distributorship on a month-to-month basis under (a) the terms of the then-current form of distributorship agreement, including the then-applicable franchise fees, and any other fees being charged by Us, or (b) the terms of this Agreement; or (2) deem the Agreement expired, in which event You must fully comply with the post-termination obligations set forth below including, but not limited to, in Section 11.6. If We exercise options (1)(a) or (b), We, subject to applicable law, may terminate without cause the then-current form of distributorship agreement or this Agreement, as applicable, at any time upon at least thirty (30) days' notice of termination, without affording You any opportunity to cure, in which event You must fully comply with the post-termination obligations set forth below.

### **ARTICLE 3**

#### **DISTRIBUTOR'S DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS**

**3.1 Promotion of Distributorship.** The Distributor, through the actions of the Principal Owner, will, on a full-time basis, diligently promote, market, and work to increase Product sales, to increase the Customer base, and to provide quality service and warranty support to the Distributor's Customers. To promote the growth of the Distributor's business, the Distributor should actively seek to identify and sell Products to all Potential Customers at each business identified on the List of Calls. This Agreement does not create an obligation on Our part to advertise or promote the Marks or to advertise or promote Your Distributorship. We may do so, however, at Our sole discretion and thus from time to time during the Term, Matco may implement promotional programs to enhance the brand, which may include a Matco-funded store opening giveaway program or other store opening promotional

program. The Distributor must adhere to the guidelines that Matco establishes from time to time for such promotional programs, and devote its best efforts to such promotional programs, including disseminating to Potential Customers all apparel or other promotional items that Matco provides to the Distributor in connection with any giveaway promotional program.

**3.2 Restrictions on Sales.** It is critical that the Products sold by Matco Distributors meet the high quality and performance expectations associated with the Matco brand in the marketplace. The Distributor shall not sell, offer for sale or distribute Products and other merchandise not purchased from Matco (or other designated suppliers) or approved by Matco or its affiliates except for items that are traded-in by the Distributor's Customers. To the extent Distributor wishes to sell, offer for sale or distribute other products which Distributor contends are ancillary to its distributorship business, which are not competitive with any of the Matco Products, and do not diminish in any way Matco's reputation or good will (for example, hazardous materials or pornographic materials) it may request Matco's approval, by submitting to Matco, in writing, a description of such products with an explanation for why such products are ancillary to its distributorship business and are not competitive with existing Matco Products. Distributor agrees not to sell, offer for sale or distribute any such products without Matco's prior written consent and shall discontinue the offer, sale, or distribution of any unapproved products immediately upon notice from Matco. Because a Distributor's List of Calls represents a protected territory for that Distributor, the Distributor must not operate the Distributorship or sell any Products at any location not identified on its List of Calls; or sell any Products to any entity, person, or business that is not located at an address identified on its List of Calls; or sell any Products to any person who does not work at a business that is located at an address identified on the List of Calls, even if such Potential Customer or location is adjacent to, or near, a location on the Distributor's List of Calls, nor may the Distributor sell Products to any Customer of the Distributor who moves to a location or business not identified on the List of Calls. If the Distributor makes a sale to a person, entity or business that is located at an address that is not identified on the Distributor's List of Calls, or if the Distributor makes a sale to an individual who does not work at a business that is located at an address identified on the Distributor's List of Calls, and such customer is located in another distributor's "List of Calls," such sale shall constitute a material event of default. All sales of Products shall be from the Mobile Store and not from any other location or through any other sales or distribution channels. Without limiting the foregoing, the Distributor shall not sell the Products through (A) mail orders, telephone orders, and the use of catalogs distributed to potential customers (including Distributor's Potential Customers and Customers), (B) any current or future means of electronic commerce, including the Internet (such as websites like Amazon or social media like Instagram) and Matco's website, and downloading and other electronic delivery of software applications and other products and services, and (C) at special and/or temporary venues (including race tracks, and other motor sports events). Further, all sales of Products shall be to end-users, and not for the purpose of resale or to any person or entity who will or may, or who Distributor suspects will or may, resell such Product, through any channel of distribution. In the event Distributor or your Principal Owner knows of, learns of, or suspects, that any person or entity is reselling or may resell any Products, the Distributor shall cease all future sales to such person and report such sales or suspicion to Matco.

### **3.3 Inventory, Sales, and Purchase Requirements.**

**3.3.1** In order to meet the customer service expectations associated with the Matco brand, it is important you have Product inventory available when you engage with your Potential Customers. The Distributor will at all times maintain an inventory of Products sufficient to meet its obligations to promote and sell a full line of Matco Products and to meet the expectations and needs of its existing and potential customers, especially in terms of product availability and timeliness of delivery. After the New Distributor Starter Inventory, the



Distributor is solely responsible for determining the inventory of Products best suited to meet the needs and expectations of its customers and to meet its sales and promotional obligations hereunder.

- 3.3.2** The Distributor must use its best efforts and actively market, promote, and sell Products to Potential Customers on the List of Calls. To be deemed to be meeting its marketing, promotion and sales obligations, the Distributor should be selling, on average on a weekly basis, Matco Products in an amount which meets or exceeds either (a) eighty percent (80%) of the “National Distributor Sales Average” (or “NDSA”), or (b) eighty percent (80%) of the “District Distributor Sales Average” (or “DDSA”) for the Distributor’s district, whichever is lower. As part of this performance assessment, Matco will calculate the sales averages based on the Distributor’s twelve (12) month rolling average, or, if the Distributor has been operating the Distributorship for less than twelve (12) months, based on the Distributor’s year-to-date average. The sales averages shall be based on the sales of all Matco Products, as reported by the Distributor through the Matco Distributorship Business System, or the then-current required reporting system.
- 3.3.3** The Distributor must maintain a minimum of a sixty percent (60%) ratio of a calculation of the Distributor’s year-to-date purchases divided by the Distributor’s year-to-date sales.
- 3.3.4** New Distributors are automatically enrolled in Matco’s New Product Pipeline (“NPP”) program. Under the NPP program, whenever Matco develops or acquires a new Product, Matco will ship one sample of the new Product to the Distributor promptly upon its introduction, and Matco will charge the Distributor’s Open Purchase Account for the cost of the Product. In the event the Distributor does not want the Product, or cannot sell the Product, the Distributor may return the Product to Matco within sixty (60) days of receipt, and will receive a credit of the full cost of the Product to its Open Purchase Account. The returned Product must be in new condition and in its original packaging in order to qualify for full credit under the NPP program. Participation by the Distributor in the NPP program is voluntary. Matco reserves the right to alter or eliminate the NPP program at any time. Such modifications may include variable pricing based on the purchase price of the Products.

- 3.4** **Standards.** You covenant and agree that You shall operate the Distributorship in conformity and compliance with the image, integrity, quality, cleanliness and product and standards as described in the Manual from time to time. You acknowledge and agree that adherence to the standards in the Manual provide the basis for the goodwill associated with the Marks and the network of Matco Distributorships. Your failure to comply with the standards referenced in this section will constitute a breach of this Agreement, for which We shall have the right to terminate. Further, to ensure high quality service, the Distributor, through its Principal Owner and any Operator (defined below), agrees to make sales calls to each of the stops, shops or locations on the Distributor’s List of Calls in accordance with Matco’s “Customer Service Standards” or “Service Standards,” which contemplate regular weekly sales calls. Matco may amend its Service Standards from time to time in writing. Failure to comply with the Service Standards, shall be a material default under this Agreement, and grounds for termination under Section 11.3. Distributor acknowledges and agrees that Matco’s Services Standards are necessary to preserve, protect and enhance Matco’s trademarks and service marks. The entire contents of the Service Standards, plus Our mandatory specifications, procedures and rules prescribed from time to time shall constitute provisions of this Agreement just as if they were written on these pages. **You acknowledge that prior to executing this Agreement; You have reviewed and understand the requirements imposed by the Service Standards and the specifications, procedures and rules contained therein.**

- 3.5 Time Payment Reserve Account or Time Payment Line of Credit.** Matco acknowledges having received from the Distributor a deposit for the Distributor's Time Payment Reserve Account in the amount designated by Matco, which will be administered in accordance with Matco's applicable Time Payment Reserve Account policies then in effect. Notwithstanding the forgoing, if Distributor qualifies for and obtains financing from Matco, Distributor will establish a revolving line of credit in lieu of the Time Payment Reserve Account, which will be administered in accordance with Matco's standards and specifications.
- 3.6 Mobile Store; Matco Branded Attire.** In order to enhance the MATCO TOOLS brand associated with the Marks, the Distributor must purchase or lease a Mobile Store, of the type and from a dealer or supplier approved by Matco, prior to beginning operations of the Distributorship. The Distributor will use the name MATCO TOOLS®, the approved logo and all colors and graphics commonly associated with the Matco Business System on the Mobile Store in accordance with Matco's specifications. The Distributor will keep the interior and exterior of the Mobile Store in a clean condition and will keep the Mobile Store in good mechanical condition. The Mobile Store must be used solely for the operation of the Distributorship. If the Distributor desires to change its Mobile Store or operate a different Mobile Store during the Term of this Agreement, the Distributor must obtain the prior written authorization of Matco's President or Matco's officer in charge of system standards compliance, before doing so. The Principal Owner, and any Operator or employee, must wear Matco® branded attire while operating the Distributorship.
- 3.7 Computer; Software; Data.** The Distributor must purchase or lease a new computer system that complies with the specifications established by Matco (and that Matco may update periodically), must sign the Matco Distributor Business System Software License, Maintenance and Support Agreement (the "Software License Agreement") (Exhibit O) as may be modified from time to time, and must pay the required software license fees and annual maintenance support fee set forth in the Software License Agreement. The Distributor must comply with Matco's standards and specifications for computer hardware, software, and communications, and to comply with any updated standards or specifications, the Distributor shall update its computer hardware, software, and communications. The Distributor agrees to use all of the features of the Matco software in operating the Distributorship, including, without limitation, the order entry, inventory, accounts receivable and reporting features. The Distributor, through the Principal Owner, will communicate with Matco, and will transmit to, and receive documents from, Matco, electronically, in the manner specified by Matco in the Manual or as directed by Matco through the Matco Distributor Business System (also referred to as "MDBS"). Except for the Matco Distributor Business System software, the Distributor will have sole and complete responsibility for: (a) the acquisition, operation, maintenance and upgrading of the computer system in order to maintain compliance with Matco's then-current standards; (b) obtaining and maintaining access to the Internet through a subscription with an Internet service provider or a then-current technologically capable equivalent in accordance with Matco's standards (which is currently high-speed Internet access through cable, DSL, or high-speed cellular); (c) the manner in which the Distributor's system interfaces with Matco's computer system and those of other third parties; and (d) any and all consequences that may arise if the Distributor's system is not properly operated, maintained, and upgraded. All data provided by the Distributor, uploaded to Matco's system from the Distributor's system, and/or downloaded from the Distributor's system to the Matco system is and will be owned exclusively by Matco, and Matco will have the right to use such data in any manner that Matco deems appropriate without compensation to the Distributor. In addition, all other data created or collected by Distributor in connection with the Matco Distributor Business System, or in connection with the Distributor's operation of the business, including all data that the Distributor collects from customers and potential customers in connection with the Distributorship ("Customer Data") is and will be owned exclusively by Matco during the term of, and following termination or expiration of, the Agreement. Copies and/or originals of data, including

Customer Data, must be provided to Matco upon Matco's request. The Distributor has the right to use Customer Data while this Agreement or a successor or renewal Distributorship Agreement is in effect, but only in connection with operating the Distributorship and only in accordance with the policies that Matco establishes from time to time. It is the Distributor's sole responsibility to protect Customer Data from cyber-attacks or unauthorized intruders, and the Distributor waives any claim it may have against Matco as the direct or indirect result of such attacks and intrusions. The Distributor is solely responsible for complying with all federal, state, and local laws and regulations concerning the storage, handling, use and protection of Customer Data. In addition, the Distributor must comply with any privacy policies or data protection and breach response policies Matco periodically may establish. The Distributor must notify Matco immediately of any suspected data breach or cyber-attack at or in connection with the Distributorship. The Distributor may not sell, transfer, or use Customer Data for any purpose other than operating the Distributorship and marketing "Matco brand" products and services. However, if the Distributor transfers the Distributorship (as provided in Article 10 below), as part of the transfer, the Distributor must also transfer use of the Customer Data to the buyer as part of the total purchase price paid for the Distributorship business.

**3.8 Training.** In order to provide a uniform customer experience and enhance the Marks associated with the MATCO TOOLS brand, the Distributor's Principal Owner must attend and successfully complete all training programs required by Matco, including the following:

- 3.8.1** The Principal Owner must successfully complete the "Matco Business System Training (MBST) Program," as defined in Section 4.1, before operating the Distributorship.
- 3.8.2** The Principal Owner must successfully complete the "Matco Business System Continuation Training (MBSCT) Program," as defined in Section 4.1, between the second (2nd) and fifth (5th) month after the Distributorship has commenced operations.
- 3.8.3** Unless You obtain written permission from Us to postpone training, Your failure to complete the MBST or MBSCT training to Our satisfaction is a breach of this Agreement and shall constitute a default for which We can terminate this Agreement.
- 3.8.4** Matco may provide additional training and certification for its distributors from time to time and the Principal Owner shall attend this training and complete the certification procedures designated by Matco. At its option, Matco may require Distributor to pay all or some portion of the cost of providing any such future additional training and/or certification procedures.
- 3.8.5** The Principal Owner shall be responsible for ensuring that the Operator and all employees of the Distributor understand and follow the Matco Business System. You shall implement a training program for all employees of Your Franchised Business for the operation of the Distributorship in compliance with Our then-current standards and procedures. Matco may offer training for a Distributor's Operator or other employees at the Distributor's choice and expense.

**3.9 Compliance with Laws.** We are a franchisor that does not own, control or operate Your Distributorship. It is Your sole responsibility at Your sole expense to ensure that Your Distributorship and its businesses, operations, practices and procedures, are in full compliance with any and all federal, state and local laws. Thus, the Distributor must comply with and shall cause its Principal Owner and any Operator and any other employee of the Distributorship to comply with all federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, orders and regulations of the United States and all foreign countries, applicable to the operation of the Distributorship, including all employment, traffic and safety laws and regulations. Without limiting the foregoing, the Distributor must abide by all

applicable laws, rules, regulations and policies pertaining to the privacy of consumer, employee, commercial and transactional information, including, without limitation, the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act, the Fair Credit Reporting Act (“FCRA”), the Fair and Accurate Credit Transactions Act (“FACTA”), and the National Automated Clearinghouse Association (“NACHA”) rules (collectively, “**Privacy Laws**”). If there is a conflict between Matco’s standards and policies pertaining to Privacy Laws and actual applicable law, the Distributor must: (i) comply with the requirements of applicable law; (ii) immediately give Matco written notice of said conflict; and (iii) promptly and fully cooperate with Matco and its counsel in determining the most effective way, if possible, to meet its standards and policies pertaining to Privacy Laws within the bounds of applicable law. You acknowledge that You are responsible for and shall pay to the appropriate authority any and all federal or state payroll tax, FICA, unemployment tax, state unemployment compensation contribution, disability benefit payments, insurance costs, and any other assessments or charges which relate directly or indirectly to the employment by You of employees to operate Your Distributorship.

- 3.10 Compliance with Manual.** The Distributor will operate the Distributorship in conformity with the operating procedures and policies established in the Manual or otherwise in writing. Matco will loan the Distributor a copy of the Manual when the Distributor’s Principal Owner begins the Matco Business System Training (MBST) Program. Matco reserves the right to provide the Manual electronically or in an electronic or computer-readable format, for example, via the Matco Distributor Business System or another method, or on a CD. The Manual is Our property and shall be immediately returned to Us whenever this Agreement expires or is terminated for any reason. We have the right to add to or modify the Manual from time to time to change operating procedures, maintain the goodwill associated with the Marks and to meet competition. You shall comply with the terms of all additions and modifications to the Manual. You shall keep the Manual in current and up-to-date condition. If there is a dispute about the contents of the Manual, the terms of the master copy at Our offices shall control.
- 3.11 Payment Obligations.** The Distributor will timely pay all amounts owed to Matco for Product purchases and under any credit agreement, promissory note, or other agreement relating to the Distributorship. All payments shall be made in accordance with Matco’s instructions and Operations Manual, including payments by telephone and electronic funds transfer, as described in Section 6.4 below.
- 3.12 Management of Distributorship.** The Principal Owner will be the person solely responsible for managing all aspects of the Matco Distributorship, including sales, pricing of products, collection of accounts receivable, purchases, inventory ordering and management, and the hiring and supervision of an Operator and any other employees. The Principal Owner and any additional Operator must be qualified to operate the Distributorship or drive the Mobile Store and offer and sell Products in accordance with Matco’s standards and the Business System standards, and must have satisfactorily completed all training programs that Matco requires. Notwithstanding Matco’s Business System standards, some of which address safety, security, and related matters, employment matters are solely within the Distributor’s control, and the Distributor accepts and retains all responsibility for employment matters in the operation of the Distributorship, including the hiring, firing, supervision, discipline, compensation, benefits and scheduling of any employees, including any approved Operator. Matco does not control, has no right to control, and has no responsibility for any hiring or employment terms and conditions of Distributor’s employees.
- 3.13 Matco’s Inspection Rights.** In order to assure compliance with MATCO’S Business System standards, the Distributor will: (A) permit Matco and its agents to inspect the Distributor’s Mobile Store and observe the Distributor’s business operations at any time during normal business hours,

(B) cooperate with Matco during any inspections by rendering such assistance as Matco may reasonably request, and (C) immediately, upon written notice from Matco, take the steps necessary to correct any deficiencies in the Distributor's business operations with respect to Matco's Customer Service Standards or the Matco Business System.

**3.14 Use of the Internet.** The Distributor specifically acknowledges and agrees that any Website (as defined below) will be deemed "advertising" under this Agreement, and will be subject to (among other things) Matco's approval under Section 7.4 below. (As used in this Agreement, the term "Website" means one or more related documents, designs, pages, or other communications that can be accessed through electronic means, including but not limited to the Internet, World Wide Web, social media and social networking sites (including but not limited to Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram etc.), blogs, vlogs, and other applications, etc. that the Distributor operates or authorizes others to operate and that refer to the Distributorship, the Marks, Matco, and/or the Business System.) In connection with any Website, the Distributor agrees to the following:

**3.14.1** Before establishing the Website, the Distributor will submit to Matco a sample of the Website format and information in the form and manner Matco may reasonably require.

**3.14.2** The Distributor may not establish or use the Website without Matco's prior written approval.

**3.14.3** In addition to any other applicable requirements, the Distributor must comply with Matco's standards and specifications for Websites as prescribed by Matco from time to time in the Manual or otherwise in writing. If required by Matco, the Distributor will establish its Website as part of Matco's Website and/or establish electronic links to Matco's Website. As of the Effective Date, Matco has established a Website supporting the entire system, and has provided Distributor a web page (or subpage) on Matco's Website. Distributor shall execute Matco's "Matco Tools Web Page Agreement" (attached as Exhibit Q hereto), which permits Distributor to have its own subpage on Matco's Website. Distributor shall pay all appropriate fees under the Matco Tools Web Page Agreement, and shall comply with Matco's web policies as they may be modified from time to time.

**3.14.4** If the Distributor proposes any material revision to the Website or any of the information contained in the Website, the Distributor must submit each such revision to Matco for Matco's prior written approval as provided above.

**3.14.5** In addition, Matco may from time to time establish specific policies regarding social media accounts or activity related to or connected with the Distributorship and which use or refer to, directly or indirectly, Matco or the Marks, that Matco determines appropriate for the System. The policies may include completion of training regarding social media. Matco may modify these policies as Matco determines is appropriate, including as available technologies and advertising methods change. You shall comply with the standards and procedures developed by Us for the network of Distributorships, in the manner directed by Us in the Manual or otherwise, with regard to Your authorization to use, and use of, blogs, common social networks (such as Facebook), professional networks (such as Linked-In), live blogging tools (such as Twitter), virtual worlds, file, audio and video sharing sites and other similar social networking media or tools (together, "Social Media") that in any way references the Marks or involves the network of Distributorships or Your Distributorship. Without limiting the foregoing, in order to protect and control the Matco brand and the Marks, You hereby agree that Matco shall at all times have administrator rights over all Social Media accounts used by You in connection with the Distributorship and which use or refer to, directly or indirectly, Matco or the Marks, and for any such Social Media accounts

Matco may, at its option and upon request and without notice or limitation, assume administration and control of such accounts.

- 3.15 Drug and Alcohol Use.** The Distributor agrees that conducting Distributorship operations, including the operation of the Mobile Store, while impaired or under the influence of drugs or alcohol is a violation of law, potentially hazardous to the Distributor, its employees, and to the public, and impairs the Matco brand name, Marks and the goodwill associated with the Marks. Thus, the Distributor shall insure that the Distributorship is operated in compliance with all applicable laws including that the Mobile Store is not operated by anyone under the influence of alcohol or drugs. In addition to the indemnification provided in Section 5.4, the Distributor shall indemnify and hold Matco harmless from any claims, damages, judgments and losses, including attorney's fees, arising out of, from, in connection with any violation of this Section 3.15. The indemnification in this Section 3.15 will survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement, and applies to all claims even if they exceed the limits of the Distributor's insurance coverage.
- 3.16 Computer Transactions.** The Distributor must use its best efforts to timely and accurately enter and maintain, in its entirety, all business pertinent data on the MDBS business system relative to the operation of the Distributorship, including but not limited to customer data, product data, sales, returns, warranty, credit card transactions, and payments. Transactions must be completed in strict compliance with Matco's and industry standards, specifications and procedures, and any unauthorized adjustments, or non-compliant use or recordation of transactions (or failure to accurately record transactions or protect customer information), are prohibited.
- 3.17 Document Processing.** In consideration of Matco's time and expense to prepare franchise and financial documents in connection with Distributor's execution of this Agreement and related documents, and if necessary, for Matco to file such documents with appropriate government agencies, Distributor must pay Matco a document processing fee of ninety-nine dollars (\$99), on or before signing the Agreement.
- 3.18 Late Fee.** The Distributor must pay for all Product purchases, and all charges, fees and other amounts in a timely manner, as required by this Agreement and any related or ancillary documents or agreements. Product purchases and other fees and charges will be charged to the Distributor's Open Purchase Account ("OPA"). If the Distributor fails to make a payment within twenty-one (21) days of the date of an invoice from Matco, Distributor's OPA will be deemed delinquent. Matco may assess a late fee of five percent (5%) of the overdue balance per week, with a maximum late fee, per week, of one hundred twenty five dollars (\$125).
- 3.19 Credit Cards and Other Methods of Payment.** At all times, the Distributor must maintain credit-card relationships with the credit- and debit-card issuers or sponsors, check or credit verification services, financial-center services, and electronic-funds-transfer systems that Matco designates as mandatory, and the Distributor must not use any such services or providers that Matco has not approved in writing or for which Matco has revoked its approval. Matco has the right to modify its requirements and designate additional approved or required methods of payment (including types of currency that may be accepted), and vendors for processing such payments, and to revoke its approval of any service provider. The Distributor must comply with all credit-card policies, including minimum purchase requirements for a customer's use of a credit card as prescribed in the Manual. The Distributor must comply with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards ("PCI DSS") as they may be revised and modified by the Payment Card Industry Security Standards Council (see [www.pcisecuritystandards.org](http://www.pcisecuritystandards.org)), or such successor or replacement organization, and/or in accordance with other standards as Matco may specify, and FACTA. The Distributor must also upgrade

periodically its MDBS System and related software, at the Distributor's expense, to maintain compliance with PCI DSS, FACTA, and all related laws, regulations, rules and procedures.

**3.20 Initial Expenditures.** Distributor must have funds committed for the initial costs and expenses associated with commencing operations of the Distributorship, and operating during an initial start-up period, including, but not limited to, the expenditures associated with initial fixtures, supplies, and licenses, prior to and as a pre-condition to commencing operation of the Distributorship. For Matco financed Distributors, Matco reserves the right to require that Distributor pay to Matco an amount, determined by Matco, that shall be designated as a reserve and set aside for payment of a portion of these initial costs and expenses (the "Initial Investment Reserve"). The amount of the Distributor's Initial Investment Reserve, if any, is set forth in Exhibit B. The amount of the initial costs and expenses that the Distributor incurs in connection with commencing operations of the Distributorship, and operating during an initial start-up period, may exceed the Initial Investment Reserve, and the Initial Investment Reserve is intended only to offset the Distributor's initial expenditures. Matco shall maintain the Initial Investment Reserve in an account until it is disbursed to the Distributor to make payments to third parties. The Initial Investment Reserve will not be held in a trust or escrow account and Matco has no fiduciary obligation to distributors respecting the Initial Investment Reserve. Matco may commingle the Distributor's Initial Investment Reserve with other monies, including similar funds and monies held for other distributors. Matco has no obligation to keep the Initial Investment Reserve separate from any revenues or other amounts it receives. Matco will disburse the Initial Investment Reserve to the Distributor at a time determined by Matco so that the Distributor may make payments to third parties, which will typically be approximately two (2) months after the Effective Date. Matco may appoint a designee to collect, maintain, and/or disburse the Initial Investment Reserve, and/or exercise any of Matco's rights or undertake any of its obligations described in this Section 3.20.

**3.21 Distributorship Entity.** If Distributor signed this Agreement as an individual, Distributor must transfer this Agreement to a corporation, limited liability company, or other business entity, in which Distributor and the person designated as the Principal Owner owns at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the outstanding voting equity in the new entity, pursuant to Section 10.7 of this Agreement before it begins operating the Distributorship and within forty-five (45) days of signing this Agreement. Distributor must remain a corporation, limited liability company or other business entity, as applicable, in good standing under local law for the entire term of this Agreement. Prior to beginning operations, Distributor must: (i) deliver to Matco proof of a valid and active business checking account in its business entity name with a reputable banking institution; and (ii) obtain a valid federal employer identification number for the business entity. Distributor must provide corporate documents and other proof of compliance with the above requirements immediately upon request.

## **ARTICLE 4**

### **MATCO'S DUTIES**

**4.1 Matco Business System Training (MBST) Program and Matco Business System Continuation Training (MBSCT) Program.** Matco may provide classroom training to the Principal Owner in Stow, Ohio, or at such other location as may be designated by Matco. Matco will offer any Operator or other employees that may be employed by the Distributor the opportunity to attend Matco's training programs, and it may require the Distributor to pay a fee for such training. Matco does not currently require the Distributor to pay any fee for the Operator to attend Matco's training programs, except as described in Section 4.2. The training will include instruction (and, in some instances, may include training by video recording, computer-based training modules, or interactive video) on the Matco Business System, Matco's Customer Service Standards, and basic business procedures including purchasing, selling and marketing techniques, customer relations, basic computer

operations, and other business and marketing topics selected by Matco. The hours devoted to each subject may vary based on how quickly trainees grasp the material, their prior experience with the subject, and scheduling. Matco's initial training program, the "Matco Business System Training (MBST) Program," includes classroom training in Stow, Ohio, or another designated location, together with on-the-truck training. After completion of the MBST Program (Phase 1) classroom training, hands-on training on the Distributor's Mobile Store will be provided by Matco. The Principal Owner must successfully complete the MBST Program (Phase 1) classroom training prior to commencing business operations. The MBST (Phase 1) Program classroom training will be scheduled by Matco at a time and location that Matco designates, at its option, and will be for a minimum of fifty (50) hours. Matco will also provide Phase 2, the "Matco Business System Continuation Training (MBSCT) Program," that the Principal Owner may be required to attend and successfully complete. The MBSCT Phase 2 Program virtual training will be scheduled by Matco at a time and location that Matco designates, at its option, and will be for a minimum of fifteen (15) hours.

- 4.1.1** Matco may require the Distributor to pay travel and lodging costs for Distributor's Principal Owner, any Operator and other employee for attendance at all classroom training programs. The Distributor is currently responsible for all expenses incurred during all classroom training programs, except for the following: (a) scheduled travel to and from Matco's headquarters and the Distributor's airport of choice, and daily travel to and from Matco's headquarters and the Distributor's hotel, during the MBST Program (only Phase 1); and (b) four (4) nights of lodging for one person for the MBSCT Program (only Phase 2) (if such travel and lodging complies with the policies and procedures established by Matco from time to time). Currently, Matco has negotiated group lodging and meal accommodations and rates for distributors while attending the MBST Program classroom training program. Lodging for the MBST Program and MBSCT Program (both Phase 1 and Phase 2) is currently located near Matco's headquarters, Cleveland Hopkins International Airport, and/or Akron-Canton Regional Airport, but Matco may designate alternative accommodations from time to time, at its option. Lodging costs for the MBST Program (Phase 1) will be billed directly to the Distributor's Open Purchase Account. Lunch costs for the MBST Program and MBSCT Program (both Phase 1 and Phase 2) will also be billed directly to the Distributor's Open Purchase Account.
- 4.1.2** If the Principal Owner elects to bring her or his Business Partner to the MBST Program (Phase 1), Matco will charge a flat fee in the amount of two hundred ninety-five dollars (\$295) for food, lodging, and local transportation. Matco will not charge a fee for the Principal Owner's Business Partner to attend the MBSCT Program (Phase 2); however, to attend Phase 2, the Business Partner must have attended and successfully completed Phase 1 as a participant. The Distributor will pay all other expenses incurred by the Principal Owner, any Operator, and, if applicable, the Principal Owner's Business Partner, in connection with the attendance and/or participation of the Principal Owner and the Operator in the MBST Program and MBSCT Program, including the Principal Owner's or Operator's salary and fringe benefits (if any), in accordance with applicable law.
- 4.1.3** In the event the Distributor employs an Operator or other additional or subsequent employees, Matco may provide the MBST and/or MBSCT Program training to such additional or subsequent employees at such times and places as may be scheduled by Matco. The Distributor may be required to pay Matco the then-current per diem training fee for each such trainee to attend the MBST and/or MBSCT Program, and the Distributor shall be responsible for all of the employee's travel and lodging costs.



- 4.2 Field Training.** Following the Principal Owner's successful completion of the classroom portion of the MBST Program, a field instructor, and/or a regional or district manager designated by Matco (the "**Designated Trainer**") will provide field training to the Distributor. Such training includes one hundred sixty (160) hours over a six (6) week period. This training may include approximately one (1) week of training prior to or after the Principal Owner's classroom training, approximately one (1) week of training during the period that the Distributor commences sales activity, in conjunction with the Distributor's initial sales calls to Potential Customers and locations identified on the List of Calls, and a final phase of training during a period following the Distributor's first week of operations. The Designated Trainer may accompany the Distributor on sales calls to provide training relating to selling and marketing techniques, customer relations, computer operations, Product knowledge, inventory and related topics. If the Distributor hires an additional or subsequent Operator to replace his/her Operator who has left the Distributorship, or if the Distributorship has a new Principal Owner who has been authorized by Matco, and there is not an additional Mobile Store to operate, Matco may provide the MBST Program, including the field training, and the MBSCT Program to the new, replacement Principal Owner or Operator. If the Principal Owner, Operator, or employee is the Distributor's second or subsequent Principal Owner, Operator, or employee (who is an additional employee and not a replacement) who is receiving field training from Matco, Matco reserves the right to charge the Distributor Matco's then-current daily or weekly training fee for the MBST Program. As of March 6, 2025, the weekly fee is one thousand five hundred dollars (\$1,500), but Matco may change this amount at any time; however, the amount will not increase more than 30% per year for each year of the Term.
- 4.3 Periodic Meetings.** Matco may schedule periodic meetings with Matco personnel and other distributors for additional training, Product updates and business seminars. Attendance at such meetings is voluntary.
- 4.4 Hiring of New Operator.** The Distributor is solely responsible for all employment decisions and functions related to the Distributorship business, including hiring, firing, compensation, benefits, work hours, scheduling, work rules, record keeping, supervision and discipline of employees. Distributor may choose, at its option, to hire an Operator. The decision to hire an individual as an Operator is the Distributor's decision alone. However, if the Distributor participates in Matco's financing services or programs, the Distributor must notify Matco in the event the Distributor desires to hire an Operator to operate the Mobile Store, and must obtain Matco's consent for such an Operator. In addition, in order to preserve, protect and enhance the MATCO TOOLS brand and Marks, and to assure a uniform customer experience and operations that comply with the Business System standards, Matco recommends that any Operator either satisfactorily complete Matco's training program or that the Distributor delivers a similar training experience to the Operator. Distributor shall certify to Matco, upon Matco's request, that any Operator or other employee has been trained in, and is knowledgeable regarding, all of Matco's standards and operating requirements. Matco does not currently charge a training fee for training the new Operator (except as discussed in Section 4.2 above), but the Distributor will pay all travel, room and board, living and other expenses in connection with the new Operator's attendance and/or participation in the MBST Program. Additionally, the Distributor must pay the Operator's salary and fringe benefits, if any, in accordance with applicable law. The Distributor must execute a separate Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement that will govern the operation of each additional Mobile Store, List of Calls, and distributorship that is operated by each Operator. In addition to the indemnification provided in Section 5.4, the Distributor will indemnify and hold Matco harmless from any claims, damages, judgments and losses, including attorney's fees, arising out of, from, in connection with the Distributor's decision to hire an Operator or other employee, and any Operator or other individual's operation of the Mobile Store, the Distributorship, or the business conducted under this Agreement, including, but not limited to, claims brought by the Distributor, the Principal Owner, the

Operator, or any other employee of the Distributorship. The indemnification in this Section 4.4 will survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement, and applies to all claims even if they exceed the limits of the Distributor's insurance coverage.

## **ARTICLE 5**

### **THE PARTIES' RELATIONSHIP**

**5.1 Independent Business.** You acknowledge that by executing this Agreement You are agreeing to establish and operate an independent Matco Mobile Tool Distributorship, the success of which depends on, among other things, Your individual ability to operate Your business, attract and retain qualified staff, and otherwise operate all phases of an independent business over which You will have substantial control. As an independent business owner, You agree that: (i) the relationship created by this Agreement is not a relationship between principal and agent, or that it is a fiduciary relationship; (ii) You are not Our employee and will not earn any wages, nor be eligible for or receive any of the other benefits normally provided to employees, but rather Your income will solely be the profits You earn from the operation of Your Distributorship; (iii) We are not the employer or co-employer of any employee that You hire; (iv) all management, personnel, and training requirements are at Your discretion and are Your responsibility; (v) You are responsible for ensuring that Your Matco Mobile Tool Distributorship operates in accordance with the law of the state, county, city, and town in which You operate; (vi) You alone are permitted to contract with Your customers and that You are required to sign all contracts and agreements, including purchase agreements, using Your independent business name; (vii) You are free to set the prices you charge Your customers, so long as those charges comply with any and all policies We prescribe in the Manual relating to maximum or minimum charges; (viii) Your independent business judgment will be used to grow and develop Your customer base within the defined List of Calls; and (ix) We shall not be liable for damages to any person or property arising directly, or indirectly, out of the operation of Your Matco Mobile Tool Distributorship nor liable for any taxes, assessments, fines or penalties levied upon You or Your Matco Mobile Tool Distributorship or arising out of Your Matco Mobile Tool Distributorship. You agree that should You assert a claim or seek a determination that this Agreement, or any of its exhibits or attachments, creates anything but an independent business relationship, including an employment relationship, Matco may seek a determination that this Agreement is null and void. You also agree that if a court, administrative body, arbitrator, board, or other tribunal enters a judgment that this Agreement, or any of its exhibits or attachments, creates anything but an independent business relationship, including an employment relationship, then Matco shall have the right and option to terminate this Agreement.

**5.2 Financial Records and Reports.** The Distributor will keep complete and accurate books, records, and accounts of all financial and business transactions and activities relating to the Distributorship, and, in order to assure compliance with this Agreement, will permit Matco and its representatives to audit the books, records and accounts during regular business hours during the Term of this Agreement and for one (1) year after termination or expiration of this Agreement. The Distributor's books, records and accounts will be in the form designated by Matco, and the Distributor will use the chart of accounts designated by Matco for all financial statements. The Distributor will submit to Matco, on a weekly basis, such business reports as Matco may designate in writing. Matco may request that the Distributor provide to Matco, within ninety (90) days of the Distributor's fiscal year end, a physical inventory which must be verified by a Matco District Manager, and an annual financial statement prepared in a format that Matco may designate. Once a physical inventory is completed, Distributor must adjust its books and MDBS reports to reflect the verified physical inventory numbers. Matco may require that the financial statements include a profit and loss statement, a balance sheet, a cash flow statement and/or other information. Depending upon Distributor's overall business health and compliance with the terms and conditions of this

Agreement, Matco may waive this physical inventory requirement and/or may extend the frequency to a bi-annual basis. The Distributor must properly register for its sales tax filing in its appropriate state and provide Matco with a properly executed exemption certificate. Matco reserves the right to request and review the Distributor's federal and state tax returns, sales tax filings and other tax filings and reports related to the operation of, sales from, and revenue of, the Distributorship, and the Distributor shall comply promptly with all reasonable requests for such documents. If Distributor obtains financing from Matco, Distributor agrees to comply with any additional record keeping, reporting, and physical inventory requirements Matco may impose from time to time in connection with such financing services or programs.

**5.3 Insurance.** The Distributor will purchase and maintain comprehensive general liability insurance, including products liability coverage, and vehicle insurance coverages, with limits of each policy of at least one million dollars (\$1,000,000), and a maximum deductible of one thousand dollars (\$1,000), insuring both the Distributor and Matco against any loss, liability, damage, claim or expense of any kind whatsoever, including claims for bodily injury, personal injury and property damage resulting from the operation of the Distributorship or the operation of the Mobile Store or any other vehicle used in connection with the Distributorship. In addition, the Distributor must purchase and maintain all risk Inland Marine insurance coverage for at least the full replacement value of the New Distributor Starter Inventory, and will purchase and pay for any and all other insurance required by law. Distributor must also purchase "replacement cost" coverage for the Mobile Store, computer system, inventory and other items used in operating the Distributorship. Matco also reserves the right to provide or designate a specified provider of insurance, and require that the Distributor purchase the insurance from the designated provider, or utilize Matco as a conduit to purchase the insurance from the designated provider, even if the Distributor has complied with the requirements of this Section 5.3. Matco's current policy is that it will only require the Distributor to purchase insurance from a provider that Matco designates if the Distributor participates in Matco's financing services or programs.

All insurance policies maintained by the Distributor must: (A) name Matco as an additional named insured, (B) provide that Matco will receive copies of all notices of cancellation, nonrenewal or coverage change at least thirty (30) days prior to the effective date, (C) require the insurance company to provide and pay for legal counsel to defend any claims or actions brought against the Distributor or Matco; and (D) properly name the Distributor as the insured. The Distributor's Inland Marine policy must reflect Matco as the Lender's Loss Payable, as their interests may appear. The "Lender's Loss Payable" clause must provide, at a minimum, that any loss will be payable to the insured and Matco as the loss payee described on the schedule and that the insurance for the loss payee continues in effect even when the insured's insurance may be void because of the insured's acts, neglect, or failure to comply with the coverage terms. Additional requirements concerning the insurance to be obtained and maintained by the Distributor, if any, may be designated by Matco from time to time in writing, including periodically increasing required coverage limits or requiring additional or different coverage to reflect inflation, identification of new risks, changes in the law or standards of liability, higher damage awards and other relevant changes in circumstances. The Distributor must provide to Matco, as such times as specified by Matco, a certificate of insurance, endorsement, insurance declaration, and/or other documents specified by Matco (collectively "Certificates") showing compliance with the insurance requirements in this Section 5.3 and the Manual. If the Distributor does not obtain and maintain the proper insurance coverage, Matco may purchase said insurance on the Distributor's behalf. If Matco purchases insurance on behalf of the Distributor, or requires that the insurance be purchased through or from Matco, whereby Matco acts as a conduit to purchase the insurance, the total cost of the insurance will be charged to the Distributor's Open Purchase Account.

- 5.4 Indemnification.** The Distributor will indemnify and hold Matco, Our Affiliates, and Our and Our Affiliate’ directors, officers, employees, agents and franchisees (collectively, “Indemnitees”) harmless from any claims, damages, judgments and losses, including attorney’s fees, arising out of, from, in connection with this Agreement, the Distributorship, or as a result of the Distributor’s, Principal Owner’s, Operator’s, or any other individual’s operation of the Mobile Store, the Distributorship and the business conducted under this Agreement, any allegation that You are Our employee and not a franchisee distributor operating Your independent business, the Distributor’s breach of this Agreement including all exhibits and attachments to this Agreement, the Distributor’s negligence, any failure to comply with any laws, regulations, rules or procedures, including Privacy Laws, rules and procedures established by commercial agencies, associations or groups, applicable to the operation of the Distributorship, or any acts or omissions of the Distributor in connection with the operation of the Distributorship including, without limitation, claims, damages, judgments and losses arising from any unauthorized statements, representations or warranties made by the Distributor with respect to the Products, and those alleged to be caused by Matco’s negligence, unless (and then only to the extent that) the claims, damages, judgments, and losses are determined to be caused solely by Matco’s gross negligence or willful misconduct according to a final, unappealable ruling issued by a court or arbitrator of competent jurisdiction, including, but not limited to, claims brought by the Distributor. In addition, in connection for claims related to products liability, if Distributor maintains the required insurance under this Agreement and has complied with this Agreement, Distributor will not be liable under this indemnification provision for claims in excess of any products liability insurance coverage, but only if the Distributor’s insurance provider pays the full policy limits and the Distributor did not take any action to repair or otherwise alter any products for which the products liability claims apply. This Section will survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement, and applies to all claims even if they exceed the limits of the Distributor’s insurance coverage (other than claims in excess of the products liability coverage described in the preceding sentence). We may, at Our sole option, voluntarily assume the defense or settlement of any of the foregoing. We have the sole discretion to choose Our own attorneys and to consent to judgment or agree to settlement, if there are reasonable grounds upon which to do so.
- 5.5 Exercise of Matco’s Judgment.** Matco has the right to operate, develop, and change the Business System in any manner that is not specifically precluded by this Agreement. Whenever Matco has reserved in this Agreement a right to take or withhold an action, or to grant or decline to grant the Distributor a right to take or omit an action, except as otherwise expressly and specifically provided in this Agreement, Matco may make its decision or exercise its rights on the basis of the information readily available to it, and Matco’s judgment of what is in its best interests and/or in the best interests of the MATCO TOOLS brand, its franchise network, at the time the decision is made, without regard to whether other reasonable or even arguably preferable alternative decisions could have been made by Matco and without regard to whether Matco’s decision or the action Matco takes promotes its financial or other individual interest. Neither the Distributor nor any third party (including, without limitation, a trier of fact) may substitute its judgment for Matco’s judgment.

## **ARTICLE 6** **PRODUCTS**

- 6.1 Sale and Purchase of Products.** Matco will sell and the Distributor will buy the Products from Matco at the prices and on the terms established and published by Matco from time to time. Distributor will not purchase or attempt to purchase any products, including Products, directly from vendors supplying products to Matco, or from vendors or other sources that may or may not sell to or supply products to Matco or its distributors. Prices and terms applicable to each order placed by the Distributor will be those in effect on the date the order is accepted by Matco. Matco reserves the right to add or delete Products, make changes to the Products, increase Product prices, and adjust the

prices, terms, and discounts for the Products, without notice or liability to the Distributor, at any time. The Distributor acknowledges that Matco's sale of Products to the Distributor will include a mark-up over Matco's costs, and will likely generate a profit for Matco. Matco also reserves the right to obtain rebates, allowances, commissions, and other benefits from vendors and to retain and use them for any purposes in its sole discretion. All sales made by the Principal Owner, the Operator or any other employees of the Distributor within the List of Calls or from the Mobile Store must be Products purchased from Matco or its affiliates or designated suppliers, except for trade-ins, which are permitted to be re-sold by the Distributorship, if done so in compliance with Matco's standards and the Manual.

- 6.2 Prices of Products.** The Distributor has the absolute right to determine the prices at which the Products are sold to the Distributor's Customers. If Matco institutes and implements a discount program, incentive program, coupon program, or other product sales or marketing program which compensates the Distributor for participation, the Distributor must comply with the program, and honor all authorized coupons, gift cards, gift certificates, and incentives.
- 6.3 Initial Inventory.** Upon execution of this Agreement, the Distributor will place an order with Matco for the New Distributor Starter Inventory. The Distributor will pay Matco for the New Distributor Starter Inventory upon execution of this Agreement. Shipment of the New Distributor Starter Inventory will be made to the Distributor within twenty-eight (28) days of the Effective Date.
- 6.4 Electronic Funds Transfers.** All payments to Matco by the Distributor on any promissory note or for the purchase of Products and other goods and services will be made by electronic funds transfers in accordance with the instructions by Global Payment Systems contained in the Manual. The Distributor will, from time to time during the Term of this Agreement, sign such documents as Matco may request to authorize the Distributor's bank to transfer the payment amounts designated by the Distributor to Matco's bank.
- 6.5 Standard Payment Terms.** Matco's standard payment terms for Products sold to the Distributor are "payment due upon receipt of invoice." If the Distributor fails to make any payment to Matco for Products in a timely manner, then Matco may require full or partial payment in advance or seek other assurances of performance, including, but not limited to, reducing credit limits and/or placing the Distributor on credit hold prior to shipping any additional Products to the Distributor. Matco may assess late fees on the overdue amounts, as provided for in Section 3.18 above.
- 6.6 Financing and Security Interest.** Matco may provide financing to Distributor for the purchase of Products during the Term, and Distributor shall comply with all financing documents executed by Distributor including those set forth in Exhibits attached to this Agreement. The Distributor hereby grants Matco a security interest in all of the Distributor's Products, accounts receivable and other assets to secure any unpaid credit or financing provided to the Distributor, and the Distributor will sign such security agreements, financing statements and other documents as Matco may request to legally perfect its security interest. In evaluating an application for any of its financing programs, Matco and its affiliates may consider the qualifications of both the Distributor and the Principal Owner (and the Principal Owner's Business Partner), and the application process may involve a credit check or other requirements that apply to the Principal Owner (and the Principal Owner's Business Partner). Matco continually assesses credit risks, and may, at its reasonable discretion, obtain and review updated credit scores on active financing accounts.
- 6.7 Shipment.** The Distributor will be entitled to one (1) qualifying shipment of Products per week from Matco's warehouse, freight prepaid by Matco, if the Distributor has complied with Matco's rules and policies regarding the placement and payment of orders for Products. Matco will ship Products

“FOB” from Matco’s warehouse, freight prepaid, but the title to the Products, and the risk of loss, will pass to Distributor as soon as the Products are delivered to the carrier at Matco’s warehouse. Prepaid freight shipments will not accumulate if the Distributor fails to request a shipment for any particular week. Additional shipments, special orders, shipments to addresses other than the Distributor’s normal business address, and orders not made in compliance with Matco’s standard order input procedures, will be shipped from Matco’s warehouse, freight collect, unless otherwise agreed to in writing by Matco.

- 6.8 No Right To Withhold or Offset.** The Distributor shall not withhold any payment due to Matco because of any damage to the Products caused during transportation from Matco to the Distributor or as a result of any legal or other claims the Distributor may allege against Matco. The Distributor will not deduct any charges for services, parts, or other items from any payments due to Matco until such charges have been agreed to in writing by Matco. In addition to any right of setoff provided by law, all amounts due Distributor shall be considered net of indebtedness of Distributor to Matco and its affiliates. Matco may deduct from any sums due or to become due to Distributor any amounts due or to become due from Distributor to Matco and its affiliates.
- 6.9 Acceptance of Orders/Force Majeure Regarding Product Shipments.** All Product orders placed by the Distributor will be subject to acceptance by Matco. Matco will, with reasonable diligence and subject to Section 6.5, execute all accepted Product orders received from the Distributor. However, Matco expressly reserves the right at any time to defer, postpone or forego any shipments of Products on account of procedures or priorities established by any state, federal or local government or because of production failures, strikes or other labor disturbances, inability or delay in obtaining raw materials or other supplies, floods, fires, accidents, wars, incidents of terrorism or other causes or conditions beyond the control of Matco, and Matco will not be liable to the Distributor for any damages or loss of profits caused by such delay in executing or failing to execute such orders.
- 6.10 Taxes.** The Distributor will pay, in addition to the prices specified for the Products pursuant to Matco’s then current price list, all applicable federal, state, local and governmental taxes applicable to the Distributor’s purchase of the Products.
- 6.11 Risk of Loss.** After any Products ordered by the Distributor have been identified in such order, the risk of loss will at all times be borne by the Distributor. The Distributor will be responsible for making all claims against the carrier for damages to the Products and for all other losses.

## **ARTICLE 7**

### **TRADEMARKS, TRADE NAMES AND PATENTS**

- 7.1 Grant of License.** Matco grants to the Distributor a non-exclusive, non-transferable right and license to use the Marks in the normal course of operating the Distributorship. The Distributor will only use the Marks in connection with the operation of the Distributorship and the sale of the Products sold pursuant to the Business System and the terms of this Agreement.
- 7.2 Rights of Matco.** The Distributor will not take any action which is adverse to Matco’s right, title or interest in the Marks or Matco’s pending or issued patents for various inventions and Products. The Distributor will not register or attempt to register the Marks or apply for any patent rights for the Products. The Distributor further agrees that nothing in this Agreement will give the Distributor any right, title or interest in the patent rights or Marks other than the right of use in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. The Distributor acknowledges the validity and Matco’s exclusive ownership of the Marks and the patent rights and agrees that any improvements made by the Distributor relating to the Marks or the Business System, as well as any and all goodwill resulting

from the Distributor's use of the Marks pursuant to this Agreement, will inure solely to the benefit of Matco.

- 7.3 Conditions to Use of Marks.** The Distributor will not have the right to sublicense, assign or transfer its license to use the Marks. The Distributor will not use the Marks as part of its corporate or other legal name, or as part of any e-mail address, domain name, or other identification of the Distributor in any electronic medium. The Distributor will use the Marks only in the form and manner and with the appropriate legends as prescribed from time to time by Matco. The Distributor will modify its use of the Marks from time to time in the manner designated in writing by Matco. The Distributor will sign all documents deemed necessary by Matco to obtain or maintain protection for the Marks.
- 7.4 Approval of Materials Using the Marks.** The Distributor will obtain Matco's prior written approval for the use of the Marks in any advertising, promotional or other electronic or printed materials and communications to potential or actual customers in any electronic medium including but not limited to social media and websites on the world wide web.
- 7.5 Defense of Actions.** The Distributor will give Matco immediate written notice of any claim made by any party relating to the Marks or the Business System and will, without compensation, cooperate in all respects with Matco in any legal proceedings involving the Marks or the Business System. Matco will have the sole and absolute right to determine whether it will commence or defend any litigation involving the Marks or the Business System, and will, at its expense, control and conduct any litigation involving the Marks. If the Distributor, Principal Owner, any Operator, or any employee of the Distributor is named as a defendant in any action involving the Marks or the Business System solely because the plaintiff is alleging that the Distributor or such named party does not have the right to use the Marks, then if the Distributor gives Matco written notice of the action within ten (10) days after the Distributor receives notice of the claim, Matco will assume the defense of the action and will indemnify and hold the Distributor harmless from any and all damages assessed against the Distributor in connection with the action.

## **ARTICLE 8**

### **WARRANTY AND TOOL RETURNS**

- 8.1 Warranty Policy.** All Matco Products are subject to the warranty and liability limitations of the written Product warranty of Matco (the "Matco Warranty"). Matco's Warranty policy, which may change over time, provides, generally, that any Product that is branded with the "Matco" name is warranted against defects in materials and workmanship. Matco, or one of its authorized representatives, will, at Matco's option, repair or replace any tool or part that is subject to the warranty without charge, if the defect or malfunctioning tool or part is returned to Matco or its representative, shipping prepaid. There are certain limitations under the Matco Warranty, and the Distributor and its Principal Owner must read and understand the warranty policies. The Distributor must follow Matco's policies and procedures regarding returning tools for warranty claims. Among the procedures that the Distributor must follow is the requirement to send back the products with the appropriate paperwork, product specifications, codes and other required information. In addition, the Distributor must pay all freight and shipping charges to send the defective product to Matco. In most cases, Matco will pay the shipping and freight costs to send the Distributor a new or repaired tool, part or product.

Also, there are certain warranty service functions that the Distributor must perform. Currently, the Distributor warranty responsibilities and functions include the following: "in the field" repair of ratchets and toolboxes. For ratchet repairs, the Distributor must purchase repair kits, which currently range in price from ten dollars (\$10) to forty dollars (\$40) per kit and must pay the shipping/freight

charges to return the defective part to Matco. Upon return of the defective parts to Matco, Matco will credit the cost of the ratchet repair kit. Matco intends to include ratchet repair instructions on its website for distributors. Matco will not provide any compensation for the time it takes your Principal Owner or other employee to make these repairs, and any compensation that the Distributor provides to such individuals is at its sole option. The Distributor is also currently responsible to perform minor warranty repairs on toolboxes within the List of Calls, such as drawer slides, casters (wheels), trim and/or drawer replacement if needed. Warranty repairs are handled on a case-by-case basis after contacting Matco's Customer Service and/or Matco's toolbox manufacturing facility. There are no repair kits for toolboxes, and you are not required to purchase items to repair toolboxes under warranty.

The Distributor must also assist Matco in honoring all Matco Warranties on all Products. The Distributor must perform service on tools and equipment at the customer's place of business. To the extent that the Distributor is not qualified to repair a Product, the Distributor must assist the customer in getting the Product to the proper repair facility. This service is of the nature, type and scope that is expected by Matco customers, and that Matco and its network of distributors has pledged to provide. Matco considers the cost of warranty service in setting discounts from the suggested retail price of the Products that Matco sells to distributors. It is not possible for Matco to estimate the amount of time that the Distributor will be required to spend on warranty work to properly service its customers.

The Matco Warranty may be amended or revised by Matco at any time in its sole discretion. Matco will have the right to adjust and resolve all warranty claims, either directly with the Customer or through the Distributor, as Matco in its sole discretion may determine, and any action by Matco with respect to warranty claims will be binding upon the Distributor.

- 8.2 Tool Return Policy.** Matco will make its then-current tool return policy available to the Distributor. The current policy provides that during the term of the Distributorship Agreement or after its expiration or termination, the Distributor may return for credit to its Open Purchase Account any eligible Matco Products purchased from Matco and listed in the then current Matco Tools Price List, excluding special order and high obsolescence electronic products. The current tool return policy specifies that the tools and other products that are eligible for return for credit are new, unused, and not abused products that are in saleable condition, and in their original packaging. The products returned must be on the current inventory list and cannot be discontinued items. Matco generally tries to provide distributors with at least one hundred eighty (180) days' notice following an announcement that a product has been discontinued to return the product for credit. The Distributor may take advantage of the tool return policy at any time, such as if the Distributor has overstocked items, or wishes to rotate or adjust the product mix in its inventory. Matco will credit the Distributor's Open Purchase Account for the eligible returned Products less a restocking fee, which in most cases is fifteen percent (15%) of the original purchase price of the product. A good faith effort will be made by Matco to issue credit within ninety (90) days of acceptance of the returned Products. The specific criteria for products that are eligible for return for credit is stated in Matco's tool return policy. The Distributor must pay for the packaging and shipping of such Products to Matco. Matco may revise its tool return policy at such times as it may determine, and will inform the Distributor in writing of any changes when made.

## **ARTICLE 9**

### **CONFIDENTIALITY**

The Distributor will not, during the Term of this Agreement or thereafter, communicate, divulge or use for the benefit of any other person or entity any confidential information, knowledge or know-how concerning



the methods of operation of a Matco Distributorship which may be communicated to the Distributor by any employees of Matco, or which arises by virtue of this Agreement. The Distributor will divulge such confidential information only to its employees who must have access to it in order to operate the Distributorship. The Manual and any and all other information, knowledge and know-how including, without limitation, drawings, materials, equipment, technology, methods, procedures, specifications, techniques, computer software programs, computer software source codes, systems and other data which Matco designates as confidential or proprietary will be deemed confidential and proprietary for the purposes of this Agreement. The obligations of confidentiality shall survive termination or expiration of this Agreement for any reason.

The Distributor further understands and agrees that it will come into possession of certain of Matco's trade secrets concerning the manner in which it conducts business including, but not limited to, the following: the methods of doing business or business processes; strategic business plans; Customer and Potential Customer information and the List of Calls; marketing and promotional campaigns; software and other technology; and Matco materials clearly marked or labeled as confidential and/or trade secrets. The Distributor agrees that the foregoing information, which may or may not be considered "trade secrets" under prevailing judicial interpretations or statutes, is private, valuable, and considered by Matco to constitute trade secrets belonging to Matco. The Distributor agrees that Matco derives independent economic value from the foregoing information not being generally known to, and not being readily ascertainable through proper means by, another person. The Distributor agrees to take reasonable measures as directed by Matco to keep such information secret. Upon termination of this Agreement, the Distributor will not, and will cause its Principal Owner and any employees not to, use, sell, teach, train or disseminate in any manner to any other person, firm, corporation or association any trade secret pertaining to Matco's business and/or the manner in which it is conducted.

## **ARTICLE 10**

### **TRANSFER OF INTEREST**

**10.1 Transfer of Distributorship Interest.** You have the right to sell your Distributorship. However, neither the Distributor nor any individual, partnership, or corporation which owns any interest in the Distributor is permitted to sell or transfer any interest in this Agreement, in the Distributorship, in any capital or common stock in the Distributorship, or in all or substantially all of the assets of the Distributorship, including the Mobile Store (the "Distributorship Interest"), without the prior written consent of Matco.

**10.2 Conditions for Transfer.** Matco will not unreasonably withhold its consent to any transfer, if the following conditions are met: the Distributor is not in default under any provision of this Agreement, including payment of any financial obligations to Matco; the Distributor and Matco have signed a mutual general release of any and all claims against each other and their respective affiliates; it has been demonstrated to Matco's sole satisfaction that the transferee and its principal owner exhibits the ability to operate the Distributorship, and that the transferee has adequate financial resources and capital to operate the Distributorship in accordance with Matco's requirements (including the principal owner's credit rating), and is not involved, directly or indirectly, in any business that is in any way competitive with a Matco Distributorship; the transferee-distributor and its Principal Owner executes the then-current version of the Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement, agrees to complete the Matco Business System Training (MBST) Program; and the Distributor and transferee-distributor sign the legal documents necessary to transfer this Agreement to the transferee-distributor. Any purchase and sale agreement between the transferor and transferee shall provide for and require that the Mobile Store and the Distributorship shall continue to operate without interruption during the transfer. Matco may expand upon, and provide more details related to, the conditions for transfer and Matco's consent as described in this Section 10.2, and may do so in the Manual or otherwise in

writing. Matco may, but is not obligated to, provide the additional details regarding the transfer conditions and Matco's consent to the Distributor.

- 10.3 Security Interest.** The Distributor will not grant a security interest in the Distributorship or this Agreement without Matco's prior written consent. Matco will have the right as a condition of its consent, to require the secured party to agree that if the Distributor defaults under any security interest, then Matco will have the right and option (but not the obligation) to be substituted for the Distributor as the obligor to the secured party and to cure any default of the Distributor without the acceleration of any indebtedness due from the Distributor.
- 10.4 Transfer by Matco.** Matco will have the right to transfer or assign this Agreement and all or any part of its rights or obligations herein to any person or legal entity without notice to the Distributor.
- 10.5 Transfer Upon Bankruptcy.** If the Distributor or Principal Owner were to initiate a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding, in order to protect Matco's interests, such Party must meet all applicable obligations as set forth in this Agreement and there can be no sale, assignment or transfer of the Distributorship contingent upon Matco approving the buyer as a new Matco Distributor unless (i) any existing defaults under this Agreement are cured, (ii) any proposed assignment or sale is contingent upon the assignee's agreement to be bound by and comply with the terms and commitments contained herein and (iii) the transfer complies with Section 10. In the case of a bankruptcy or insolvency proceeding of a Principal Owner, the Distributor must hire and retain a replacement Principal Owner who is satisfactory to Matco to perform the Principal Owner's obligations under this Agreement within sixty (60) days after the filing of a bankruptcy petition. If a satisfactory replacement is not retained, Matco will have the right (but not the obligation), at Matco's option, to take over operation of the Distributorship, or to hire and retain a replacement on the Distributor's behalf, until the transfer is completed, and to charge a reasonable management fee for these services, or, in the alternative, Matco may terminate this Agreement.
- 10.6 Non-Competition and Non-Solicitation Following a Transfer.** In addition to the covenants regarding non-competition and non-solicitation by Distributor, Principal Owner and others as specified in Section 11.9 below, Matco recommends and encourages Distributor (if obtaining the distributorship by virtue of a transfer) to obtain a noncompetition agreement from the previous distributor and principal owner that serviced the List of Calls, as well as such previous distributor's other owners, and Matco expects that it will encourage any new distributor that acquires the business, the route, the accounts or the distributorship of the Distributor to obtain a noncompetition agreement from the outgoing or transferring Distributor and principal owner. The noncompetition agreement may assist in preventing competition from the previous distributor, the previous distributor's principal owner, and any other owners for a continuous uninterrupted period of one (1) year from the date of a transfer permitted under Article 10 above, or expiration or termination of the previous distributor's Distributorship Agreement (regardless of the cause for termination). Competition includes, but is not limited to, selling or attempting to sell any Products or any products the same as or similar to the Products to (i) any existing Customer on the Distributor's List of Calls who purchased one or more Products from the previous distributor during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the dates referred to in this Section 10.5, or (ii) any Potential Customer on the Distributor's List of Calls, located on, or identified in, the previous distributor's List of Calls, as such lists may have been amended as provided for in the previous distributor's Distributorship Agreement and in accordance with Matco's policies, if the previous distributor had visited or made one or more sales calls to such Potential Customer during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date referred to in this Section 10.5. Distributor agrees that the length of time in this Section 10.5 will be tolled for any period during which Distributor is in breach of the covenants or any other period during which Matco seeks to enforce this Agreement.

- 10.7 Transfer to Entity Before Commencing Operations.** Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Article 10, if Distributor is an individual and seeks to transfer this Agreement to an entity that Distributor owns at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the equity interest in, the conditions of Section 10.2 will not apply, provided that (a) Matco approves of any transferee minority owners who are not the individual who initially signed as the Distributor, and (b) each of Distributor and transferee(s) enter into such assignment and assumption agreement, or other written agreement, that Matco may designate from time to time, and personally guarantees, in a written guaranty satisfactory to Matco, to make all payments and to fulfill all obligations and conditions required under this Agreement. As of the assignment, the individual transferor shall become the “Principal Owner” and the transferee shall become the “Distributor” for purposes of this Agreement, including all exhibits and attachments to this Agreement. Matco’s current form of Assignment, Assumption, and Consent Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit M and Matco’s current form of Guarantee, Indemnification, and Acknowledgment is attached hereto as Exhibit N. Additionally, the individual Distributor will sign the Principal Owner Acknowledgment on the signature page to this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 11**

### **DEFAULT AND TERMINATION**

- 11.1 Termination by Distributor.** The Distributor may terminate this Agreement, at any time, with or without cause, by giving forty-five (45) days prior written notice to Matco.
- 11.2 Immediate Termination by Matco for Failure to Access Rollover Funds.** If Matco approved and granted Distributor the Rollover Payment Period (as described in Section 1.2) for payment of the Distributor’s initial start-up costs due pursuant to this Agreement, including the Initial Fee, and Distributor fails to obtain access to the Rollover Funds prior to the expiration of the Rollover Payment Period, Matco has the right to immediately terminate this Agreement by giving the Distributor written notice of termination.
- 11.3 Matco’s Termination Rights.** Matco has the right to terminate this Agreement if the Distributor: (A) violates any material term, provision, obligation, representation or warranty contained in this Agreement or any other agreements entered into with Matco including, but not limited to, agreements regarding participation in the Matco Tools PSA Program, (B) fails to comply with the Customer Service Standards, (C) makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors or if a voluntary or involuntary proceeding is instituted by or against the Distributor in bankruptcy or under any other insolvency or similar law, (D) attempts to assign or transfer this Agreement without Matco’s written consent, (E) Abandons the Distributorship, (F) fails to timely make any payment due to Matco under this Agreement or under any other agreement, promissory note or contract, (G) refuses to perform a physical inventory if required by Matco or refuses to permit Matco to audit the Distributor’s books and records in accordance with Section 5.2, or (H) fails to comply with Section 10.5.
- 11.4 Notice; Cure Periods.** Matco will not have the right to terminate this Agreement unless and until: (A) written notice setting forth the alleged breach giving rise to the termination has been delivered to the Distributor in accordance with the terms of Section 13.2, and (B) the Distributor fails to correct the breach within thirty (30) days, or as required under applicable law if longer. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Distributor will have ten (10) days to make full payment to Matco where the written notice states that the Distributor is delinquent in any payment due to Matco under this Agreement.
- 11.5 Immediate Termination Rights.** Notwithstanding Section 11.4, Matco will have the right to immediately terminate this Agreement by giving the Distributor written notice of termination, if: (A) the Distributor Abandons the Distributorship, including voluntary or involuntary Abandonment,

and/or Abandonment due to repossession of the Matco Tools Mobile Store and inventory, (B) the Principal Owner is convicted of or pleads guilty to a gross misdemeanor or felony, (C) the Distributor or the Principal Owner is involved in any conduct or act which materially impairs the goodwill associated with Matco, the Business System, or the Marks, including any fraudulent or deceptive actions, (D) the Distributor refuses to permit Matco to audit the Distributorship's books and records in accordance with Section 5.2, (E) the Distributor or the Principal Owner has been found to have submitted a fraudulent credit application, (F) the Distributor or the Principal Owner commits any fraudulent act in connection with any of his/her agreements with Matco, (G) the Distributor, Principal Owner, an Operator, or any other employee sells, offers for sale or distributes any products to customers at any location not identified on the Distributor's List of Calls in violation of Section 3.2 of this Agreement, (H) the Principal Owner is disabled to the extent that the Principal Owner cannot perform her or his obligations hereunder for a period of six (6) consecutive months, or for any six (6) months within a period of eighteen (18) consecutive months, (I) the Principal Owner dies, (J) the Distributor, after curing a default pursuant to Sections 11.3 and 11.4, commits the same default again within a twelve (12) month period of the previous default, whether or not cured after notice, (K) the Distributor commits the same or different default under this Agreement, three or more times within any twelve (12) month period, whether or not cured after notice, (L) the Distributor or any owner makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors or if a voluntary or involuntary proceeding is instituted against the Distributor in bankruptcy or under any other insolvency or similar law, (M) the Distributor has one or more promissory notes under which Distributor owes money to Matco that is cancelled, terminated or accelerated due to Distributor's default under such note and its/his/her failure to cure such default, (N) if this Agreement or Matco's franchise business model is adjudicated in the state or jurisdiction where the Distributor operates to be illegal or unenforceable by an administrative, regulatory, governmental, or judiciary body, including, but not limited to any purported misclassification of the relationship between Matco and the Distributor established by this Agreement, or (O) the Principal Owner, Operator or any their employees conduct any Distributorship operations, including but not limited to, operating the mobile showroom, while illegally impaired or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

**11.6 Obligations Upon Termination.** Upon the termination or expiration of this Agreement, the Distributor will: pay Matco all amounts owed by the Distributor to Matco including interest charged on distributor's Open Purchase Account balance at a rate of eighteen percent (18%) annually or the maximum rate permitted by law, whichever is lower; provide Matco with the inventory amounts and financial information of the Distributorship for the preceding twelve (12) months; immediately cease using all of the Marks and the Business System; provide Matco with all Customer lists and other information relating to the Customers of the Distributorship; return to Matco by pre-paid U.S. mail the Manual and all other manuals, software, catalogs, brochures, pamphlets, decals, signs, and other materials provided to the Distributor by Matco, and/or destroy all electronic versions of such materials and provide verification of such destruction to Matco; and remove all Marks, logos, graphics and insignias indicating a relationship with Matco from the Mobile Store and all other property of the Distributor. In addition, Matco may assess Distributor a late fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25) per week for each week that the Distributor fails to pay the balance owed on the Open Purchase Account following termination. The Distributor acknowledges and understands that an uncured default and/or the termination of the Distributorship Agreement may also be a default under notes, financing, or agreements that the Distributor or Principal Owner may have with third parties, including, by way of example, the lease for the Mobile Store, and such termination of this Agreement may cause an acceleration of payments under a note or lease and for forfeiture of the Mobile Store or repossession of the Mobile Store by the lessor or financing entity.

**11.7 Return of Products.** Within thirty (30) days following: (A) the expiration or non-renewal of this Agreement, or (B) termination of this Agreement by Matco or by Distributor, Matco will, in

accordance with Matco's then-current Product return policy, permit the Distributor to return the new and unused Products purchased by the Distributor from Matco, and the amount of the Products returned will be credited to the Distributor's Open Purchase Account, subject to any restocking fees or other fees or charges in accordance with Matco's then-current Product return policy.

**11.8 Warranty Returns.** During the thirty (30) day period following termination of this Agreement, Matco will accept Products returned to it by the Distributor for warranty claim processing in accordance with Matco's then existing Warranty policy.

**11.9 Non-Solicitation of Customers; Covenant Against Competition.** Distributor and the Principal Owner covenant that each of the Distributor, the Principal Owner, the Operator, and any other owners or Guarantors or others in active concert or participation with them, except as otherwise approved in writing by Matco:

**11.9.1** shall not, during the term of this Agreement, either directly or indirectly, for itself, or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with any person, persons, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, own, maintain, operate, engage in, or have any interest in any business which is the same as or similar to a Matco mobile tool distributorship business, including without limitation, a business that manufactures, sells, and/or distributes any products that are the same as or similar to the Products (referred to herein as a "**Competitive Business**");

**11.9.2** shall not, during the term of this Agreement, either directly or indirectly, for itself, or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with any person, persons, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, sell or attempt to sell to any customers or Potential Customers of the Distributorship any products that are the same or similar to the Products;

**11.9.3** shall not for a continuous uninterrupted period of one (1) year from the later of the date of: (A) a transfer permitted under Article 10, above; (B) expiration or termination of this Agreement (regardless of the cause for termination); or (C) a final order of a duly authorized arbitrator, panel of arbitrators, or court of competent jurisdiction (after all appeals have been taken) with respect to any of the foregoing or with respect to the enforcement of this Section 11.9, either directly or indirectly, for itself, or through, on behalf of, or in conjunction with any persons, partnership, limited liability company, or corporation, sell or attempt to sell any Products or any products the same as or similar to the Products to (i) any Customer who purchased one or more Products from Distributor during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the dates referred to in subclauses (A), (B), or (C) of this Section 11.9.3, or (ii) any Potential Customer, located on, or identified in, the Distributor's List of Calls, as such list may have been amended as provided for in this Agreement and in accordance with Matco's policies, if Distributor had visited or made one or more sales calls to such Potential Customer, List of Calls, or person or business identified on the List of Calls during the twelve (12) month period immediately preceding the date referred to in subclauses (A), (B), or (C) of this Section 11.9.3.

**11.10 Compliance with Obligations.** Distributor represents and warrants that it will ensure that all Distributorship employees and any Operator are subject to the restrictions in sections 11.9.1, 11.9.2 and 11.9.3.

## ARTICLE 12 DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- 12.1 Arbitration.** Except as expressly provided in Section 12.5 of this Agreement, all breaches, claims, causes of action, demands, disputes and controversies (collectively referred to as “breaches” or “breach”) between the Distributor, the Principal Owner, Operator(s), any other owners, immediate family members of the Principal Owner, heirs, executors, successors, assigns, shareholders, partners or guarantors, and Matco, including its employees, agents, officers or directors and its parent, subsidiary or affiliated companies, whether styled as an individual claim, class action claim, or otherwise, arising from or related to this Agreement, the offer or sale of the franchise and distribution rights contained in this Agreement, the relationship of Matco and Distributor, or Distributor’s operation of the Distributorship, including any challenges to the validity or application of this provision or any other provision of this Agreement, and allegations of fraud, misrepresentation, and violation of any federal, state or local law or regulation, will be determined exclusively by binding arbitration on an individual, non-class basis only, before one (1) neutral arbitrator with at least five (5) years of franchise law experience, in accordance with the Federal Arbitration Act and the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association, a copy of which is publicly available on the Internet at <https://www.adr.org/Rules> (“Arbitration”). The Arbitration proceedings and any Arbitration award shall be maintained by the parties as strictly confidential, except as is otherwise required by law or court order, or as is necessary to confirm, vacate or enforce the award, and for disclosure in confidence to the parties’ respective attorneys and tax advisors. In any Arbitration, this Agreement, and the relationship between the Distributor and Matco and any disputes arising thereunder, will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, and the procedural and substantive law of Ohio will govern the rights and obligations of and the relationship between the parties irrespective of any conflict of laws. However, if required by applicable law, then this Agreement, and the relationship between the Distributor and Matco and any disputes arising thereunder, will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the state in which the Distributor primarily operates, and the procedural and substantive law of that state will govern the rights and obligations of and the relationship between the parties irrespective of any conflict of laws. Nothing in this section shall be interpreted to preclude the application of the FAA to this Article 12.
- 12.2 Notice of Dispute.** The party alleging the breach must provide the other party with prior written notice setting forth the facts of the breach in detail, and neither party will have the right to commence any Arbitration proceedings unless and until such written notice is given.
- 12.3 Limitation of Actions; Waiver of Claims.** UNLESS THIS PROVISION IS PROHIBITED BY APPLICABLE LAW, ANY AND ALL CLAIMS BROUGHT BY ANY PERSON OR PARTY, ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, THE RELATIONSHIP OF MATCO AND DISTRIBUTOR, THE OFFER OR SALE OF THE FRANCHISE AND DISTRIBUTION RIGHTS CONTAINED IN THIS AGREEMENT, OR DISTRIBUTOR’S OPERATION OF THE DISTRIBUTORSHIP, INCLUDING ANY ARBITRATION PROCEEDING, OR ANY CLAIM IN ARBITRATION (INCLUDING ANY DEFENSES AND ANY CLAIMS OF SET-OFF OR RECOUPMENT), MUST BE BROUGHT OR ASSERTED BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF THE EARLIER OF (A) THE TIME PERIOD FOR BRINGING AN ACTION UNDER ANY APPLICABLE STATE OR FEDERAL STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS; (B) ONE (1) YEAR AFTER THE DATE UPON WHICH A PARTY DISCOVERED, OR SHOULD HAVE DISCOVERED, THE FACTS GIVING RISE TO AN ALLEGED CLAIM; OR (C) EIGHTEEN (18) MONTHS AFTER THE FIRST ACT OR OMISSION GIVING RISE TO AN ALLEGED CLAIM; OR IT IS EXPRESSLY ACKNOWLEDGED AND AGREED BY ALL PARTIES THAT SUCH CLAIMS SHALL BE IRREVOCABLY BARRED. CLAIMS OF THE PARTIES FOR

INDEMNIFICATION SHALL BE SUBJECT ONLY TO THE APPLICABLE STATE OR FEDERAL STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS. FOR THE PURPOSES OF THIS SECTION, "CLAIM" SHALL MEAN ANY ALLEGATION, CHALLENGE, DEMAND, CAUSE OF ACTION, ARBITRATION, DISPUTE, CONTROVERSY, INVESTIGATION, OR ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEEDING.

- 12.4 Powers of Arbitrator.** The arbitrator shall have the exclusive power to decide all issues of arbitrability, and all doubts as to the arbitrability of a particular claim or breach shall be resolved in favor of arbitration. The arbitrator shall have the full authority to make a finding, judgment, decision and award relating to the claims made in the demand for arbitration, as provided for in Section 12.1 above, and subject to the limitations in this Section 12.4. The Federal Rules of Evidence (the "Rules") shall apply to all Arbitration hearings and the introduction of all evidence, testimony, records, affidavits, documents and memoranda in any Arbitration hearing must comply in all respects with the Rules and the legal precedents interpreting the Rules. Both parties will have the absolute right to cross-examine any person who testifies against them or in favor of the other party. Except as expressly provided in Section 12.12, the arbitrator will have no authority to add to, delete or modify the terms and provisions of this Agreement. All findings, judgments, decisions and awards of the arbitrator will be limited to the dispute or controversy set forth in the written demand for Arbitration and any counterclaim, and the arbitrator will have no authority to decide any other disputes or controversies. All findings, judgments, decisions and awards by the arbitrator will be in writing, will be made within ninety (90) days after the Arbitration hearing has been completed, and will be final and binding on Matco and the Distributor (including the Principal Owner, any other owners, immediate family members of the Principal Owner, heirs, executors, successors, assigns, shareholders, partners or guarantors). The written decision of the arbitrator will be deemed to be an order, judgment and decree and may be entered as such in any Court of competent jurisdiction by either party in any jurisdiction, notwithstanding Section 12.9. The arbitrator's findings and award may not be used to collaterally estop Matco, the Distributor or any other party from raising any like or similar issues, claims or defenses in any other or subsequent Arbitration, litigation, court hearing or other proceeding involving third parties or other Distributors.
- 12.5 Disputes Not Subject to Arbitration.** The following disputes and controversies between the Distributor and Matco will not be subject to Arbitration: any dispute or controversy involving the Marks or which arises under or as a result of Article 7 of this Agreement, any dispute or controversy involving the immediate termination of this Agreement by Matco pursuant to Section 11.5, and any dispute or controversy involving enforcement of the covenants not to compete contained in this Agreement. Nothing herein shall preclude Matco or the Distributor from obtaining injunctive relief pursuant to Article 12.11 below.
- 12.6 No Class Actions.** No party except Matco (including its employees, agents, officers or directors and its parent, subsidiary or affiliated companies) and the Distributor, the Principal Owner, immediate family members of the Principal Owner, any other owners, heirs, executors, successors, assigns, shareholders, partners, and guarantors) may join in or become a party to any Arbitration proceeding arising under this Agreement, and the arbitrator will not be authorized to permit any person or entity that is not a party to this Agreement or identified in this paragraph to be involved in or to participate in any Arbitration conducted pursuant to this Agreement. No matter how styled by the party bringing the claim, any claim or dispute is to be arbitrated on an individual basis and not as part of a consolidated common or a class action, and Matco, the Distributor, the Principal Owner and any other owners waive any and all rights to proceed on a consolidated, common or class basis. **MATCO, THE DISTRIBUTOR AND PRINCIPAL OWNER EXPRESSLY WAIVE ANY RIGHT TO ARBITRATE OR LITIGATE AS A CLASS OR COLLECTIVE ACTION OR IN A PRIVATE ATTORNEY GENERAL CAPACITY. MATCO, AND THE DISTRIBUTOR**

**AND PRINCIPAL OWNER HEREBY AGREE NOT TO SEEK JOINDER OF ANY CLAIMS WITH THOSE OF ANY OTHER PARTY.**

- 12.7 Limitation of Damages.** UNLESS THIS LIMITATION IS PROHIBITED BY APPLICABLE LAW, EACH OF THE PARTIES (INCLUDING DISTRIBUTOR'S OWNERS) HEREBY AGREES THAT THE OTHER PARTY WILL NOT BE LIABLE FOR PUNITIVE, EXEMPLARY, INCIDENTAL, INDIRECT, SPECIAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, LOSS OF FUTURE PROFITS, ARISING OUT OF ANY CAUSE WHATSOEVER, WHETHER BASED ON CONTRACT, TORT, STRICT LIABILITY, OR STATUTE OR ORDINANCE, AND AGREES THAT IN THE EVENT OF A DISPUTE, THE RECOVERY OF EITHER PARTY WILL BE LIMITED TO THE RECOVERY OF ANY ACTUAL DAMAGES SUSTAINED BY IT.
- 12.8 Waiver of Jury Trials.** UNLESS THE WAIVER IS PROHIBITED BY LAW, IF ANY DISPUTE IS NOT SUBJECT TO ARBITRATION UNDER THIS AGREEMENT, THEN EACH OF THE PARTIES AGREES THAT THE TRIAL OF ANY LEGAL ACTION ARISING UNDER THIS AGREEMENT OR THE RELATIONSHIP OF THE PARTIES WILL BE HEARD AND DETERMINED BY A JUDGE WHO WILL SIT WITHOUT A JURY. THE PARTIES ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE OBTAINED INDEPENDENT LEGAL ADVICE AS TO THE EFFECT OF THIS JURY WAIVER PROVISION, AND FURTHER ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THEY HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE EFFECT OF THIS JURY WAIVER PROVISION. EITHER PARTY MAY FILE AN ORIGINAL OR COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT WITH ANY COURT AS WRITTEN EVIDENCE OF THE CONSENT BY THE PARTIES TO THE WAIVER OF THEIR RIGHT TO TRIAL BY JURY.
- 12.9 Venue and Jurisdiction.** Unless this requirement is prohibited by law, all arbitration proceedings and hearings must and will be conducted via Zoom or other agreed-upon video platform and managed through the offices of the American Arbitration Association closest to Summit or Cuyahoga County, Ohio, at our option. All court actions, mediations or other hearings or proceedings initiated by either party against the other party must and will be venued exclusively in Summit or Cuyahoga County, Ohio. Matco (including its employees, agents, officers or directors and its parent, subsidiary or affiliated companies) and the Distributor and Principal Owner (including immediate family members of the Principal Owner, any other owners, heirs, executors, successors, assigns, shareholders, partners, and guarantors) do hereby agree and submit to the exclusive personal jurisdiction in Summit or Cuyahoga County, Ohio in connection with any Arbitration hearings, court hearings or other hearings, including any lawsuit challenging the arbitration provisions of this Agreement or the decision of the arbitrator, and do hereby waive any rights to contest venue and jurisdiction in Summit or Cuyahoga County, Ohio and any claims that venue and jurisdiction are invalid. Solely with respect to actions filed in accordance with Section 12.1 hereof, upon either the Distributor establishing great financial need or for other good cause shown, or in the event the law of the jurisdiction in which Distributor operates the Distributorship requires that arbitration proceedings be conducted in that state, a Distributor may request, and an arbitrator appointed pursuant to this Agreement may order, that the arbitration hearing shall be conducted in the state in which the principal office of the Distributorship is located. Notwithstanding this Section, any actions brought by either party to enforce the decision of the arbitrator may be venued in any court of competent jurisdiction notwithstanding the jurisdictional limitations imposed by this Article 12.
- 12.10 Arbitration Costs.** Except as otherwise specified herein, all disputes to be resolved by arbitration pursuant to Section 12.1, the parties shall share equally the cost of the arbitrator and the arbitration services and related expenses, but the parties shall bear their own costs to attend and participate in the arbitration, including each party's respective attorney's fees and travel costs. In a dispute initiated



by a Distributor, if the cost sharing provided herein would render this Article 12 unconscionable under applicable state law, then upon adequate proof by the Distributor of a lack of sufficient means to prosecute the claims, Matco will advance Distributor's portion of any arbitration costs, excluding attorney's fees, costs, and expenses, and travel costs. The arbitrator shall have the power to decide whether or not (i) applicable state law would find the cost sharing provision to support a finding of unconscionability under the circumstances; (ii) whether the Distributor has adequately demonstrated financial need; and (3) the power to modify this cost sharing provision if it would otherwise be unenforceable under applicable state law. With the exception of the post-Arbitration award, and subject to applicable law, nothing in this Article 12.10 shall be interpreted to permit an arbitrator to order Matco to pay, at any time, Distributor's (or any party's) attorney fees, costs or expenses, and/or travel costs, and the Distributor agrees that it has no right, claim, or entitlement to have attorney fees, costs, or expenses, and/or travel costs paid by Matco. As may be required by applicable state law, the arbitrator shall award attorneys' fees and costs to the prevailing party.

**12.11 Injunctive Relief.** Nothing herein contained shall bar Matco's or Distributor's right to obtain injunctive relief against threatened conduct, in order to preserve the status quo pending arbitration, that will cause it loss or damages, under the usual equity rules, including the applicable rules for obtaining restraining orders and preliminary injunctions.

**12.12 Severability.** It is the desire and intent of the parties to this Agreement that the provisions of this Article be enforced to the fullest extent permissible under the laws and public policy applied in each jurisdiction in which enforcement is sought. Accordingly, if any part of this Article is adjudicated to be invalid or unenforceable, then this Article will be deemed amended to delete that portion thus adjudicated to be invalid or unenforceable, such deletion to apply only with respect to the operation of this Article in the particular jurisdiction in which the adjudication is made. Further, to the extent any provision of this Article is deemed unenforceable by virtue of its scope, the parties to this Agreement agree that the same will, nevertheless be enforceable to the fullest extent permissible under the laws and public policies applied in such jurisdiction where enforcement is sought, and the scope in such a case will be determined by Arbitration as provided herein. However, if the provisions prohibiting classwide or collective arbitration are deemed invalid, then there shall be no obligation to arbitrate any classwide or collective claims.

**12.13 Survival.** The Distributor acknowledges and agrees that this Article 12 shall survive the termination or expiration of this Agreement.

## **ARTICLE 13** **MISCELLANEOUS**

**13.1 Waiver.** The failure of Matco to enforce at any time any provision of this Agreement will in no way affect the validity or act as a waiver of this Agreement, or any part, or the right of Matco thereafter to enforce it. In addition, acceptance by Matco of any payments or partial payments due to it under this Agreement shall not be deemed a waiver by Matco of any preceding or succeeding breach by the Distributor of any terms, provisions, covenants, or conditions of this agreement, or other amounts due. The Distributor acknowledges that Matco operates a large and diverse distributorship network and that Matco is not obligated to enforce each distributorship agreement in a uniform manner with respect to the other distributors. No waiver by Us of any noncompliance with or variance from the provisions of this Agreement shall be valid unless in writing and signed by Us.

**13.2 Notices.** Any notice required under this Agreement will be deemed to have been duly given if it is addressed to the party entitled to receive it at the address set forth on the cover page of this Agreement and it is personally served on the party, is sent by pre-paid United States certified mail, return receipt

requested, is sent by a recognized overnight carrier (Federal Express, UPS, Purolator) that requires a signature acknowledging delivery, or by other means which affords the sender evidence of delivery, or of rejected delivery.

- 13.3 Governing Law.** Subject to Matco's rights under federal trademark laws and the parties' rights under the Federal Arbitration Act under Article 12 above, this Agreement, and the relationship between the Distributor and Matco and any disputes arising thereunder, will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio, and the procedural and substantive law of Ohio will govern the rights and obligations of and the relationship between the parties irrespective of any conflicts of laws. The parties agree that any state law or regulation applicable to the offer or sale of franchises or business opportunities, or the franchise relationship, will not apply unless the jurisdictional provisions are independently met. The Distributor waives, to the fullest extent permitted by law, the rights and protections provided by any such franchise or business opportunity law or regulation.
- 13.4 Severability.** If any term or provision of this Agreement is determined to be void, invalid, or unenforceable, such provision will automatically be voided and will not be part of this Agreement, but the enforceability or validity of the remainder of this Agreement will not be affected thereby.
- 13.5 Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, including all exhibits and addenda, supersedes all prior verbal and written agreements between the parties. Subject to our right to modify the Manual (including the Service Standards) and the Business System standards, no change, amendment or modification to this Agreement will be effective unless made in writing and signed by both the Distributor and an officer of Matco. Nothing in this Agreement or in any related agreement, however, is intended to disclaim the representations Matco made in the Franchise Disclosure Document that Matco furnished to you.
- 13.6 Force Majeure.** In addition to Section 6.9 of this Agreement, Matco shall not be liable for loss or damage or deemed to be in breach of this Agreement if its failure to perform its obligations results from an event of Force Majeure. Any delay resulting from any of said causes of Force Majeure will extend performance accordingly or excuse performance, in whole or in part, as may be reasonable. As used in this Section 13.6, "Force Majeure" means the following events or causes: (a) transportation shortages, or inadequate supply of equipment, supplies, labor, materials or energy, or the voluntary foregoing of the right to acquire or use any of the foregoing in order to accommodate or comply with any law, ruling, order, regulation, requirement, or instruction of any government or any department or agency thereof; (b) acts of God; (c) fires, strikes, embargoes, war or riot; (d) an extreme weather event; (e) pandemic or similar outbreak of illness; or (f) any other circumstance which is beyond Matco's reasonable control.

## **ARTICLE 14**

### **ANTI-CORRUPTION AND FOREIGN LAW COMPLIANCE**

- 14.1 FCPA and Anti-Corruption Obligations.** Matco and its parent company and affiliates adhere to policies that require strict compliance with the FCPA (defined below) and other laws of the United States, and conducts annual audits of their processes and procedures to ensure compliance. Matco expects its franchisees and distributors to adhere to the same high level of compliance and business integrity in the operation of their businesses. The Distributor represents and warrants to Matco that the Distributor shall comply with all local, national, and other laws of all jurisdictions globally relating to anti-corruption, bribery, extortion, kickbacks, or similar matters which are applicable to the Distributor's business activities in connection with this Agreement, and that the Distributor will

take no action that will cause the Distributor or Matco to violate any such laws. Without limiting the foregoing, the Distributor agrees as follows:

**14.1.1** The Distributor specifically represents and warrants to Matco that the Distributor and its Principal Owner is familiar with the U.S. Foreign Corrupt Practices Act of 1977, as amended (the “FCPA”), and that the Distributor shall comply with the FCPA and will take no action that will cause the Distributor or Matco to violate the FCPA.

**14.1.2** It is the intent of the Distributor and Matco, and the Distributor represents and warrants to Matco, that no payment of money or provision of anything of value will be offered, promised, paid or transferred, directly or indirectly, by any person or entity, to any government official, government employee, or employee of any company owned in part by a government, political party, political party official, or candidate for any government office or political party office to induce such organizations or persons to use their authority or influence to obtain or retain an improper business advantage for the Distributor or for Matco, or which otherwise constitute or have the purpose or effect of public or commercial bribery, acceptance of or acquiescence in extortion, kickbacks or other unlawful or improper means of obtaining business or any improper advantage, with respect to any of the Distributor’s activities related in any way to this Agreement, including, without limitation, any payment of money or provision of anything of value to any employee of any customer in order to secure a sale.

**14.1.3** Matco may withhold payments under this Agreement, or terminate this Agreement immediately, if it believes, in good faith, that the Distributor has breached the foregoing compliance with the laws and provisions of this Agreement, or caused Matco to violate the FCPA or other applicable laws. Matco shall not be liable to the Distributor for any claim, losses, or damages related to Matco’s decision to exercise its rights under this provision.

**14.2** **Export Restrictions and Controls.** Products and technical data supplied by Matco are subject to export laws and regulations. The Distributor will comply with all applicable restrictions regarding exports, re-exports and transfers, including obtaining any required U.S. or other country licenses, authorizations, or approvals. The Distributor will inform each of its customers (where the circumstances suggest the customer may be exporting) of applicable restrictions on exports, re-exports, or transfers at the time the Distributor resells or otherwise disposes of any product or technical data supplied by Matco to such customer. The Distributor agrees to maintain controls adequate to comply with applicable export control laws and regulations. The Distributor agrees to certify its compliance with all applicable export control laws and regulations annually in the written form provided by Matco. Matco will exercise commercially reasonable efforts to provide the Distributor with guidance on any export control/licensing requirements applicable to products or technical data provided to the Distributor by Matco on an as- requested basis, but the Distributor remains responsible for ensuring its own compliance with all applicable export control laws.

**14.3** **Terrorist and Money Laundering Activities.** The Distributor represents and warrants to Matco that neither the Distributor nor its Principal Owner, either by name or an alias, pseudonym or nickname, is identified on the lists of “Specially Designated Nationals” or “Blocked Persons” maintained by the U.S. Treasury Department’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (texts currently available at [www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/](http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/)). Further, the Distributor represents and warrants that neither of the Distributor nor Principal Owner has violated, and both agree not to violate, any law prohibiting corrupt business practices, money laundering or the aid or support of persons who conspire to commit acts of terror against any person or government, including acts prohibited by the U.S. Patriot Act (text currently available at

<http://www.epic.org/privacy/terrorism/hr3162.html>), U.S. Executive Order 13224 (text currently available at <http://www.treas.gov/offices/enforcement/ofac/legal/eo/13224.pdf>), or any similar law. The foregoing constitutes continuing representations and warranties, and the Distributor and the Principal Owner shall immediately notify Matco in writing of the occurrence of any event or the development of any circumstance that might render any of the foregoing representations and warranties false, inaccurate or misleading.

## **ARTICLE 15**

### **REPRESENTATIONS BY THE DISTRIBUTOR**

- 15.1 Receipt of Completed Agreement and Disclosure Documents.** The Distributor acknowledges that it received Matco's Franchise Disclosure Document at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the date this Agreement was signed by the Distributor, and that the Distributor signed the acknowledgement of receipt attached to the Franchise Disclosure Document.
- 15.2 Independent Investigation by Distributor.** The Distributor acknowledges that it: has read this Agreement in its entirety; has had full and adequate opportunity to discuss the terms and conditions of this Agreement with legal counsel or other advisors of the Distributor's own choosing, and that Matco has encouraged the Distributor to speak to such counsel or other advisors; has had ample opportunity to investigate the Matco Business System; has had ample opportunity to consult with current Matco distributors; has had ample opportunity to conduct due diligence on the Distributor's List of Calls and the number of Potential Customers included therein; and has had all questions relating to the Distributorship, including those of any advisor, answered to the Distributor's satisfaction. Further, You acknowledge that You have conducted a thorough independent investigation of the business contemplated by this Agreement and recognize that the success of the Distributorship involves substantial business risks and shall depend largely upon Your ability and efforts. We expressly disclaim making, and You acknowledge that You have not received or relied on, any warranty or guaranty, express or implied, as to the potential volume, profits, costs or success of the business contemplated by this Agreement.
- 15.3 Truth and Accuracy of Representations.** The Distributor represents and warrants to Matco that all statements, documents, materials, and information, including the application, submitted by the Distributor and the Principal Owner to Matco are true, correct, and complete in all material respects. The Distributor agrees to promptly advise Matco of any material change in the information or statements submitted to Matco. The Distributor acknowledges and understands that Matco has entered into this Agreement in reliance on the statements and information submitted to Matco by the Distributor and the Principal Owner, and that any material breach or inaccuracy is grounds for Matco's termination of this Agreement. For example, Matco has agreed to enter into this Agreement with the Distributor based in part on the Distributor's representation to Matco that the Distributor is a lawfully formed corporation, limited liability company, or other business entity.
- 15.4 No Representations.** Except as may be disclosed in Matco's Franchise Disclosure Document, the Distributor has not received from either Matco, or anyone acting on behalf of Matco, any representation of the Distributor's potential sales, income, profit, or loss which may be derived from the Distributorship. The Distributor understands that Matco will not be bound by any unauthorized representations, including those made by other Matco distributors or by lending institutions based on information given to them to assist in their evaluation of Matco's business opportunity.
- 15.5 No Warranty of Success.** The Distributor understands that Matco makes no express or implied warranties or representations that the Distributor will achieve any degree of financial or business success in the operation of the Distributorship. While Matco will provide the Distributor with

training, advice, consultation, and the List of Calls and Number of Potential Customers in Exhibit A, success in the operation of the Distributorship depends ultimately on the Distributor's efforts and abilities and on other factors beyond Matco's control, including, but not limited to, economic conditions and competition.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed on the date set forth above. The Distributor further acknowledges that this Agreement will become effective and binding only upon acceptance and execution by Matco in the State of Ohio on the date indicated below (the “Effective Date”).

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of this Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor’s obligations identified in this Distributorship Agreement and in the Manual, including, but not limited to, Article 3, Section 5.4, Article 9, Article 10, Article 11, Article 12, and Article 13 of this Distributorship Agreement. Accordingly, the Principal Owner shall enter into the Guarantee, Indemnification, and Acknowledgment attached hereto as Exhibit N.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX D  
EXHIBIT A**

**MATCO TOOLS  
LIST OF CALLS AND NUMBER OF POTENTIAL CUSTOMERS**

(See attached form)

**Exhibit "A"**

### **List of Calls and Number of Potential Customers**

Distributor Entity Name:

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Distributor Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Distributor Entity Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Owner Name:

Principal Owner Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

DM Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

District Manager:

Area of Operation:

Date Updated: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: Day Pot. Cust.:

Date:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: Total Pot. Cust.:

[illegible]



**INITIAL INVESTMENT RESERVE ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**[Note: This exhibit should only be completed if the Distributor is required to pay to Matco an Initial Investment Reserve.]**

Amount of the Distributor's Initial Investment Reserve: \$\_\_\_\_\_\*

The Initial Investment Reserve is payable by Distributor to Matco on or before: \_\_\_\_\_

Matco will disburse approximately 50% of the Initial Investment Reserve to the Distributor on or about: \_\_\_\_\_, and Matco will disburse the remaining balance of the Initial Investment Reserve to the Distributor on or about: \_\_\_\_\_.

*\*The amount of the initial costs and expenses that the Distributor will incur in connection with commencing operations of the Distributorship, and operating during an initial start-up period, may exceed the Initial Investment Reserve, and the Initial Investment Reserve is intended only to offset the Distributor's initial expenditures.*

Acknowledged and agreed to by:

DISTRIBUTOR:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX D  
EXHIBIT C**

**MATCO TOOLS  
INSTALLMENT PROMISSORY NOTE  
FOR STANDARD INITIAL FINANCING PROGRAM**

(See attached form)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address), (ST)  
(Debtor's City and State)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Amount)  
(Principal Amount)

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned promises to pay without defalcation or set off to the order of Matco Tools Corporation, a Delaware Corporation ("MATCO"), located at 4403 Allen Road, Stow, Ohio 44224, in lawful money of the United States of America, the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ (Amount) ), together with interest thereon at an annual rate of \_\_\_\_\_ Percent ( (Rate) %) on the successive unpaid balances of said principal amount in Five-Hundred-Twenty ( 520 ) successive weekly installments of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_ ), commencing on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ . On \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, the entire remaining principal balance, plus any accrued and unpaid interest will be due and payable.

Interest at the rate specified herein shall continue to accrue and shall be payable to the holder hereof on any overdue and unpaid balances of the principal amount or installments thereof until such overdue amounts are paid in full, whether at or after the maturity hereof. The undersigned shall have the right to prepay the entire principal amount plus interest then accrued thereon at any time without notice or penalty.

The undersigned shall be in default under this Note upon the happening of any of the following events or conditions:

- (a) Any installment of principal or interest on this Note is not paid when due or upon demand as aforesaid;
- (b) The failure of the undersigned to pay its debts as they mature, or the occurrence of any event which results in the acceleration of the maturity of the indebtedness of the undersigned to others under any indenture, agreement, or undertaking;
- (c) The cancellation of or default by the undersigned under that certain Distributorship Agreement, between Matco and the undersigned or any other agreement, note, lease, or contract between the undersigned and Matco or any subsidiary or affiliate of Matco, or the failure of the undersigned to perform any other obligation of the undersigned to Matco or any subsidiary or affiliate of Matco;
- (d) The dissolution, termination of existence, insolvency, business failure appointment of a receiver of any part of the property of, assignment for the benefit of creditors by, or the commencement of any proceedings under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws by or against, the undersigned or any guarantor of surety for the undersigned (including the Principal Owner).
- (e) The failure of the undersigned to (i) have this note fully collateralized at all times or, (ii) provide evidence of full collateralization in the form of a physical inventory upon Matco's request. For the purposes of this subsection (e), "fully collateralized" shall mean collateral in an amount equal to not less than the total amount of debt owed by Debtor to MATCO under this Note, as well as any other notes or financing arrangements, or obligations otherwise owed.

Upon default hereunder, the entire principal amount unpaid hereon, with interest then accrued, shall, at the option of any holder hereof, at once become due and payable without demand, or notice, demand and notice being hereby expressly waived, and such amounts of principal thereby declared to be due and payable shall thereafter continue to bear interest at the rate specified herein until all such amounts of principal plus interest accrued hereunder shall have been paid in full. Payments made hereon shall first be applied to payment of interest then accrued and then to the principal amount which remains unpaid.

The makers, endorsers and all guarantors of this Note jointly and severally waive demand, protest, presentment, notice of protest and non-payment or dishonor, and also waive any and all defenses on the grounds of any extensions or partial payments which may be granted or accepted by the holder before or after maturity of this Note or any installment hereof. Any rights or remedies conferred herein or by law upon any holder shall be cumulative and not exclusive and may be exercised at the option of the holder, either concurrently or consecutively.

Should legal action or an attorney at law be utilized to collect any amount due hereunder, the undersigned promises to pay all costs of collection. Including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by Matco, any agent of Matco or affiliates thereof, or any other holder.

The undersigned, if more than one, shall be jointly and severally liable hereon. This note is governed by Ohio law.

x \_\_\_\_\_  
**Debtor [Distributor Entity Name]: (Name)**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

x \_\_\_\_\_  
**Debtor's Principal Owner and Guarantor:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Guarantor:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Debtor's Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address)  
(Street)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) (ST) (Zip)  
(City) (State) (Zip)

IN CONSIDERATION OF ONE DOLLAR, receipt of which is acknowledged, and of the credit given or discount, loan or extension of time made by or upon the within note, the undersigned (if more than one jointly and severally) hereby unconditionally guarantee to the holder the payment thereof whenever due, in whole or in part, agree that no release of security therefor shall impair or be a defense to this guaranty and hereby consent that from time to time, without notice to the undersigned, payment of said note be extended in whole or part. The signature or signatures of the undersigned hereto is or are intended as an endorsement of the within instrument as well as the execution of the foregoing guaranty by each of the undersigned, who hereby respectively waive presentment, demand or payment, protest, and notice of non-payment and of protest.

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Matco Tools  
Corporation

## REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT

Stow,  
Ohio

This Revolving Line of Credit Agreement (the "AGREEMENT") is made and entered into in this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by and between Matco Tools Corporation ("MATCO"), and \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) \_\_\_\_\_ ("DISTRIBUTOR").

In consideration of the mutual covenants and agreements contained herein, the parties agree as follows:

### LINE OF CREDIT

Matco hereby establishes for a period extending to the \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (the "MATURITY DATE"), a line of credit (the "CREDIT LINE") for Distributor in the principal amount of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ (Amount) .00) (the "CREDIT LIMIT"). In connection herewith, Distributor shall execute and deliver to Matco a Promissory Note in the amount of the Credit Limit and in form and content satisfactory to Matco. All sums advanced on the Credit Line or pursuant to the terms of this Agreement (each an "ADVANCE") shall become part of the principal of said Promissory Note.

### ADVANCES

Any request for an Advance may be made from time to time and in such amounts as Distributor may choose; provided, however, any requested Advance will not, when added to the outstanding principal balance of all previous Advances, exceed the Credit Limit. Requests for Advances may be made orally or in writing by Distributor. Matco will credit the amount of any requested Advance to Distributor's OPA account with Matco. Matco may refuse to make any requested Advance if an event of default has occurred and is continuing hereunder either at the time the request is given or the date the Advance is to be made, or if an event has occurred or condition exists which, with the giving of notice or passing of time or both, would constitute an event of default hereunder as of such dates.

This Revolving Line of Credit Agreement is unconditionally cancellable meaning Matco may at any time, for any reason or no reason at all, suspend or terminate any obligation it may have hereunder to make additional Advances to Distributor under this Agreement. Should Matco exercise this right to cancel any further Advances, it will have no effect on Distributor's obligation to make payments per the terms of the Agreement on the remaining balance due on the Line of Credit.

The funds from the Advances will be used by the Distributor for purchasing TP and inventory in connection with the operations of the Matco Tools Distributorship.

### INTEREST

All sums advanced pursuant to this Agreement shall bear interest from the date each Advance is made until paid in full.

The rate of interest will be \_\_\_\_\_ (Int) \_\_\_\_\_ % per annum, simple interest (the "EFFECTIVE RATE").

### REPAYMENT

Distributor shall pay one and one half percent (1.5%) of the balance due, plus accrued interest on the outstanding principal balance on a monthly basis commencing on the \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and continuing on the fifteenth day of each month thereafter. The entire unpaid principal balance, together with any accrued interest and other unpaid charges or fees hereunder, shall be due and payable on the Maturity Date. All payments shall be made to Matco at such place as Matco may, from time to time, designate. All payments received hereunder shall be applied, first, to any costs or expenses incurred by Matco in collecting such payment or to any other unpaid charges or expenses due hereunder; second, to accrued interest; and third, to principal. Distributor may prepay principal at any time without penalty.

### REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

In order to induce Matco to enter into this Agreement and to make the advances provided for herein, Distributor represents and warrants to Matco as follows:

Distributor is a duly organized, validly existing, and in good standing under the laws of the State of \_\_\_\_\_ (ST) with the power to own its assets and to transact business in the State of \_\_\_\_\_ (ST), and in such other states where its business is conducted.

Distributor has the authority and power to execute and deliver any document required hereunder and to perform any condition or obligation imposed under the terms of such documents.

The execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement and each document incident hereto will not violate any provision of any applicable law, regulation, order, judgment, decree, article of incorporation, by-law, indenture, contract, agreement, or other undertaking to which Distributor is a party, or which purports to be binding on Distributor or its assets and will not result in the creation or imposition of a lien on any of its assets.

There is no action, suit, investigation, or proceeding pending or, to the knowledge of Distributor, threatened, against or affecting Distributor or any of its assets which, if adversely determined, would have a material adverse effect on the financial condition of Distributor or the operation of its business.

#### EVENTS OF DEFAULT

An event of default will occur if any of the following events occurs:

Failure to pay any principal or interest hereunder within ten (10) days after the same becomes due.

Any representation or warranty made by Distributor in this Agreement or in connection with any borrowing or request for an Advance hereunder, or in any certificate, financial statement, or other statement furnished by Distributor to Matco is untrue in any material respect at the time when made.

Default by Distributor in the observance or performance of any other material term contained in this Agreement, the Promissory Note or the Distributorship Agreement, other than a default constituting a separate and distinct event of default under this Paragraph.

Filing by Distributor or any guarantor or surety for Distributor (including Distributor's Principal Owner) of a voluntary petition in bankruptcy seeking reorganization, arrangement or readjustment of debts, or any other relief under the Bankruptcy Code as amended or under any other insolvency act or law, state or federal, now or hereafter existing.

Filing of an involuntary petition against Distributor or any guarantor or surety for Distributor (including Distributor's Principal Owner) in bankruptcy seeking reorganization, arrangement or readjustment of debts, or any other relief under the Bankruptcy Code as amended, or under any other insolvency act or law, state or federal, now or hereafter existing, and the continuance thereof for sixty (60) days un-dismissed, un-bonded, or undischarged.

#### REMEDIES

Upon the occurrence of an event of default as defined above, Matco may declare the entire unpaid principal balance, together with accrued interest thereon, to be immediately due and payable without presentment, demand, protest, or other notice of any kind. Matco may suspend or terminate any obligation it may have hereunder to make additional Advances. To the extent permitted by law, Distributor waives any rights to presentment, demand, protest, or notice of any kind in connection with this Agreement. No failure or delay on the part of Matco in exercising any right, power, or privilege hereunder will preclude any other or further exercise thereof or the exercise of any other right, power, or privilege. The rights and remedies provided herein are cumulative and not exclusive of any other rights or remedies provided at law or in equity. Distributor agrees to pay all costs of collection incurred by reason of the default, including court costs and reasonable attorney's fees.

#### NOTICE

Any written notice will be deemed effective on the date such notice is placed, first class, postage prepaid, in the United States mail, addressed to the party to which notice is being given as follows:

#### **Matco Tools**

4403 Allen Road  
Stow, Ohio 44224  
Attention: Juli Foust

Distributor: (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Address) \_\_\_\_\_  
(ST) (Zip) \_\_\_\_\_

#### GENERAL PROVISIONS

**The financial terms of this Agreement are subject to change by Matco upon ninety (90) written notice to Distributor.** All representations and warranties made in this Agreement and the Promissory Note and in any certificate delivered pursuant thereto shall survive the execution and delivery of this Agreement and the making of any loans hereunder. This Agreement will be binding upon and inure to the benefit of Distributor and Matco, their respective successors and assigns, except that Distributor may not assign or transfer its rights or delegate its duties hereunder without the prior written consent of Matco. This Agreement, the Promissory Note, and all documents and instruments associated herewith will be governed by and construed and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio. Time is of the essence hereof. This Agreement will be deemed to express, embody, and supersede any previous understanding, agreements, or commitments, whether written or oral, between the parties with respect to the general subject matter hereof. This Agreement may not be amended or modified except in writing signed by the parties.

EXECUTED on the day and year first written above.

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Distributor's Principal Owner and Guarantor:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Guarantor:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Debtor's Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\$            (Amount) .00

\_\_\_\_\_ , \_\_\_\_\_

This Promissory Note (the "NOTE") is made and executed as of the date referred to above, by and between \_\_\_\_\_  
(Name) ("DISTRIBUTOR"), and Matco Tools Corporation ("MATCO"). By this  
Note, the Distributor promises and agrees to pay to the order of Matco, at 4403 Allen Road Stow, Ohio 44224, or at such  
other place as Matco may designate in writing, the principal sum of \_\_\_\_\_  
and 00/100 Dollars (\$            (Amount) .00), or the aggregate unpaid principal amount of all advances made by Matco to  
Distributor pursuant to the terms of a Line of Credit Agreement (the "LOAN AGREEMENT") of even date herewith, whichever is less, together with  
interest thereon from the date each advance is made until paid in full, both before and  
after judgment, at the rate of \_\_\_\_\_ % percent ( Ten Point Two-Four Percent ) per annum, simple interest.

Distributor shall pay accrued interest on the outstanding principal balance under the Note on a monthly basis commencing  
on \_\_\_\_\_ (Day) , \_\_\_\_\_ , and continuing on the fifteenth day of each month thereafter until paid in full.  
The entire unpaid principal balance, together with any accrued interest and other unpaid charges or fees hereunder, shall be  
due and payable on \_\_\_\_\_ ( Day ) , \_\_\_\_\_ (the "MATURITY DATE").

Prepayment in whole or part may occur at any time hereunder without penalty; provided that the Matco shall be provided with not less than ten (10)  
days' notice of the Distributor's intent to pre-pay; and provided further that any such partial prepayment shall not operate to postpone or suspend the  
obligation to make, and shall not have the effect of altering the time for payment of the remaining balance of the Note as provided for above, unless  
and until the entire obligation is paid in full. All payments received hereunder shall be applied, first, to any costs or expenses incurred by Matco in  
collecting such payment or to any other unpaid charges or expenses due hereunder; second, to accrued interest; and third, to principal.

An event of default will occur if any of the following events occurs: (a) failure to pay any principal or interest hereunder within ten (10) days after  
the same becomes due; (b) if any representation or warranty made by Distributor in the Loan Agreement or in connection with any borrowing or  
request for an advance thereunder, or in any certificate, financial statement, or other statement furnished by Distributor to Matco is untrue in any  
material respect at the time when made; (c) default by Distributor in the observance or performance of any other covenant in the Distributorship  
Agreement or in the Loan Agreement, other than a default constituting a separate and distinct event of default under Events of Default section of the  
Loan Agreement; (d) filing by Distributor of a voluntary petition in bankruptcy seeking reorganization, arrangement or readjustment of debts, or any  
other relief under the Bankruptcy Code as amended or under any other insolvency act or law, state or federal, now or hereafter existing; or (e) filing  
of an involuntary petition against Distributor or any guarantor or surety for Distributor (including Distributor's Principal Owner) in bankruptcy  
seeking reorganization, arrangement or readjustment of debts, or any other relief under the Bankruptcy Code as amended, or under any other  
insolvency act or law, state or federal, now or hereafter existing, and the continuance thereof for sixty (60) days un-dismissed, un-bonded, or  
undischarged.

Any notice or demand to be given to the parties hereunder shall be deemed to have been given to and received by them and shall be effective when  
personally delivered or when deposited in the U.S. mail, certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, and addressed to the  
party at his or its last known address, or at such other address as the one of the parties may hereafter designate in writing to the other party.

The Distributor hereof waives presentment for payment, protest, demand, notice of protest, notice of dishonor, and notice of nonpayment, and  
expressly agrees that this Note or any payment hereunder, may be extended from time to time by the Matco without in any way affecting its liability  
hereunder.



In the event any payment under this Note is not made at the time and in the manner required, the Distributor agrees to pay any and all costs and expenses which may be incurred by the Matco hereof in connection with the enforcement of any of its rights under this Note or under any such other instrument, including court costs and reasonable attorneys' fees.

This Note shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

**DISTRIBUTOR:**

**MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Distributor's Principal Owner and Guarantor:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Guarantor:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Debtor's Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX D**  
**EXHIBIT D**

**MATCO TOOLS**  
**SECURITY AGREEMENT**

(See attached form)



# SECURITY AGREEMENT

APPENDIX D

EXHIBIT D

SECURITY AGREEMENT between MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation, with its offices located at 4403 Allen Road, Stow, Ohio 44224, ("Secured Party") and \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ organized in \_\_\_\_\_ and having offices at \_\_\_\_\_ ("Debtor").

1. CREATION OF SECURITY INTEREST. In consideration of Secured Party extending credit and/or financing facilities to Debtor, Debtor hereby grants to Secured Party a security interest in the Collateral described in Section 2 to secure all Debtor's present and future debts, obligations and liabilities of whatever nature accruing under the Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement signed by the parties on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, if any, any note or notes of Debtor, direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, due or to become due, whether now existing or hereafter arising, together with applicable interest thereon ("Obligations"), to Secured Party. This Agreement shall not be rendered void by the fact that as of any particular date there are no outstanding secured obligations, and no commitment by Secured Party to make advances. If at such time additional future advances are contemplated by the parties hereto, or any of them, this Agreement shall, if otherwise valid, continue in force and effect, insofar as concerns, and stand as security for, any indebtedness, liabilities and obligations of Debtor to Secured Party, incurred as arising prior to the filing of record of a termination statement with respect hereto, as required by law, Debtor hereby instructs the Secured Party not to file a termination statement until requested to do so by Debtor in writing.

2. COLLATERAL. The collateral subject to this Security Agreement ("the Collateral") is Debtor's inventory of all tools, and equipment, including attachments, accessories, and replacement parts therefore, now owned or hereafter acquired by Debtor, all products derived there from, and all cash and non-cash proceeds, notes, instruments, chattel paper, contract rights, general intangibles and accounts receivable together with all proceeds arising there from, whether as a result of the sale exchange, collection or other disposition of any of the Collateral, or otherwise. The Collateral is more specifically described in Debtor's purchase orders, invoices, periodic inventories, and books and records of account, as and when executed, which are by reference made a part hereof.

3. DEBTOR'S WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS. Debtor covenants and warrants:

- (a) Ownership-except for the security interest hereby granted, Debtor has, or in acquisition will have, full fee simple title to the Collateral, free of any adverse encumbrances, liens, or security interests, and that Debtor will defend the Collateral against all claims and demands of all persons at any time claiming the same or any interest therein.
- (b) Location of Collateral-the Collateral will be kept at the address(es) of Debtor shown herein.
- (c) Change of Addresses-Debtor shall immediately advise Secured Party in writing of any change or discontinuance in any of such address(es).
- (d) No Other Financing Statement-which no other Financing Statement covering any of the Collateral is on file in any public office, with the exception of the following lien by none by Matco.
- (e) Maintenance of Collateral-that Debtor shall maintain the Collateral in good condition and repair and not permit its value to be impaired; keep it free from all liens, encumbrances, and security interests (other than Secured Party's security interests); defend it against all claims and legal proceedings by persons other than Secured Party; pay and discharge when due all taxes, license fees, levies, and other charges upon it; not sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of it or permit it to become an accession to other goods except in the ordinary course of business, or as specifically authorized in writing by Secured Party; not permit it to be, used in violation of any applicable law, regulation, or policy of insurance. Loss of or damage to the collateral shall not release Debtor from any of the OBLIGATIONS.
- (f) Insurance of Collateral-that Debtor will have and maintain insurance at all times with respect to all Collateral against risks of fire(included extended coverage), theft and other casualty, with reputable insurance companies; such insurance to be payable to Secured Party and Debtor as their interests may appear.
- (g) Proceeds of Notes-in the event that any of the Collateral is being or shall be acquired with the proceeds disbursed by Secured Party of a note or notes, Debtor shall use such proceeds solely for acquisition of Collateral and shall not mingle such proceeds with Debtors other assets nor divert such proceeds for any other purpose whatever.

4. FINANCING STATEMENT. At the request of the Secured Party, Debtor will join in executing, or will execute, all necessary financing statements and any other documents deemed necessary by Secured Party and pay the cost of filing such statements or other documents.

5. PERSONS BOUND. This Agreement benefits Secured Party, its successors and assigns, and binds the Debtor(s) and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns.

6. PAYMENT. Payment for all OBLIGATIONS shall be made in accordance with the terms of the Agreement under which they accrued. Interest on all OBLIGATIONS shall accrue from the date the OBLIGATION was incurred until payment in full by Debtor at the rate published by Secured Party from time to time.

7. POSSESSION OF COLLATERAL. Until default Debtor may have possession of the Collateral and use or sell it in the ordinary course of Debtor's business, in any lawful manner not inconsistent with this Agreement.

8. INSPECTION OF COLLATERAL. Secured Party is authorized to examine and inspect the Collateral wherever located at any reasonable time or times, and Debtor shall assist Secured Party in making such inspection.

9. REQUIRED REPORTS. Debtor will provide necessary business reports as requested by Secured Party field and/or Corporate Management.

10. MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY INTEREST. Debtor shall pay all expenses and, upon request, take any action reasonably deemed advisable by Secured Party to preserve the Collateral or to establish, determine priority of, perfect, continue perfected, terminate, or enforce Secured Party's interest in it or rights under this Agreement.

11. AUTHORITY OF SECURED PARTY TO PERFORM FOR DEBTOR. If Debtor breaches or fails to perform, as when required, any provision of this Agreement or the OBLIGATIONS, Secured Party is authorized, in Debtor's name or otherwise, to take any such action including without limitation signing Debtor's name or paying any amount so required, and the cost shall be one of the OBLIGATIONS secured by this Agreement and shall be payable by Debtor upon demand with interest from the date of payment by Secured Party at Secured Party. At the rate published from time to time by Secured Party.

12. DEFAULT. Debtor shall be in default under this agreement upon the happening of any of the following events or conditions:

- (a) Assembling Collateral-Secured Party may require Debtor to assemble the Collateral and to make it available to Secured Party at any convenient place designed by Secured Party.
- (b) Notice of Disposition- Written notice, when required by law, sent to any address of Debtor in this Agreement at least ten calendar days (counting the day of the sending) before the date of a proposed disposition of the Collateral is reasonable notice.
- (c) Expenses and Application Proceeds-Debtor shall reimburse Secured Party for any expense incurred by Secured Party in protecting or enforcing its rights under this Agreement, including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees and legal expenses and all expenses of taking possession, holding, preparing for disposition, and disposing of the Collateral. After deduction of such expenses, Secured Party may apply the proceeds of disposition to the OBLIGATIONS in such order and amounts as it elects.
- (d) Loss, theft, damage, destruction, sale except in the ordinary course of business, or encumbrance to or of any of the Collateral, or the making of any levy, seizure or attachment thereof or thereon;
- (e) Death, dissolution, termination of existence, insolvency, business failure, appointment of a receiver of any part of the property of, assignment for the benefit of creditors by, or the commencement of any proceedings under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws by or against, Debtor or any guarantor or surety for Debtor (including Debtor's Principal Owner).
- (f) The failure of the undersigned to (i) have this note fully collateralized at all times or, (ii) provide evidence of full collateralization in the form of a physical inventory upon Matco's request.

13. DEBTOR'S DEFAULT. Upon default hereunder or cancellation of the Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement between the parties, if any, or default by Debtor under said Agreement, all the OBLIGATIONS shall at the option of the Secured Party and without any notice or demand, become immediately due and payable; and Secured Party shall have all rights and remedies for default provided by the Uniform Commercial Code, as enacted in the State of Ohio, as well as any other applicable law. With respect to such rights and remedies:

- (a) Assembling Collateral-Secured Party may require Debtor to assemble the Collateral and to make it available to Secured Party at any convenient place designed by Secured Party.
- (b) Notice of Disposition- Written notice, when required by law, sent to any address of Debtor in this Agreement at least ten calendar days (counting the day of the sending) before the date of a proposed disposition of the Collateral is reasonable notice.
- (c) Expenses and Application Proceeds-Debtor shall reimburse Secured Party for any expense incurred by Secured Party in protecting or enforcing its rights under this Agreement, including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees and legal expenses and all expenses of taking possession, holding, preparing for disposition, and disposing of the Collateral. After deduction of such expenses, Secured Party may apply the proceeds of disposition to the OBLIGATIONS in such order and amounts as it elects.
- (d) Waiver-Secured Party may permit Debtor to remedy any default without waiving the default so remedied, and Secured Party may waive any default without waiving any other subsequent or prior default by Debtor, or the same default at a later date.

14. NON-LIABILITY OF SECURED PARTY. Secured Party has no duty to protect or dispose of the Collateral. Debtor releases Secured Party from any liability for any act or omission relating to the OBLIGATIONS, the Collateral, of this Agreement; except Secured Party's willful misconduct.

15. DEALERSHIP AGREEMENT. The terms of the current Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement between the parties, if any, are hereby incorporated by reference and shall be part of this Security Agreement unless otherwise provided. No provisions herein shall amend the Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement or guarantee its continuance or renewal; and, likewise, no term therein shall be deemed to modify or amend the terms hereof. In the case of any conflict or ambiguity between the terms of the Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall control.

16. MISCELLANEOUS. This Security Agreement shall be governed by the Uniform Commercial Code and other applicable laws of the State of Ohio, other than the law on conflicts of law of such State. The terms of this Agreement are severable; in the event one or more terms hereof are finally declared by law or by any court of competent jurisdiction to be legally void, unenforceable, unconscionable or illegal, the remainder of this Agreement shall continue to be valid and shall be interpreted and enforced as if the offending term had not appeared herein. This Agreement, together with any document containing terms incorporated herein or referred to hereby, shall constitute the entire Agreement between Debtor and Secured Party as to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement shall become effective when signed by the Debtor. Secured Party may sell or assign this Agreement to any person or corporation without prior notice to or consent of Debtor, and Debtor agrees to perform under this Agreement for the benefit of such purchaser or assignee from Secured Party to the same extent as for Secured Party.

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION

Signed by Debtor on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_

Juli Foust  
Director, Financial Services

\_\_\_\_\_ 0

Debtor:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ 0

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Guarantor (which may be Principal Owner's spouse):**

If Principal Owner has a spouse, her or his spouse must sign below and serve as a Guarantor.

Debtor's Principal Owner and Guarantor:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All additional addresses of Debtor at which Collateral will be kept are:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_

**ASSIGNMENT**

For value received, the undersigned Security Party hereby assigns this Security Agreement to \_\_\_\_\_ hereafter called "Assignee", its successors and assigns and hereby transfers title to the property described in said Security Agreement to said Assignee, and warrants that the facts set forth in the Security Agreement are true, that said property is free of all liens and encumbrances of whatever nature or kind except the lien and encumbrance created by this Security Agreement; that said Security Agreement is genuine and in all things what it purports to be and that the undersigned has title to said property and has a right to transfer title thereto; that the property described in said Security Agreement was sold to the Debtor in a bona fide time sale transaction; that all parties to the Security Agreement had capacity to contract; that none of the parties thereto is a minor; and that the undersigned has no knowledge of any fact which impairs the validity of said Security Agreement or renders it less valuable or valueless. If any of the warranties herein contained are untrue, the undersigned will purchase on demand this Security Agreement for the balance remaining unpaid thereon.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Title

**APPENDIX D**  
**EXHIBIT E**

**MATCO TOOLS**  
**DISTRIBUTOR'S PURCHASE-SECURITY AGREEMENT CREDIT ASSIGNMENT**  
**AGREEMENT**

(See attached form)

# MATCO TOOLS

## DISTRIBUTOR'S PURCHASE-SECURITY AGREEMENT CREDIT ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into at Stow, Ohio, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ by and between MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation (herein referred to as "Assignee"), and \_\_\_\_\_ [Distributor Entity Name], a \_\_\_\_\_ [Type of Entity] organized in \_\_\_\_\_ [State of Formation] and having offices at \_\_\_\_\_ (herein referred to as "Distributor").

WITNESSETH, That

WHEREAS, Distributor is and has been serving as an independent owner of a franchised Matco Tools distributorship, pursuant to Distributor's Distributorship Agreement with MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION (herein referred to as "MATCO TOOLS"), and Distributor's franchised distributorship engages in the solicitation for sale and sale of MATCO tools and related equipment to professional mechanics; and

WHEREAS, Assignee is willing to provide financing for certain of such purchases, provided Distributor agrees to and complies with the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. From time to time after the date hereof, Distributor shall present in electronic format to Assignee for purchase executed credit documents and related materials, in form and substance satisfactory to Assignee, providing for the assignment to Assignee of rights to collection of amounts payable representing the time purchase balance due in connection with the sale by Distributor of tools, equipment and/or related products purchased from MATCO TOOLS. Upon receipt of such documents and materials, it shall be within the sole discretion of Assignee whether or not to purchase the same, and nothing herein shall be construed as imposing any obligation upon Assignee to make any purchases from Distributor.

2. The purchase price to be paid to the Distributor by Assignee for credit documents accepted for assignment shall be determined by Assignee in its sole discretion, such price will be adjusted periodically and never be less than eighty-five percent (85%) of the net cash price (principal amount of purchase included in the credit document being accepted by Assignee not including amounts previously assigned) thereof unless otherwise specified by MATCO TOOLS. Upon acceptance of any such documents, payment shall be effected by Assignee arranging for immediate credit against Distributor's purchase account with MATCO (amounts due MATCO in the ordinary course of business, exclusive of amounts outstanding under notes or other credit documents provided under other debt agreements between Distributor and MATCO) and a confirming document will be forwarded to Distributor.

3. Distributor hereby warrants and represents to and agrees with Assignee as follows:

- (a) All credit documents presented to Assignee for assignment hereunder shall be full, correct, complete and genuine, and shall be fully and properly executed, shall accurately and truthfully describe the date(s) of purchase, items purchased and purchase price(s) charged and shall not have been offered previously to any other financial institution or other entity for purchase or as collateral against advances;
- (b) All credit documents presented to Assignee for assignment hereunder shall relate to and arise from the sale of MATCO TOOLS, equipment and/or related products sold and to be utilized primarily for the Commercial conduct of trade or business of the customer executing such document and in no event shall any such credit documents have arisen from or relate to any sales of products for primarily personal family or household purposes, or sales of products marketed by any entity other than MATCO;
- (c) Without prior written consent of the Assignee, Distributor shall in no event nor at anytime prior to or after a sale of products, modify the terms of any instrument purchased by Assignee;

- (d) Distributor shall at all times, as an independent contractor, operate in its business entity and be solely answerable for the costs and expenses, consequences and damages arising out of the conduct of its business as a distributor for MATCO;
- (e) Distributor shall at all times comply with the procedures from time to time established by Assignee with respect to credit limits, handling of credit documents and other activities related to financing of sales of MATCO products as contemplated hereunder;
- (f) The Distributor shall assist Assignee in making repossessions if and when requested to do so by Assignee provided repossession can be effected without Breach of Peace;
- (g) It is mutually agreed that, upon Assignee's request to make a particular repossession and upon Distributor assisting in such repossession, Distributor may be required to purchase the repossessed merchandise from Assignee or otherwise assist in the resale of the repossessed merchandise. The purchase or resale price of the repossessed product(s) and terms of such purchase or resale transactions shall be determined pursuant to MATCO's Repossession Policy, as same may be revised from time to time,.
- (h) Distributor agrees that upon termination or suspension of this Agreement to accept reassignment by Assignee to Distributor of any and all contracts previously purchased during the ninety (90) day period immediately prior to termination of this Agreement. Distributor hereby agrees to accept such assignment without set-off or deduction and authorizes Assignee to debit Distributor's purchase account in an amount equal to the amounts due on the reassigned documents;

In the event that a replacement Distributor, who agrees to service the above referenced accounts, is available, then MATCO will offer to re-purchase such serviced accounts at the principle value then outstanding. MATCO will make a good faith effort to locate a Distributor to service any reassigned accounts per the conditions of this paragraph with the intention to repurchase such accounts;

- (i) Distributor agrees that at such time that it is no longer acting as an independent Distributor for MATCO TOOLS to assist in the orderly transfer of accounts not subject to the conditions of paragraph (h) to Assignee, and to assist in the verification of all outstanding balances of assigned accounts prior to settlement of all accounts with MATCO TOOLS;
- (j) Distributor agrees to collect and timely remit to Assignee amounts payable representing the time purchase balance due in connection with the sale by Distributor of tools, equipment and/or related products purchased from MATCO TOOLS and financed pursuant to this Agreement; and
- (k) Distributor agrees to service all MATCO TOOLS P.S.A. Accounts indicated on its List Of Calls and Number of Potential Customers List whether the original contract was written by Distributor or not.
- (l) Distributor agrees that it shall not present credit documents to Assignee for assignment hereunder related to and arising from the sale of MATCO TOOLS, equipment and/or related products: (a) sold to a customer not located in Distributor's List of Calls and Number of Potential Customers, or (b) with knowledge of any existing risk related to the recovery of the assigned debt under such credit documents, such as knowledge that the accounts are likely to default due to upcoming customer employment changes, moves, or other known factors; and if found to have done so, will be subject to Assignee's remedy in 4(b) below.
- (m) In the event that Distributor requests that MATCO TOOLS undertake Distributor's obligations to collect payment of moneys owed by customers of Distributor for Products sold by Distributor to such customers, to which this Agreement applies, and if MATCO TOOLS agrees to undertake such collection activities, or if Distributor fails to pursue collections from customers and MATCO TOOLS chooses to undertake collection activities that Distributor fails or refuses to do, Distributor agrees that MATCO TOOLS may assess a collection fee in the amount set forth in MATCO TOOLS's then current policies and guidelines, which may be changed by MATCO TOOLS in writing from time to time. As of March 1, 2025, the collection fee for such activities performed by MATCO TOOLS shall be an amount equal to between five percent (5%) and ten percent (10%) of the amount collected by MATCO TOOLS, and if MATCO determines to assess such fee, the fee shall will be charged to Distributor's Open Purchase Account. MATCO TOOLS shall notify



Distributor ~~of~~ if it intends to assess such fee, and the specific collection fee percentage, prior to undertaking the collection actions described herein.

4. Upon acceptance of the credit documents hereunder, Assignee hereby releases Distributor from all liability for said credit documents except as provided in Paragraph 3; subject, however, to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) Upon failure by Distributor to remit payments or other funds collected on behalf of Assignee, pursuant to Paragraph 3 (d) above, Distributor hereby authorizes Assignee and MATCO to debit Distributor's Purchase Account with MATCO in an amount or amounts equal to the sums collected but not remitted. In addition, MATCO may charge Distributor an administrative fee (currently set at \$25 per occurrence, per contract) for delinquent, insufficient payments or inaccurate reporting as consideration for MATCO's time and efforts in collecting monies, additional correspondence with Distributor, credit bureaus and others, and administrative time and costs to correct data. Any amounts not remitted by Distributor within 10 days of their collection shall be deemed funds not promptly remitted and subject to this provision;
- (b) Any documents, notes, agreements or other contracts assigned by Distributor to Assignee pursuant to this Agreement which are found to be arising from the sale of MATCO TOOLS, equipment and/or related products sold to a customer not located in Distributor's List of Calls and Number of Potential Customers or are later shown or alleged to be, in whole or in part, altered, amended, modified, forged, or not genuine, accurate, or in compliance with the terms of this Agreement in any respect, shall be immediately reassigned by Assignee to Distributor and upon such reassignment Distributor hereby agrees to accept such assignment and immediately, without set-off or deduction of any kind, agrees to pay Assignee the full amount of any principal balance then outstanding thereon plus interest, and other charges accrued thereon to the date of such reassignment. Upon failure by Distributor to pay Assignee as stated above upon any reassignment of documents within 10 days of the date of reassignment, Distributor hereby authorizes Assignee and MATCO to debit Distributor's Purchase Account in an amount equal to the amounts due on the reassigned documents. This Paragraph (b) shall not apply in the case when Assignee has, by its own action, or with its written consent, been a party to an amendment or modification of any document, note, agreement or other contract; and
- (c) Distributor shall not, without prior written consent of Assignee, release any security interest in goods subject to documents assigned to Assignee hereunder, modify or substitute collateral specified in any such documents, consent to or accept return of any goods or collateral subject to or covered by any of the assigned documents or effect repossession of any such goods or collateral. Any of the foregoing actions on the part of Distributor, without the written consent of Assignee, shall be deemed to be an alteration of the documents pursuant of Paragraph 4 (b) above.

5. In the event Distributor desires to include portions or all of an unpaid balance owing to Distributor by a particular customer with new purchases by the customer, and assign all such amounts to Assignee pursuant to this Agreement, such a proposal will be considered, provided the total net cash price of new purchases will equal or exceed minimum amounts as may be required under the policies of the Assignee. If Distributor desires to make such a proposal, it shall do so in writing, including therewith a completed credit application, as may be required by the Assignee, on the customer and a copy of the customer's ledger sheet showing charges, credits, total owing, and payment records, and such other information relating to the customer or transactions as Assignee may reasonably request. The decision on acceptance of the proposal shall be within the sole discretion of Assignee.

6. Should Distributor present documents to Assignee for assignment hereunder which are not correct, truthful, accurate and genuine, Assignee may, at Assignee's sole discretion, in addition to all other remedies within this Agreement, temporarily or permanently suspend Distributor from participation in the Matco Tools PSA Program. In addition, a penalty fee of up to 3% of the total amount financed will be assessed.

7. The liability of Distributor hereunder shall not be affected by any settlement, extension, forbearance or variation in terms which Assignee may grant in connection with any credit documents acquired hereunder or by the discharge or release of the obligations of the account debtor by operation of law or otherwise. Assignee makes no representation or warranty to Distributor concerning the validity, enforceability or sufficiency of any credit documents and/or other materials furnished to Distributor by Assignee.

8. This Agreement may be terminated at any time by Distributor or Assignee by written notice, but such termination shall not affect the respective rights and obligations of either party as to credit documents theretofore purchased by Assignee.

9. It being anticipated that Distributor and/or other parties to credit assignment agreements with Assignee may assign to Assignee credit documents covering sales to a particular customer which occurred on more than one occasion, it is understood and agreed that, unless otherwise agreed in writing between Assignee and Distributor or required by law, payments received from such a customer will be applied against the respective payment obligations of the customer in a manner such that all current and past due obligations under the documents bearing the earliest date will be treated as satisfied first, all current and past due obligations under the documents bearing the next-earliest date will be treated as satisfied next, and so-on, with the current and past due obligations under the documents bearing the most recent date being treated as satisfied only after current and past due obligations under documents bearing earlier dates have been satisfied.

10. This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby and the same shall be amended or modified only by written agreement specifically referring hereto. None of the provisions hereof shall be deemed to in anyway limit such rights as either party hereto may have by statute or at law or in equity as against the other party, and any remedies provided for herein shall be in addition to and not exclusive of any other remedy available by statute or under principles of common law of equity and such remedies may be exercised by either party consecutively or concurrently and such exercise shall not be deemed to waive any other rights or remedies which may be available to a party.

11. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, successors and assigns, provided however, the same shall not be assigned by the Distributor without prior written consent of Assignee thereto.

12. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date and year first written above.

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION

DISTRIBUTOR:

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Juli Foust

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Debtor: [Distributor Entity Name]**

ITS: Director, Financial Services

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Debtor's Principal Owner and Guarantor:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Guarantor:**

**Debtor's Address:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX D  
EXHIBIT F**

**MATCO TOOLS**  
**ADDENDUM AND GUARANTY TO DISTRIBUTOR'S PURCHASE-SECURITY AGREEMENT**  
**CREDIT ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT**

(See attached form)

# MATCO TOOLS

## DISTRIBUTOR'S PURCHASE-SECURITY AGREEMENT CREDIT ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

### *"ADDENDUM AND GUARANTY"*

Distributor's Purchase Security Agreement Credit Assignment Agreement made and entered into on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ by and between MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation (herein referred to as "Assignee") and \_\_\_\_\_ [Distributor Entity Name], a/an \_\_\_\_\_ [Type of Entity] organized in \_\_\_\_\_ [State of Formation] and having offices at \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ (herein referred to as Distributor) is amended and revised this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ as follows:

WHEREAS, Distributor is and has been serving as an independent owner of a franchised Matco Tools distributorship, pursuant to Distributor's Distributorship Agreement with MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION (herein referred to as "MATCO TOOLS"), and Distributor's franchised distributorship engages in solicitation for sale and sale of MATCO tools and related equipment to professional mechanics; and

WHEREAS, Distributor wishes to make it possible for certain of its customers, which do not meet credit standards required by Assignee, to make purchases of MATCO tools and related equipment and pay for the same on a deferred, installment basis; and

WHEREAS, Assignee is willing to provide financing for certain of such purchases, provided Distributor agrees to and complies with terms and conditions contained in this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. The determination of a Distributor's eligibility for Assignee to accept Purchase Security Agreements which do not meet credit standards (herein referred to as Recourse PSA) normally required by the Assignee, shall be at the sole discretion of Assignee.
2. The purchase price to be paid to the Distributor by Assignee for Recourse PSA's shall be determined by Assignee in its sole discretion, such price will be adjusted periodically and never be less than ninety-five percent (95%) of the net cash price (principal amount of purchase included in the credit document being offered to Assignee, not including amounts previously assigned) thereof, unless otherwise specified by MATCO TOOLS.
3. Distributor hereby warrants and represents and agrees with Assignee as follows:
  - (a) Distributor hereby authorizes Assignee to debit Distributor's Purchase Account for the principal balance due on any and all Recourse PSA's when any of the following conditions exist-termination, promotion to District Manager, collateral does not exist, account balance has been paid in full to Distributor and/or fraudulent credit documentation.

- (b) Distributor guarantees that Assignee will not suffer any loss on the purchase by Assignee of Recourse PSA's (Distributor's customers which do not meet credit standards required by Assignee).

4. This Agreement contains amendments to Distributor's Purchase Security Agreement Credit Assignment Agreement and does not change, revise, cancel or amend any part of said Agreement with the exception of those herein stated.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date and year first written above.

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION

BY

\_\_\_\_\_  
Juli Foust

ITS

Director, Financial Services

DISTRIBUTOR:

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Debtor: [Distributor Entity Name]**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Debtor's Principal Owner and Guarantor:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Guarantor:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Debtor's Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX D  
EXHIBIT G**

**MATCO TOOLS  
PURCHASE MONEY SECURITY AGREEMENT**

(See attached form)



Regular

PSA

Invoice: 313024

Date: 01/19/2017

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MATCO Tools  
Allen's Tool & Rentals  
Authorized Distributor of Matco Tools  
DISTRIBUTOR # 411116

**Section 1 - Buyer**

Doe, John(4500)  
Auto Tech(TECH)  
M999999999(PENDING)

**Distributor:**

Allen's Tool & Rentals  
4403 Allen Road  
Stow, NC 44240  
Business Phone:(555) 123-7654  
Email:Allen.Henderson@MatcoTools.com

**Next Weekly Pmt. Due: 34.32**

**Section 2 - Goods Sold**

Item	Qty	Item Description	Amount	Comment
4225R	1	4s 2BAY 25" ROLLAWAY S/N 43232	5250.00	

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Purchases:	5250.00
Tax:	446.25
Freight/Labor:	0.00
Total:	5696.25



Regular

PSA

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MATCO Tools  
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<b>Distributor:</b>
Allen's Tool & Rentals
4403 Allen Road
Stow, NC 44240
Business Phone:(555) 123-7654
Email:Allen.Henderson@MatcoTools.com

**Next Weekly Pmt. Due: 34.32****Section 3 - Payment Schedule**

Number of Weekly Payments:	260
Amount of Each Payment:	34.32
Total of Payments:	8923.20
Weekly Payments Commence:	1/19/17

**Section 4 - Terms Of Sale**

(A) Total Cash Price	5250.00
(B) Trade In	0.00
Subtotal (A-B)	5250.00
(C) Sales Tax of 8.500%	446.25
(D) Down Payment	525.00
Rebate Amount	0.00
(E) Net Cash Price	5171.25
(F) Administration Fee	45.00
(G) Net Due On Prior PSA	0.00
(H) Principal Balance	5216.25
(I) Time Price Differential	3706.95
(J) Total Time Purchase Balance	8923.20

Beginning Balance: 8923.20

Payment: 34.32

**Current Balance: 8888.88**

BUYER ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF THE GOODS LISTED ABOVE AND A COMPLETELY EXECUTED COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT AND WARRANTS THAT THESE GOODS ARE PURCHASED PRIMARILY FOR USE IN THE COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF HIS TRADE OR BUSINESS AND NOT FOR PERSONAL, FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD USE.

THIS AGREEMENT IS ACCEPTED BY SELLER AND HEREBY ASSIGNED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ASSIGNMENT ON MASTER AGREEMENT.

THIS AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON THE MASTER AGREEMENT, WHICH IS ON FILE AT MATCO TOOLS, A COPY OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE BUYER AND IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AS PART OF THIS AGREEMENT. BUYER ATTESTS THAT THERE IS NO LIEN OR ENCUMBRANCE ON ANY OF THE PROPERTY, TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT TRADED IN AND DESCRIBED ABOVE.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Buyer/End User\_\_\_\_\_  
Distributor/Secured Party (Seller)\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:\_\_\_\_\_  
Date:



**APPENDIX D**  
**EXHIBIT H-1**

**MATCO TOOLS**  
**PURCHASE MONEY SECURITY – MASTER AGREEMENT**

(See attached form)



**MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION**  
**4403 ALLEN ROAD, STOW, OHIO 44224**  
**PURCHASE MONEY SECURITY -- MASTER AGREEMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip

Buyer acknowledges receipt of a completely executed copy of this Master Agreement and warrants that all Goods are purchased primarily for use in the commercial operation of this trade and business and not for personal, family or household use. Buyer authorizes Seller/Distributor and/or his assignees as interested parties as permitted by law to substantiate and investigate the information on his/her credit application and to report and exchange credit information now and in the future concerning his/her performance of this Agreement.

By signing below, Buyer hereby gives their consent to receive monthly statements via e-mail. Should Buyer revoke such consent at any time in the future, Buyer agrees to receive monthly statements via regular mail at a cost not to exceed \$5.00 per statement, which will be added to the balance due on their account each month.

This Agreement is subject to the terms and conditions set forth herein and the terms and conditions set forth in all future MDBS-PSA Sales Receipts. This Agreement shall be executed and become effective when both Buyer and Seller agree to the sale of the Goods described therein and such Goods have been delivered to and accepted by Buyer.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Buyer/End User

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This Agreement is accepted by Seller and hereby assigned under the terms of the assignment stated below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Distributor/Secured Party

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

The undersigned guarantees the payment, when due, to any Holder of said Contract, the entire amount owing with respect to such Contract, in the event of default in payment by the Buyer named herein. The undersigned waives notice of acceptance of this guaranty, notice of any extensions in time of payment, notice of sale of any of said property and all other notices to which Seller may be entitled by law and agrees to pay all guaranteed amounts upon demand without requiring any proceeding against Buyer.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Guarantor - Principal Owner]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

If the Principal Owner has a spouse, her or his spouse must sign below and serve as a guarantor.

\_\_\_\_\_  
[Guarantor - may be Principal Owner's spouse]

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

Seller's Assignment to MATCO TOOLS  
(Hereinafter called Assignee)

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, and subject to the terms of agreement with Assignee, Seller does hereby sell, assign and transfer the Security Agreement set forth above and all Receipts (collectively, the "Contracts") and all Seller's security interest and lien in and right and title to the Collateral described therein to MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION, its successors and assigns (collectively, "Assignee"), with power to take legal proceedings in the name of Seller or Assignee. Seller warrants that the Contracts are genuine and in all respects what they purport to be; that the down payment was made by the Buyer in cash and not its equivalent, unless otherwise noted therein, and that no part thereof was loaned directly or indirectly by Seller to Buyer, that said Collateral is free from any other security interest or other liens or encumbrances whatsoever, except as created by the Contracts, that the Buyer was of at least legal age at the time of his execution of each of the Contracts, that Seller knows of no time or instance when Buyer was refused or rejected for credit; and that there is now owing with respect to the Contracts the respective amounts set forth therein. Upon breach of any of the foregoing warranties, Seller will, upon demand therefor, purchase the Contract for the respective amounts owing with respect thereto, plus all costs and expenses paid or incurred by Assignee with respect thereto. All remedies of Assignee shall be cumulative and not alternative.

Seller guarantees the payment, when due, to any Holder of said Contract, the entire amount owing with respect to such Contract, in the event of default in payment by the Buyer named therein, if required and appropriate in accordance with a Credit Assignment Agreement of Seller with Assignee, the terms of which are incorporated herein. Seller waives notice of acceptance of this guaranty, notice of any extensions in time of payment, notice of sale of any of said property and all other notices to which Seller may be entitled by law and agrees to pay all guaranteed amounts upon demand without requiring any proceeding against Buyer. Seller warrants that the description of the Collateral listed on the Contracts/Receipts is accurate and complete.

## Terms and conditions of Sale/Security Agreement.

1. The Seller/Distributor (which term shall mean Seller and any assignee or Holder hereof, as the case may be) hereby sells, and the Buyer/End User (hereinafter known as Buyer) jointly and severally if more than one, hereby purchases, subject to the Terms and Conditions set forth herein and on the reverse hereof, the Tools and Equipment described on the reverse and herein called "Goods", delivery and acceptance of which are hereby acknowledged by Buyer, and subject to conditions stated herein and stated in subsequent MDBS-PSA Sales Receipts (collectively, the "Receipts"), the tools and equipment described in the Receipts, also herein called "Goods", delivery and acceptance of which is hereby acknowledged by Buyer.
2. Buyer agrees to pay MATCO, in accordance with the terms set forth in the applicable Receipts. Buyer agrees to pay the Time Purchase Balance, which includes a Time Price Differential (as such documented in the Receipt), which is an interest charge, in consecutive weekly installments as scheduled until the entire Time Purchase Balance has been paid in full. Buyer may make more than one scheduled payment at a time, but no partial payments will be accepted by the Seller. **Buyer may pay the entire unpaid balance at any time.**
3. In the event Buyer pays the full amount due and stated as the Time Purchase Balance before the last scheduled payment is due, Seller shall credit Buyer's accounts with Seller or refund to Buyer in cash (if Buyer has no unpaid accounts outstanding with Seller or such early payment is not done in conjunction with another Purchase Money Security Agreement with Seller) such portion of the Time Price Differential, if any, to which Seller has not then become entitled, as calculated pursuant to a simple interest calculation.
4. To secure the payment of the Time Purchase Balance and of any other amounts owing hereunder (collectively, "Obligations"), Buyer hereby grants to Seller and any Holder hereof a purchase money security interest and lien in and to the Goods described on the reverse and herein or in any other Receipt, and in addition, the right to file a UCC-1 Financing Statement creating an additional lien in all tools and equipment now owned by Buyer for use in Buyer's trade or business, together with any and all similar tools and equipment hereafter acquired, except where prohibited by law, and all products and proceeds thereof (including, without limitation, any insurance proceeds) (collectively, the "Collateral").
5. Buyer agrees to (a) maintain insurance reasonably acceptable to Seller with respect to the Collateral and, upon Seller's request, provide Seller with evidence of such insurance, (b) execute financing statements, continuation statements and other documents as Seller shall deem necessary to perfect or protect its security interest in the Collateral, and in addition, hereby authorize Seller or its agents or assigns to execute and file, without the signature of Buyer, one or more such financing statements if permitted in the relevant jurisdiction, with Seller paying the cost of filing all such financing statements in all public offices wherever filing is deemed by Seller to be necessary or desirable, (c) maintain the Collateral free and clear of any and all liens, claims and encumbrances other than those of Seller, (d) maintain the Collateral in good operating condition and repair, (e) pay all taxes, levies and assessments imposed or made on Buyer or any of the Collateral when the same shall become due and payable, (f) not merge into or permit the purchase or acquisition of all or a substantial part of its assets by any entity, (g) not sell, lease or remove any Collateral from Buyer's address set forth herein, (h) maintain and permit Seller to inspect Buyer's books and records at Buyer's address set forth herein, (i) permit Seller to enter Buyer's place of business at Buyer's address set forth herein to inspect the Collateral, (j) pay all Obligations when due, (k) not become insolvent, or fail to pay its debts as they become due, or (l) not suffer a material adverse change in Buyer's business or financial condition.
6. If Buyer shall fail to comply with Section 5 hereof or otherwise fails to perform any of its obligations under this Agreement or under any Receipts, such failure shall constitute a "Default" hereunder. Upon the occurrence of any Default and at any time thereafter, Seller may, at its option, (a) declare all Obligations immediately due and payable without demand, presentment, notice or other action (each of which is expressly waived by Buyer), (b) cease delivery of any other Goods on credit and cease any other extension of credit to Buyer, (c) exercise all of the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code or under any other applicable law, (d) collect, receive and realize upon the Collateral or any part thereof, (e) sell, assign, dispose of and deliver the Collateral or any part thereof at a public or private sale at such price as Seller may deem best, (f) purchase all or any part of the Collateral so sold, to the extent permitted by law, free of any right or equity of redemption in Buyer, which right Buyer hereby releases, (g) charge to Buyer interest on the unpaid portion of the Time Purchase Balance at a default rate of 28.0% Annual Percentage Rate or the maximum rate permitted by law, whichever is lower, and (h) charge a late payment fee equal to the greater of (1) Three Dollars (\$3.00), or (2) five percent (5%) of the portion of the Weekly Payment Amount(s) then due. Buyer will assemble the Collateral and make it available to Seller at such places as Seller shall select. All costs of exercising such remedies and otherwise collecting the Obligations shall be payable by Buyer and considered a part of the Obligations.
7. If more than one person signs this agreement, the obligation shall be joint and several. Any provision of this agreement which is in conflict with the statutes of the applicable jurisdiction is hereby amended to conform to the minimum requirements of such statutes. Creditor is authorized to investigate Buyer's credit, and to report Buyer's performance on this agreement, and to verify employment and income references. Buyer agrees to notify the Seller in writing of any change of address.
8. Seller/Distributor is an independent contractor and is not the Agent or Employee of MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION or assignee (herein identified). Assignee has sole discretion to accept assignment of this agreement. Neither MATCO TOOLS, nor Assignee shall have any responsibility to Seller/Distributor or Buyer or any other party if Assignee does not accept assignment of this Agreement.
9. This Agreement, together with any Receipts, represents the entire integrated contract of the parties on this subject. Seller's delay, omission or election not to exercise any right, power or remedy hereunder shall not be construed as waiving or acquiescing in any breach omission or failure of any of Buyer's duties of performance hereunder. This Agreement and all rights, powers and remedies hereunder shall be enforceable under and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio (without giving effect to the conflict of laws/rules thereof). In the event that any provision of this Agreement is held to be illegal or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed separate, and the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall survive and remain enforceable according to their tenure and effect. This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of Buyer and Seller and their respective heirs, executors, successors, representatives, trustees and assigns.
10. Assignee shall have the right, but not the obligation, to attempt to recover state and local sales or use tax, or any similar tax, for its portion of the loss on Contracts purchased at any time from Seller and held by Assignee which are recognized as bad debt by Assignee, in any jurisdiction where Assignee has standing to recover the tax, whether with or without Seller's assistance. Because (a) Seller would have been funded based on the full amount of the taxes on the Contracts at the time it was purchased, and (b) any tax recovery for bad debt is subject to being returned to the taxing authority if additional funds are recovered from the customer or their collateral and applied against the defaulted Contracts, the parties agree that any such tax recovery will be held by Assignee to mitigate its loss and to be refunded to relevant taxing authorities in the event of applicable recoveries. Seller and Customer further agree:
  - a. Seller agrees to allow and elects to allow Assignee to request refunds of state and local sales tax on accounts held by Assignee, and written off as bad debt by Assignee, which originated at any time from the Seller's Product sales;
  - b. Seller waives any rights to refunds, credits or deductions of state and local sales tax on Contracts held by Assignee for the portion of the loss recognized as bad debt by Assignee;
  - c. Seller assigns all rights to state and local sales tax refunds, credits or deductions on Contracts acquired at any time by Assignee for the portion of the loss written off by Assignee as bad debt;
  - d. Seller agrees not to request refunds for state or local sales tax or take credits or deductions on tax returns for the portion of the loss on Contracts written-off as bad debt by Assignee;
  - e. Seller agrees that it is relinquishing all rights to any state or local sales tax refunds for Product purchases on Contracts purchased by Assignee at any time for which Assignee recognizes a loss, and agrees that this is a blanket election for all accounts held by Assignee without recourse;

f. Seller agrees to promptly provide Assignee or any relevant taxing authority any and all documentation reasonably necessary to support the deductions or refund claims, including but not limited to the Seller's name (as registered), Seller's sales tax permit number or similar registration number, and jurisdictions to which the relevant tax was reported by Seller;

g. Seller shall promptly execute any assignments, consents, elections, waivers, or other similar documents, as requested by Assignee or required by a taxing authority to support Assignee's claims, as applicable in the jurisdiction where the recovery is being pursued;

h. Seller and Customer mutually agree that the taxing authority may disclose relevant confidential information to all parties involved to support and confirm any credits, deductions or refund claims; and

i. Seller agrees that any relevant information, which may otherwise be considered confidential, can be shared with a tax authority for the limited purpose of substantiating the refunds claims.

This Section 10 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

11. Seller/Distributor warrants that the Goods will be fit for the ordinary purposes for which such Goods are used in the automotive/manufacturing industry. If any of the Goods are found by Seller to be nonconforming, such Goods will, at Seller's option, be replaced or repaired at Seller's cost. THE PARTIES HERETO EXPRESSLY AGREE THAT BUYER'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY AGAINST SELLER SHALL BE FOR THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF NONCONFORMING GOODS AS PROVIDED HEREIN. The sole purpose of the stipulated exclusive remedy shall be to provide the Buyer with free repair and replacement of nonconforming Goods in the manner provided herein. **THE FOREGOING WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING THOSE OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PURPOSE NOT EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN. THE FOREGOING WARRANTY EXTENDS ONLY TO THE ORIGINAL BUYER OF THE GOODS AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE.**

**IN NO EVENT SHALL SELLER BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BREACH OF ANY OBLIGATION IMPOSED ON SELLER HEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION HERewith OR THE USE, STORAGE, DISPOSAL OR HANDLING OF THE GOODS SOLD HEREUNDER. INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES FOR PURPOSES HEREOF SHALL INCLUDE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, LOSS OF USE, INCOME OR PROFIT, INCREASED EXPENSE OF INSPECTION, OPERATION OR DOWN-TIME, OR LOSSES SUSTAINED AS THE RESULT OF INJURY (INCLUDING DEATH) TO ANY PERSON, OR LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PROPERTY HANDLED OR PROCESSED BY THE USE OF THE GOODS). BUYER SHALL INDEMNIFY SELLER AGAINST ALL LIABILITY, COST OR EXPENSE WHICH MAY BE SUSTAINED BY SELLER ON ACCOUNT OF ANY SUCH LOSS, DAMAGE OR INJURY. BUYER ASSUMES ALL RISK AND LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE USE, HANDLING STORAGE OR APPLICATION OF THE GOODS DELIVERED HEREUNDER.**

**APPENDIX D  
EXHIBIT H-2**

**MATCO TOOLS  
PURCHASE MONEY SECURITY – MASTER AGREEMENT (Revised for use in later 2025)**

(See attached form)



**MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION**  
**4403 ALLEN ROAD, STOW, OHIO 44224**

**PURCHASE MONEY SECURITY -- MASTER AGREEMENT**

Purchaser: {{Name}}  
{{Address}},  
{{City, State, Zip}}  
{{Phone}}  
{{email}}

Seller: {{Name}}  
Authorized Distributor, Matco Tools  
Distributor # {{Number}}  
{{Address}},  
{{City, State, Zip}}  
{{Phone}}  
{{email}}

Account #	Credit Limit	Time Price Differential	Monthly Payment	Contract Date	Contract #
123456789	\$10,000.00	11.99%	\$56.00 (\$50 minimum)	01-01-2025	123456
Product: PSA Installment {{Promotion: 0% Interest for 60 months}}					

**Seller's Assignment to MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION**

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, and subject to the terms of agreement with MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION ("Assignee"), Seller does hereby sell, assign and transfer the Security Agreement set forth above, all Contracts, and all of Seller's security interest and lien in and right and title to the Collateral described therein to Assignee, its successors and assigns (collectively with Assignee, "Holders"), with power to take legal proceedings in the name of Seller. Seller warrants that the Contracts are genuine and in all respects what they purport to be; that the down payment was made by the Purchaser in cash and not its equivalent, unless otherwise noted therein, and that no part thereof was loaned directly or indirectly by Seller to Purchaser, that said Collateral is free from any other security interest or other liens or encumbrances whatsoever, except as created by the Contracts, that the Purchaser was of at least legal age at the time of his execution of each of the Contracts, that Seller knows of no time or instance when Purchaser was refused or rejected for credit; and that there is now owing with respect to the Contracts up to the respective amounts set forth therein as modified from time to time in accordance with the terms herein. Upon breach of any of the foregoing warranties, Seller will, upon demand therefor, purchase the Contract for the respective amounts owing with respect thereto, plus all costs and expenses paid or incurred by Assignee with respect thereto. All remedies of Assignee shall be cumulative and not alternative.

Seller guarantees the payment, when due, to any Holder of said Contract, the entire amount owing with respect to such Contract, in the event of default in payment by the Purchaser named therein, if required and appropriate in accordance with a Credit Assignment Agreement of Seller with Assignee, the terms of which are incorporated herein. Seller waives notice of acceptance of this guaranty, notice of any extensions in time of payment, notice of sale of any of said property and all other notices to which Seller may be entitled by law and agrees to pay all guaranteed amounts upon demand without requiring any proceeding against Purchaser. Seller warrants that the description of the Collateral listed on the Receipts is accurate and complete.

**Terms and Conditions (Revised 03-06-25)**

1. The Seller/Distributor (which term shall mean Seller and any Holder, as the case may be) hereby sells, and the Purchaser jointly and severally if more than one, hereby purchases, subject to the Terms and Conditions set forth herein and on the additional and applicable Receipt, the Tools and Equipment described therein and herein called "Goods", delivery and acceptance of which are hereby acknowledged by Purchaser.
2. Purchaser agrees to pay Assignee, in accordance with the terms set forth in the applicable Receipts. Purchaser agrees to pay the Time Purchase Balance, which includes (as documented in the Receipt), an interest charge, in consecutive monthly installments as scheduled until the entire Time Purchase Balance has been paid in full. Purchaser may make more than one scheduled payment at a time. Partial payments may be accepted at Seller's sole discretion. Purchaser may pay the entire unpaid balance at any time.

3. In the event Purchaser pays the full amount due and stated as the Time Purchase Balance before the last scheduled payment is due, Seller shall credit Purchaser's accounts with Seller or refund to Purchaser in cash (if Purchaser has no unpaid accounts outstanding with Seller or such early payment is not done in conjunction with another Purchase Money Security Agreement with Seller) such portion of the interest, if any, to which Seller has not then become entitled, as calculated pursuant to a simple interest calculation.
4. To secure the payment of the Time Purchase Balance and of any other amounts owing hereunder (collectively, "Obligations"), Purchaser hereby grants to Seller and any Holder hereof a purchase money security interest and lien in and to the Goods described on the reverse and herein or in any other Receipt, and in addition, the right to file UCC-1 and UCC-3 Financing Statements creating an additional lien in all tools and equipment now owned by Purchaser for use in Purchaser's trade or business, together with any and all similar tools and equipment hereafter acquired, except where prohibited by law, and all products and proceeds thereof (including, without limitation, any insurance proceeds) (collectively, the "Collateral").
5. Purchaser agrees to (a) maintain insurance reasonably acceptable to Seller with respect to the Collateral and, upon Seller's request, provide Seller with evidence of such insurance, (b) execute financing statements, continuation statements and other documents as Seller shall deem necessary to perfect or protect its security interest in the Collateral, and in addition, hereby authorize Seller or its agents or assigns to execute and file, without the signature of Purchaser, one or more such financing statements if permitted in the relevant jurisdiction, with Seller paying the cost of filing all such financing statements in all public offices wherever filing is deemed by Seller to be necessary or desirable, (c) maintain the Collateral free and clear of any and all liens, claims and encumbrances other than those of Seller, (d) maintain the Collateral in good operating condition and repair, (e) pay all taxes, levies and assessments imposed or made on Purchaser or any of the Collateral when the same shall become due and payable, (f) not merge into or permit the purchase or acquisition of all or a substantial part of its assets by any entity, (g) not sell, lease or remove any Collateral from Purchaser's address set forth herein, (h) maintain and permit Seller to inspect Purchaser's books and records at Purchaser's address set forth herein, (i) permit Seller to enter Purchaser's place of business at Purchaser's address set forth herein to inspect the Collateral, (j) pay all Obligations when due, (k) not become insolvent, or fail to pay its debts as they become due, or (l) not suffer a material adverse change in Purchaser's business or financial condition.
6. If Purchaser shall fail to comply with Section 5 hereof or otherwise fails to perform any of its obligations under this Master Agreement or under any Receipts, such failure shall constitute a "Default" hereunder. Upon the occurrence of any Default and at any time thereafter, Seller may, at its option, (a) declare all Obligations immediately due and payable without demand, presentment, notice or other action (each of which is expressly waived by Purchaser), (b) cease delivery of any other Goods on credit and cease any other extension of credit to Purchaser, (c) exercise all of the rights and remedies of a secured party under the Uniform Commercial Code or under any other applicable law, (d) collect, receive and realize upon the Collateral or any part thereof, (e) sell, assign, dispose of and deliver the Collateral or any part thereof at a public or private sale at such price as Seller may deem best, (f) purchase all or any part of the Collateral so sold, to the extent permitted by law, free of any right or equity of redemption in Purchaser, which right Purchaser hereby releases, (g) charge to Purchaser interest on the unpaid portion of the Time Purchase Balance at a default rate of 28.0% Annual Percentage Rate or the maximum rate permitted by law, whichever is lower, and (h) charge a monthly late payment fee equal to the lesser of (1) Fifteen Dollars (\$15.00), or (2) five percent (5%) of the portion of the Monthly Payment Amount(s) then due. Purchaser will assemble the Collateral and make it available to Seller at such places as Seller shall select. All costs of exercising such remedies and otherwise collecting the Obligations shall be payable by Purchaser and considered a part of the Obligations.
7. If more than one person signs this agreement, the obligation shall be joint and several. Any provision of this agreement which is in conflict with the statutes of the applicable jurisdiction is hereby amended to conform to the minimum requirements of such statutes. Creditor is authorized to investigate Purchaser's credit, and to report Purchaser's performance on this agreement, and to verify employment and income references. Purchaser agrees to notify the Seller in writing of any change of contact information including but not limited to address, phone number, and email address.
8. Seller/Distributor is an independent contractor and is not a Holder or an agent or employee of Assignee. Assignee has sole discretion to accept assignment of this agreement. Neither Assignee nor any Holder shall have any responsibility to Seller/Distributor or Purchaser or any other party if Assignee does not accept assignment of this Agreement.
9. Purchaser expressly authorizes Assignee, its agents, representatives, successors and assigns, to contact him/her regarding his/her account(s) by written, verbal, or electronic means to any telephone number or email address Purchaser provides to Assignee, including by way of text messaging, an automatic telephone dialing system or an artificial or prerecorded voice message. Assignee's messaging service will not charge Purchaser to receive or reply to text messages that Purchaser receives from Assignee. However, Purchaser understands that Purchaser's mobile carrier may charge its standard text messaging rates. If Purchaser no longer wishes to be contacted telephonically, including by an automated dialer or pre-recorded voice message, Purchaser must provide Assignee with written notice cancelling Purchaser's consent at this address: 4403 ALLEN ROAD, STOW, OH 44224 ATTENTION: CREDIT DEPARTMENT or Purchaser may call (800) 472-0012. The written notice must include: Purchaser's name, mailing address, the last four digits of Purchaser's account number and the specific phone number(s) or email address for which Purchaser would like to cancel Purchaser's consent to be contacted by an automated dialer, pre-recorded voice message, email, or text message.
10. This Master Agreement represents the entire integrated contract of the parties on this subject. Seller's delay, omission or election not to exercise any right, power or remedy hereunder shall not be construed as waiving or acquiescing in any breach omission or failure of any of Purchaser's duties of performance hereunder. This Agreement and all rights, powers and remedies hereunder shall be enforceable under and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio (without giving effect to the conflict of laws/rules

thereof). In the event that any provision of this Agreement is held to be illegal or unenforceable, such provision shall be deemed separate, and the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall survive and remain enforceable according to their tenure and effect. This Agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of Purchaser and Seller and their respective heirs, executors, successors, representatives, trustees and assigns.

11. Mandatory Arbitration of Disputes. Any controversy or claim arising out of or relating to this Master Agreement or the performance thereof ("Claim") shall be governed and construed in accordance with the laws in the state of Ohio, and shall be resolved by final and binding arbitration conducted in Summit County, Ohio or remotely at the option of either party and administered by the American Arbitration Association ("AAA") under its Commercial Arbitration Rules and Mediation Procedures ("Commercial Rules"). There shall be one arbitrator agreed to by the parties within twenty (20) days of receipt by respondent[s] of the request for arbitration or in default thereof appointed by the AAA in accordance with its Commercial Rules. The arbitrator will have no authority to award punitive damages but may provide for equitable remedies, an accounting and/or reimbursement for attorneys', or consultants fees, as the arbitrator shall see fit. Arbitration shall proceed solely on an individual basis without the right for any Claims to be arbitrated on a class action basis or on bases involving claims brought in a purported representative capacity on behalf of others. The award rendered by the arbitrator shall be final and binding on the parties and may be entered and enforced in any court having jurisdiction. Judgment on the award shall be final and non-appealable.
12. Assignee warrants that the Goods will be fit for the ordinary purposes for which such Goods are used in the automotive/manufacturing industry. If any of the Goods are found by Assignee to be nonconforming, such Goods will, at Assignee's option, be replaced or repaired at Assignee's cost. **THE PARTIES HERETO EXPRESSLY AGREE THAT PURCHASER'S SOLE AND EXCLUSIVE REMEDY AGAINST ASSIGNEE SHALL BE FOR THE REPAIR OR REPLACEMENT OF NONCONFORMING GOODS AS PROVIDED HEREIN.** The sole purpose of the stipulated exclusive remedy shall be to provide the Purchaser with free repair and replacement of nonconforming Goods in the manner provided herein. **THE FOREGOING WARRANTY IS IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING THOSE OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR ANY PURPOSE NOT EXPRESSLY SET FORTH HEREIN. THE FOREGOING WARRANTY EXTENDS ONLY TO THE ORIGINAL PURCHASER OF THE GOODS AND IS NOT TRANSFERABLE.**

**IN NO EVENT SHALL ASSIGNEE BE LIABLE FOR INCIDENTAL OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES ARISING OUT OF OR IN CONNECTION WITH THIS AGREEMENT INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO BREACH OF ANY OBLIGATION IMPOSED ON SELLER HEREUNDER OR IN CONNECTION HERewith OR THE USE, STORAGE, DISPOSAL OR HANDLING OF THE GOODS SOLD HEREUNDER. INCIDENTAL AND CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES FOR PURPOSES HEREOF SHALL INCLUDE, WITHOUT LIMITATION, LOSS OF USE, INCOME OR PROFIT, INCREASED EXPENSE OF INSPECTION, OPERATION OR DOWN-TIME, OR LOSSES SUSTAINED AS THE RESULT OF INJURY (INCLUDING DEATH) TO ANY PERSON, OR LOSS OF OR DAMAGE TO PROPERTY (INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO PROPERTY HANDLED OR PROCESSED BY THE USE OF THE GOODS). PURCHASER SHALL INDEMNIFY ASSIGNEE AGAINST ALL LIABILITY, COST OR EXPENSE WHICH MAY BE SUSTAINED BY ASSIGNEE ON ACCOUNT OF ANY SUCH LOSS, DAMAGE OR INJURY. PURCHASER ASSUMES ALL RISK AND LIABILITY FOR LOSS OR DAMAGE RESULTING FROM THE USE, HANDLING STORAGE OR APPLICATION OF THE GOODS DELIVERED HEREUNDER.**



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### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Purchaser acknowledges receipt of a completely executed copy of this Master Agreement and warrants that all Goods are purchased primarily for use in the commercial operation of this trade and business and not for personal, family or household use. Purchaser authorizes Seller/Distributor and/or its assignees as interested parties as permitted by law to substantiate and investigate the information on his/her credit application and to report and exchange credit information now and in the future concerning his/her performance of this Agreement.

By signing below, Purchaser hereby gives their consent to receive monthly statements via e-mail. Should Purchaser revoke such consent at any time in the future, Purchaser agrees to receive monthly statements via regular mail at a cost not to exceed \$5.00 per statement, which will be added to the balance due on their account each month.

This Master Agreement, including the Security Agreement below, is subject to the terms and conditions set forth below and the terms and conditions set forth in the accompanying MDBS-PSA sales receipt ("Receipt") (collectively with the Security Agreement, the "Contract"). This Agreement shall be executed and become effective when both Purchaser and Seller agree to the sale of the Goods described herein and such Goods have been delivered to and accepted by Purchaser.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Purchaser

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

This Agreement is accepted by Seller and hereby assigned under the terms of the assignment stated below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Assignee

Matco Tools Corporation  
Jeffrey S. Darrah, Vice President of Finance

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

**APPENDIX D  
EXHIBIT I**

**MATCO TOOLS  
END USER'S CREDIT APPLICATION SUBJECT TO MATCO TOOLS/P.S.A. CREDIT  
APPROVAL**

(See attached form)

**MATCO TOOLS**  
**CUSTOMER # 4500**  
**END USERS CREDIT APPLICATION**  
**SUBJECT TO MATCO TOOLS FINANCIAL SERVICES APPROVAL**

This application is for the purpose of obtaining credit to purchase Matco tools and equipment from an authorized Matco Distributor for use in the commercial operation of his or her trade and business. The Matco Distributor may assign the Purchase Security Agreement for this mechanic to Matco Tools/P.S.A.

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

Legal Name...: JOHN DOE  
SSN.....: 711-11-1111 Date of Birth: 7/19/1990  
Phone.....: (555) 555-1234 Driver Lic#...: GH123456  
Route Day....: Thursday License State: OH  
Email.....: JD2017@GMAIL.COM

Current Address: 123 ANYWHERE DRIVE  
STOW, OH 44224 ( Owns Home (PIF): 10 Years, 5 Months )

Mailing Address: 123 ANYWHERE DRIVE  
STOW, OH 44224

**EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

Current Employer:

AUTO TECH	Phone.....: (555) 987-6543	Hire Date....: 5/19/2011
4420 HUDSON DRIVE	Supervisor...: TOM SMITH	
STOW, OH, 44224	Position.....: DIAGNOSTIC TECH	Status.....: Full Time

**PERSONAL REFERENCES - TWO (2) ARE REQUIRED -**

Reference #1: DAVE SMITH Phone.....: 5556667777

Reference #2: JANE GREEN Phone.....: 5558883123

I represent that the above information is true and freely given for the purpose of obtaining, extending, and continuing credit with Matco Tools. I authorize Matco Tools to make credit investigations as it sees fit, including but not limited to procuring credit reports & contacting references now and in the future so long as Matco has credit extended to me and/or I am seeking additional credit from them. Should credit be granted by Matco Tools, all decisions with respect to the extension or continuation of credit shall be in the sole discretion of Matco Tools. Matco Tools reserves the right to terminate any credit availability within its sole discretion.

I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE TERMS AND CONDITIONS, AND HEREBY AGREE TO THEM:

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: January 19, 2017

**APPENDIX D**  
**EXHIBIT J**

**MATCO TOOLS**  
**DISTRIBUTOR'S PURCHASE SECURITY AGREEMENT**  
**RECOURSE CREDIT ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT**

(See attached form)

# MATCO TOOLS

## DISTRIBUTOR'S PURCHASE-SECURITY AGREEMENT RECOURSE CREDIT ASSIGNMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT, made and entered into at Stow, Ohio, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_  
by and between MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation (herein referred to as "Assignee"), and  
\_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_  
organized in \_\_\_\_\_ and having offices at \_\_\_\_\_  
(herein referred to as "Distributor").

WITNESSETH, That

WHEREAS, Distributor is and has been serving as an independent owner of a franchised Matco Tools distributorship, pursuant to Distributor's Distributorship Agreement with MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION (herein referred to as "MATCO TOOLS"), and Distributor's franchised distributorship engages in the solicitation for sale and sale of MATCO tools and related equipment to professional mechanics; and

WHEREAS, Assignee is willing to provide financing for certain of such purchases, provided Distributor agrees to and complies with the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

1. From time to time after the date hereof, Distributor shall present in electronic format to Assignee for purchase executed credit documents and related materials, in form and substance satisfactory to Assignee, providing for the assignment to Assignee of rights to collection of amounts payable representing the time purchase balance due in connection with the sale by Distributor of tools, equipment and/or related products purchased from MATCO TOOLS. Upon receipt of such documents and materials, it shall be within the sole discretion of Assignee whether or not to purchase the same, and nothing herein shall be construed as imposing any obligation upon Assignee to make any purchases from Distributor.
2. The purchase price to be paid to the Distributor by Assignee for credit documents accepted for assignment shall be one-hundred percent (100%) of the net cash price (principal amount of purchase included in the credit document being accepted by Assignee not including amounts previously assigned) thereof unless otherwise specified by MATCO TOOLS. Upon acceptance of any such documents, payment shall be effected by Assignee arranging for immediate credit against Distributor's purchase account with MATCO TOOLS (amounts due MATCO TOOLS in the ordinary course of business, exclusive of amounts outstanding under notes or other credit documents provided under other debt agreements between Distributor and MATCO TOOLS) and a confirming document will be forwarded to Distributor.
3. Distributor hereby warrants and represents to and agrees with Assignee as follows:
  - (a) All credit documents presented to Assignee for assignment hereunder shall be full, correct, complete and genuine, and shall be filled out and properly executed, shall accurately and truthfully describe the date(s) of purchase, items purchased and purchase price(s) charged and shall not have been offered previously to any other financial institution or other entity for purchase or as collateral against advances;
  - (b) All credit documents presented to Assignee for assignment hereunder shall relate to and arise from the sale of MATCO TOOLS, products, equipment and/or related products sold and to be utilized primarily for the commercial conduct of trade or business of the customer executing such documents and in no event shall any such credit documents have arisen from or relate to any sales of products for primarily personal, family or household purposes, or sales of products marketed by any entity other than MATCO TOOLS;
  - (c) Each customer executing credit documents presented to Assignee or assignment hereunder is creditworthy and Distributor releases Assignee from any claim or liability related to or arising out of Assignee's check on or determination of the creditworthiness of the customer and/or the acceptance or rejection by Assignee of any credit documents presented hereunder;
  - (d) Without prior written consent of the Assignee, Distributor shall in no event nor at any time prior to or after a sale of products, modify the terms of any instrument purchased by Assignee;

- (e) Distributor agrees to collect amounts payable representing the time purchase balance due in connection with the sale by Distributor of tools, equipment and/or related products purchased from MATCO TOOLS and financed pursuant to this Agreement, and further hereby authorizes Assignee to debit Distributor's Purchase Account with MATCO TOOLS for the amounts collected for PSA's which have been recouped back to Distributor;
- (f) Distributor shall at all times, as an independent contractor, operate in its business entity name and be solely answerable for the costs and expenses, consequences and damages arising out of the conduct of its business as a distributor for MATCO TOOLS;
- (g) Distributor shall at all times comply with the procedures from time to time established by Assignee with respect to credit limits, handling of credit documents and other activities related to financing of sales of MATCO TOOLS products as contemplated hereunder; and
- (h) The Distributor agrees that, upon Assignee's request to make a particular repossession, it will cooperate as instructed by Assignee in making such repossession provided that it can be effected without Breach of Peace. Distributor also agrees to purchase the repossessed product in an agreed upon amount as established pursuant to MATCO TOOLS' Repossession Policy, as same may be revised from time to time.

4. Following acceptance of the credit documents hereunder Distributor and Assignee agree to the following terms and conditions:

- (a) Upon failure by Distributor to remit payments or other funds collected on behalf of Assignee, pursuant to Paragraph 3 (e) above, Distributor hereby authorizes Assignee and MATCO TOOLS to debit Distributor's Purchase Account with MATCO TOOLS in an amount or amounts equal to the sums collected but not remitted. In addition, MATCO TOOLS may charge Distributor an administrative fee (currently set at \$25 per occurrence, per contract) for delinquent, insufficient payments or inaccurate reporting as consideration for MATCO TOOLS' time and efforts in collecting monies, additional correspondence with you, credit bureaus and others, and administrative time and costs to correct data. Any amounts not remitted by Distributor within 10 days of their collection shall be deemed funds not promptly remitted and subject to this provision.
- (b) Any documents, notes, agreements, or other contracts assigned by Distributor to Assignee pursuant to this Agreement which are later shown or alleged to be, in whole or in part, altered, amended, modified, forged, or not genuine, accurate, or in compliance with the terms of this Agreement in any respect, shall be immediately reassigned by Assignee to Distributor and upon such reassignment Distributor hereby agrees to accept such assignment and immediately, without set-off or deduction of any kind, agrees to pay Assignee the full amount of any balance then outstanding thereon. Upon failure by Distributor to pay Assignee as stated above, upon any reassignment of documents within 10 days of the date of reassignment, Distributor hereby authorizes Assignee and MATCO TOOLS to debit Distributor's Purchase Account in an amount equal to the amounts due on the reassigned documents. This Paragraph (b) shall not apply in the case when Assignee has, by its own action, or with its written consent, been a party to an amendment or modification of any document, note, agreement or other contract;
- (c) Distributor shall not, without prior written consent of Assignee, release any security interest collateral subject to documents assigned to Assignee hereunder, modify or substitute collateral specified in any such documents, consent to or accept return of any collateral subject to or covered by any other assigned documents or effect repossession of any such collateral. Any of the foregoing actions on the part of Distributor, without the written consent of Assignee shall be deemed to be an alteration of the documents pursuant of paragraph 4 (b) above;
- (d) In the event of default by customer of any installment payable on the due date thereof, or in the prompt performance of any other obligation to be performed under the credit document or contract by customer, after the assignment thereof by Distributor to Assignee, Distributor authorizes MATCO TOOLS to charge its Purchase Account an amount up to 100% of the outstanding balance, though it may be less depending upon the program under which the contract was assigned and MATCO TOOL's credit scoring models for that particular program. This recourse amount is non-refundable. MATCO TOOLS and Distributor agree that 100% of any funds collected thereafter will be credited to MATCO TOOLS;
- (e) In the event Distributor terminates as a MATCO TOOLS Distributor, regardless of the reason for terminations, then Distributor agrees to accept as a charge to its Purchase Account an amount up to 100% of the outstanding balances of recourse contracts, and to remit 100% of all funds or proceeds collected thereafter within 10 days to MATCO TOOLS. 100% of all funds or proceeds collected thereafter will be credited to MATCO TOOLS; and
- (f) Distributor may not rollover any portion of its unpaid Time Payment into the Purchase Money Security Agreement. In addition, Distributor may not include products previously sold under Time Payment and resold as new items purchased by the customer into the Purchase Money Security Agreement. Noncompliance with this section of the Agreement on Time Payment rollovers or reselling items previously sold on TP on a Purchase Money Security Agreement will result in the contract being charged back to Distributor's open purchase account.

(g) Notwithstanding anything to the contrary Distributor grants to Assignee, a security interest in all such credit document(s) or contract(s) and Assignee shall have the right to continue to possess the same and collect from the customer(s) obligated thereon all amounts due thereon and apply the same against amounts due Assignee from Distributor or due MATCO TOOLS from Distributor.

5. The liability of Distributor hereunder shall not be affected by any settlement, extension, forbearance or variation in terms which Assignee may grant in connection with any credit documents acquired hereunder or by the discharge or release of the obligations of the account debtor by operation of law or otherwise. Assignee makes no representation or warranty to Distributor concerning the validity, enforceability or sufficiency of any credit documents and/or other materials furnished to Distributor by Assignee.
6. This Agreement may be terminated at any time by Distributor or Assignee by written notice, but such termination shall not affect the respective rights and obligations of either party hereunder as to credit documents theretofore purchased by Assignee, including all repurchase and reassignment obligations.
7. It being anticipated that Distributor and/or other parties to credit assignments with Assignee may assign to Assignee credit documents covering sales to a particular customer which occurred on more than one occasion, it is understood and agreed that, unless otherwise agreed in writing between Assignee and Distributor or required by law, payments received from such a customer will be applied against the respective payment obligations of the customer in a manner such that all current and past due obligations under the documents bearing the earliest date will be treated as satisfied first, all current and past due obligations under the documents bearing the next-earliest date will be treated as satisfied next, and so-on, with the current and past due obligations under the documents bearing the most recent date being treated as satisfied only after current and past due obligations under documents hearing earlier dates have been satisfied.
8. This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby and the same shall be amended or modified only by written agreement specifically referring hereto. None of the provisions hereof shall be deemed to in any way limit such rights as either party hereto may have by statute or at law or in equity as against the other party, and any remedies provided for herein shall be in addition to and not exclusive of any other remedy available by statute or under principles of common law or equity and such remedies may be exercised by either party consecutively or concurrently and such exercise shall not be deemed to waive any other rights or remedies which may be available to a party.
9. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, successors and assigns, provided however, the same shall not be assigned by the Distributor without prior written consent of Assignee thereto.
10. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date and year first written above.

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION

DISTRIBUTOR:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Juli Foust  
ITS Director, Financial Services

\_\_\_\_\_ 0  
**Debtor:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_ 0  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Debtor's Principal Owner and Guarantor:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Guarantor (which may Principal Owner's spouse):**

If Principal Owner has a spouse, her or his spouse must sign below and serve as a Guarantor.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Debtor's Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**APPENDIX D  
EXHIBIT K-1**

**MATCO TOOLS**  
**PURCHASE MONEY SECURITY AGREEMENT – TECH START AND**  
**PURCHASE MONEY SECURITY AGREEMENT – TECH ASSURED**

(See attached form)



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MATCO Tools  
Allen's Tool & Rentals  
Authorized Distributor of Matco Tools  
DISTRIBUTOR # 411116

**Section 1 - Buyer**

Smith, Robert (4492)  
ALLEN TIRE (ATIRE)  
N234567890 (PENDING)

**Distributor:**

Allen's Tool & Rentals  
4403 Allen Road  
Stow, AK 44240  
Business Phone: (555) 123-7654  
Email: Allen.Henderson@MatcoTools.com

Next Weekly Pmt. Due: 20.04

**Section 2 - Goods Sold**

Item	Qty	Item Description	Amount	Comment
MDMAXME	1	MATCO MAXME TABLET	849.00	
		Activation Code: 13EOA4-4H-3GS		
		S/N 231312		

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Purchases:	849.00
Tax:	57.31
Freight/Labor:	0.00
Total:	906.31



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4403 Allen Road

Stow, AK 44240

Business Phone: (555) 123-7654

Email: Allen.Henderson@MatcoTools.com

**Next Weekly Pmt. Due: 20.04****Section 3 - Payment Schedule**

Number of Weekly Payments:	52
Amount of Each Payment:	20.04
Total of Payments:	1042.08
Weekly Payments Commence:	3/1/16

**Section 4 - Terms Of Sale**

(A) Total Cash Price	849.00
(B) Trade In	0.00
Subtotal (A-B)	849.00
(C) Sales Tax of 6.750%	57.31
(D) Down Payment	0.00
Rebate Amount	0.00
(E) Net Cash Price	906.31
(F) Administration Fee	45.00
(G) Net Due On Prior PSA	0.00
(H) Principal Balance	951.31
(I) Time Price Differential	90.77
(J) Total Time Purchase Balance	1042.08

Beginning Balance: 1042.08

Payment: 20.04

**Current Balance: 1022.04**

BUYER ACKNOWLEDGES RECEIPT OF THE GOODS LISTED ABOVE AND A COMPLETELY EXECUTED COPY OF THIS AGREEMENT AND WARRANTS THAT THESE GOODS ARE PURCHASED PRIMARILY FOR USE IN THE COMMERCIAL OPERATION OF HIS TRADE OR BUSINESS AND NOT FOR PERSONAL, FAMILY OR HOUSEHOLD USE.

THIS AGREEMENT IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS ON THE MASTER AGREEMENT, WHICH IS ON FILE AT MATCO TOOLS, A COPY OF WHICH HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE BUYER AND IS INCORPORATED HEREIN AS PART OF THIS AGREEMENT. BUYER ATTESTS THAT THERE IS NO LIEN OR ENCUMBRANCE ON ANY OF THE PROPERTY, TOOLS OR EQUIPMENT TRADED IN AND DESCRIBED ABOVE.

THIS AGREEMENT IS ACCEPTED BY SELLER AND HEREBY ASSIGNED UNDER THE TERMS OF THE ASSIGNMENT ON MASTER AGREEMENT.

Buyer/End User

Distributor/Secured Party (Seller)

Date:

Date:



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MATCO Tools  
Allen's Tool & Rentals  
Authorized Distributor of Matco Tools  
DISTRIBUTOR # 411116

**Section 1 - Buyer**

West, James(4491)  
ALLEN TIRE(ATIRE)  
N723737377(PENDING)

**Distributor:**

Allen's Tool & Rentals  
4403 Allen Road  
Stow, AK 44240  
Business Phone:(555) 123-7654  
Email:Allen.Henderson@MatcoTools.com

**Next Weekly Pmt. Due: 15.21**

**Section 2 - Goods Sold**

Item	Qty	Item Description	Amount	Comment
CART2D-BL	1	2 DRAWER TOOL CART - BLUE	515.00	

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Purchases:	515.00
Tax:	34.77
Freight/Labor:	0.00
Total:	549.77



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Email:Allen.Henderson@MatcoTools.com

**Next Weekly Pmt. Due: 15.21****Section 3 - Payment Schedule**

Number of Weekly Payments:	43
Amount of Each Payment:	15.21
Total of Payments:	654.03
Weekly Payments Commence:	3/1/16

**Section 4 - Terms Of Sale**

(A) Total Cash Price	515.00
(B) Trade In	0.00
Subtotal (A-B)	515.00
(C) Sales Tax of 6.750%	34.77
(D) Down Payment	0.00
Rebate Amount	0.00
(E) Net Cash Price	549.77
(F) Administration Fee	45.00
(G) Net Due On Prior PSA	0.00
(H) Principal Balance	594.77
(I) Time Price Differential	59.26
(J) Total Time Purchase Balance	654.03

Beginning Balance:	654.03
Payment:	15.21
<b>Current Balance:</b>	<b>638.82</b>

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Buyer/End User

Distributor/Secured Party (Seller)

Date:

Date:

**APPENDIX D**  
**EXHIBIT K-2**

**MATCO TOOLS**  
**PURCHASE MONEY SECURITY AGREEMENT – TECH ADVANTAGE**

(See attached form)

# **MATCO TOOLS**

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\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ (herein referred  
to as "Distributor").

WITNESSETH, That

WHEREAS, Distributor is and has been serving as an independent Distributor for Matco Tools Corporation, herein referred to as MATCO TOOLS or Assignee, engaging in the solicitation for sale and sale of MATCO tools and related equipment to professional mechanics; and

WHEREAS, Assignee is willing to provide financing for certain of such purchases, provided Distributor agrees to and complies with the terms and conditions contained in this Agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties hereto agree as follows:

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2. The purchase price to be paid to the Distributor by Assignee for credit documents accepted for assignment shall be no less than ninety-seven percent (97%) of the net cash price (principal amount of purchase included in the credit document being accepted by Assignee not including amounts previously assigned) thereof unless otherwise specified by MATCO TOOLS. Upon acceptance of any such documents, payment shall be effected by Assignee arranging for immediate credit against Distributor's purchase account with MATCO TOOLS (amounts due MATCO TOOLS in the ordinary course of business, exclusive of amounts outstanding under notes or other credit documents provided under other debt agreements between Distributor and MATCO TOOLS) and a confirming document will be forwarded to Distributor.

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(b) Any documents, notes, agreements, or other contracts assigned by Distributor to Assignee pursuant to this Agreement which are later shown or alleged to be, in whole or in part, altered, amended, modified, forged, or not genuine, accurate, or in compliance with the terms of this Agreement in any respect, shall be immediately reassigned by Assignee to Distributor and upon such reassignment Distributor hereby agrees to accept such assignment and immediately, without set-off or deduction of any kind, agrees to pay Assignee the full amount of any balance then outstanding thereon. Upon failure by Distributor to pay Assignee as stated above, upon any reassignment of documents within 10 days of the date of reassignment, Distributor hereby authorizes Assignee and MATCO TOOLS to debit Distributor's Purchase Account in an amount equal to the amounts due on the reassigned documents. This Paragraph (b) shall not apply in the case when Assignee has, by its own action, or with its written consent, been a party to an amendment or modification of any document, note, agreement or other contract;

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(d) In the event of default by customer of any installment payable on the due date thereof, or in the prompt performance of any other obligation to be performed under the credit document or contract by customer, after the assignment thereof by Distributor to Assignee, Distributor authorizes MATCO TOOLS to charge his Purchase Account an amount up to 100% of the outstanding balance, though it may be less depending upon the program under which the contract was



assigned and MATCO TOOLS' credit scoring models for that particular program. This recourse amount is non-refundable. MATCO TOOLS and Distributor agree that 100% of any funds collected thereafter will be Distributor's to keep as an offset to the chargeback made to Distributor's OPA by MATCO TOOLS;

(e) In the event Distributor terminates as a MATCO TOOLS Distributor, regardless of the reason for terminations, then Distributor agrees to accept as a charge to his Purchase Account an amount up to 100% of the outstanding balances of recourse contracts, and to remit 100% of all funds or proceeds collected thereafter within 10 days to MATCO TOOLS. These accounts will not be brought in house for collection by MATCO TOOLS and 100% of all funds or proceeds collected thereafter by Distributor will be kept by Distributor to offset the chargeback made to Distributor's OPA by MATCO TOOLS; and

(f) Distributor may not rollover any portion of his unpaid Time Payment into the Purchase Money Security Agreement. In addition, Distributor may not include products previously sold under Time Payment and resold as new items purchased by the customer into the Purchase Money Security Agreement. Non-compliance with this section of the Agreement on Time Payment rollovers or reselling items previously sold on TP on a Purchase Money Security Agreement will result in the contract being charged back to Distributor's open purchase account.

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5. The liability of Distributor hereunder shall not be affected by any settlement, extension, forbearance or variation in terms which Assignee may grant in connection with any credit documents acquired hereunder or by the discharge or release of the obligations of the account debtor by operation of law or otherwise. Assignee makes no representation or warranty to Distributor concerning the validity, enforceability or sufficiency of any credit documents and/or other materials furnished to Distributor by Assignee.

6. This Agreement may be terminated at any time by Distributor or Assignee by written notice, but such termination shall not affect the respective rights and obligations of either party hereunder as to credit documents theretofore purchased by Assignee, including all repurchase and reassignment obligations.

7. It being anticipated that Distributor and/or other parties to credit assignments with Assignee may assign to Assignee credit documents covering sales to a particular customer which occurred on more than one occasion, it is understood and agreed that, unless otherwise agreed in writing between Assignee and Distributor or required by law, payments received from such a customer will be applied against the respective payment obligations of the customer in a manner such that all current and past due obligations under the documents bearing the earliest date will be treated as satisfied first, all current and past due obligations under the documents bearing the next-earliest date will be treated as satisfied next, and so-on, with the current and past due obligations under the documents bearing the most recent date being treated as satisfied only after current and past due obligations under documents bearing earlier dates have been satisfied.

8. This Agreement contains the entire understanding of the parties with respect to the transactions contemplated hereby and the same shall be amended or modified only by written agreement specifically referring hereto. None of the provisions hereof shall be deemed to in any way limit such rights as either party hereto may have by statute or at law or in equity as against the other party, and any remedies provided for herein shall be in addition to and not exclusive of any other remedy available by statute or under principles of common law or equity and such remedies may be exercised by either party consecutively or concurrently and such exercise shall not be deemed to waive any other rights or remedies which may be available to a party.

9. This Agreement shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective heirs, successors and assigns, provided however, the same shall not be assigned by the Distributor without prior written consent of Assignee thereto.

10. This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto caused this Agreement to be executed as of the date and year first written above.

SIGNED IN THE PRESENCE OF:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

BY \_\_\_\_\_  
Julie Foust  
ITS: Director, Financial Services

DISTRIBUTOR:

Matco Distributor Number \_\_\_\_\_

Distributor Entity Name: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

DEBTOR'S PRINCIPAL OWNER AND  
GUARANTOR:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDITIONAL GUARANTOR:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX D  
EXHIBIT L**

**MATCO TOOLS  
REVOLVING LINE OF CREDIT AGREEMENT AND PROMISSORY NOTE**

(See attached form)

**Addendum to the Revolving Line of Credit Agreement**

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Stow, Ohio  
\_\_\_\_\_

This Addendum to the Revolving Line of Credit Agreement by and between Matco Tools Corporation (“MATCO”) and \_\_\_\_\_ [Distributor Entity Name], a/an \_\_\_\_\_ [Type of Entity] organized in \_\_\_\_\_ [State of Formation] and having offices at \_\_\_\_\_ (herein referred to as “DISTRIBUTOR”) is made and executed as of the date referred to above. An additional principal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ and 00/100 Dollars (\$.00) has been added to the Revolving Line of Credit Agreement (the “LOAN AGREEMENT”) bringing the Loan Agreement to a total sum of \_\_\_\_\_ and 00/100 Dollars (\$.00).

This Addendum shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

Debtor: [Distributor Entity Name]

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Debtor’s Principal Owner and Guarantor:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Guarantor:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Debtor’s Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Amendment to the Revolving Line of Credit Agreement and Promissory Note**

Stow, Ohio  
\_\_\_\_\_

This Amendment to the Revolving Line of Credit Agreement and Promissory Note by and between Matco Tools Corporation ("MATCO") and \_\_\_\_\_ [Distributor Entity Name], a/an \_\_\_\_\_ [Type of Entity] organized in \_\_\_\_\_ [State of Formation] and having offices at \_\_\_\_\_ (herein referred to as "DISTRIBUTOR") is made and executed as of the date referred to above.

An additional principal sum of \_\_\_\_\_ and 00/100 Dollars (\$.00) has been added to the Revolving Line of Credit Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (the "LOAN AGREEMENT") and Promissory Note dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (the "NOTE") bringing the total principal amount available under the Loan Agreement and Note to a total sum of \_\_\_\_\_ and 00/100 Dollars (\$.00).

Borrowings currently outstanding under the Loan Agreement are \_\_\_\_\_ and 00/100 Dollars (\$.00).

The Credit Limit as set forth in the Loan Agreement is hereby increased to the principal amount of \_\_\_\_\_ and 00/100 Dollars (\$.00).

The Maturity Date as set forth in the Loan Agreement and Note is hereby extended to \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

The first sentence of Section 4 of the Loan Agreement and the first sentence of the second paragraph of the Note are hereby deleted such that no interest shall be due and payable prior to the Maturity Date.

Matco hereby waives any and all defaults that may have occurred under the Loan Agreement and/or Note prior to the date of this Amendment.

Except as provided above in this Amendment and in all prior addendums, all terms, covenants and conditions in the Loan Agreement and Note shall remain in full force and effect and shall not be affected by this Amendment.

This Amendment shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

Debtor: [Distributor Entity Name]

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Debtor's Principal Owner and Guarantor:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Additional signature page to follow.]*

**Additional Guarantor:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Debtor's Address:**

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**MATCO TOOLS**

**ASSIGNMENT, ASSUMPTION, AND CONSENT AGREEMENT**

## **ASSIGNMENT, ASSUMPTION AND CONSENT AGREEMENT**

(for transfer of a Distributorship Agreement)

THIS ASSIGNMENT, ASSUMPTION AND CONSENT AGREEMENT (the “Agreement”) is entered into as of **[Today’s Date]**, by and among **MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION**, a Delaware corporation (“Matco”), and **[Distributor Name]**, an individual and resident of **[State]** (collectively “Assignor”), and **[Entity Name]**, a/n **[Type of Entity]** (“Assignee”).

### **BACKGROUND**

- A. Matco and Assignor are parties to that certain Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement dated **[Date of Distributorship Agreement]** (the “**Distributorship Agreement**”). Under the terms of the Distributorship Agreement, Assignor operates a Matco mobile distributor (the “**Distributorship**”).
- B. Assignee is a corporation, limited liability company, or similar entity in which a majority of the issued and outstanding equity, membership interests, or capital stock of the entity in Assignee is owned and controlled by Assignor.
- C. Assignor wishes to sell and transfer the assets of the Distributorship and the business operated by Assignor to Assignee as of the date of this Agreement (the “**Effective Date**”), and in connection therewith, Assignor wishes to assign to Assignee, and Assignee wishes to assume, the Distributorship Agreement. In this Agreement, the term “**Transfer**” means the proposed transaction in the preceding sentence.
- D. The consent of Matco to the Transfer is required under Section 10 of the Distributorship Agreement. Assignor has requested that Matco give its consent to the Transfer, and Matco is willing to provide its consent, and relieve Assignor of its obligations to operate the Distributorship under the Distributorship Agreement, on the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- E. All capitalized terms contained herein shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in the Distributorship Agreement, unless otherwise defined herein.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. **Assignment and Assumption.** As of the Effective Date, Assignor assigns and transfers to Assignee, and Assignee assumes, the Distributorship Agreement and all of the rights, duties, obligations and covenants of the “Distributor” thereunder.
- 2. **Consent of Matco.** Matco consents, as of the Effective Date, to the Transfer, and the assignment by Assignor and the assumption by Assignee of the Distributorship Agreement and the rights and obligations of Assignor under the Distributorship



Agreement, provided that, prior to, and as of, the Effective Date, the following conditions have been satisfied:

(a) Assignor, who acknowledges to be the majority equity owner of Assignee, shall have executed the Guarantee, Indemnification and Acknowledgment, attached to the Distributorship Agreement, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and Assignor shall be the “Principal Owner” under the Distributorship Agreement following the assignment, and shall have executed the Principal Owner Acknowledgement on the signature page of this Agreement;

(b) Assignee shall have signed the “Acknowledgment of Receipt” which is the last page of the Franchise Disclosure Document referred to in Section 3 below; and

(c) Assignee has agreed to assume the duties and obligations of Assignor under the Distributorship Agreement as provided for in this Agreement.

3. **Receipt of Disclosure Document.** Assignee and its individual owner(s) acknowledge receipt of the Matco Tools Corporation Franchise Disclosure Document for Prospective Distributors dated [Issuance Date of FDD], which complies with the Federal Trade Commission's Trade Regulation Rule on Franchising, and the applicable state franchise investment laws, if any.
4. **No Waiver of Defaults.** Neither the giving of its consent to the Transfer nor any specific provision of this Agreement shall be construed as a waiver by Matco of any default by Assignor under the Distributorship Agreement.
5. **Representations of Assignor and Assignee.** Assignor and Assignee represent that all of the information furnished to Matco in connection with the Transfer is correct and complete, including, without limitation, the representation that Assignor owns at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the issued and outstanding equity, membership interests, or capital stock of Assignee, and that any other owners of Assignee have been disclosed to and approved by Matco. Assignee acknowledges that Matco has relied on the information provided by Assignee and Assignor in giving its consent to the Transfer, and Assignee agrees that Matco may terminate the Distributorship Agreement by giving written notice to Assignee if Matco discovers that a material misstatement or omission was made in such information. Other than as set forth in this Agreement, Assignor and Assignee have not relied on any representations, promises, guarantees, or warranties of Matco of any kind in entering into or consummating the Transfer.
6. **Assignee's Obligations Upon Assumption of the Distributorship Agreement.** Assignee hereby acknowledges that it has read and understood this Agreement, the Distributorship Agreement, and all documents related to the Transfer, and Assignee covenants and agrees to assume, perform, fulfill, and observe all terms, covenants, conditions, provisions, agreements, and obligations as “Distributor” under the Distributorship Agreement as of the Effective Date. Without limiting the

foregoing, Assignee shall be fully liable for all product purchases, all credit agreements, promissory notes or other agreements related to the Distributorship, and other fees, costs, expenses, or sums due and owing to Matco under the Distributorship Agreement from the Effective Date. Any failure to comply with any of the terms or conditions of the Distributorship Agreement, or pay any monies due under the Distributorship Agreement shall be a default and Matco may pursue all appropriate remedies, in law or in equity, for any breach or default under the Distributorship Agreement.

8. **Future Transfers.** Assignee agrees that Assignee shall not rely on the consent of Matco to the Transfer as indicative of the position Matco will take in future proposed transfers by Assignee or its owners. Assignee further acknowledges that Matco may in the future approve transfers by Assignee or other Distributors of Matco, and their owners on terms and conditions different from those set forth in this Agreement.
8. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement and the documents referred to herein constitute the complete understanding of the parties regarding the consent of Matco to the Transfer. This Agreement may not be modified except by a written amendment signed by all of the parties.
9. **Remedies of Matco.** In the event of any breach by Assignor or Assignee under the terms of this Agreement, Matco shall have the right to seek any remedy available at law or in equity, including, but not limited to, specific performance. No remedy shall be exclusive of any other remedy to which Matco may be entitled.
10. **Applicable Law.** This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.

[Signature page follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed, and delivered this Agreement.

ASSIGNEE:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: X \_\_\_\_\_

Title: President

Date: X \_\_\_\_\_

MATCO:

**Matco Tools Corporation**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Jeff Darrah

Title: Vice President and CFO

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

ASSIGNOR:

X \_\_\_\_\_

Date: X \_\_\_\_\_

I am the spouse of the Assignor and, as such, I  
(i) executed the Distributorship Agreement, and  
(ii) hereby consent to the transfer of the  
Distributorship Agreement pursuant to this  
Agreement.

ASSIGNOR'S SPOUSE:

X \_\_\_\_\_

Date: X \_\_\_\_\_

### **Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

Assignor, as the majority equity owner of Assignee, with an ownership interest of 51% or more of the outstanding voting equity, will be Principal Owner as defined in the Distributorship Agreement. As Principal Owner and guarantor of the Distributorship Agreement, Assignor acknowledges and agrees that they shall be personally bound by the Distributor's obligations identified in the Distributorship Agreement and in the Manual, including, but not limited to, Article 3, Section 5.4, Article 9, Article 10, Article 11, Article 12, and Article 13 of the Distributorship Agreement.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **EXHIBIT A TO ASSIGNMENT, ASSUMPTION AND CONSENT AGREEMENT**

### **GUARANTEE, INDEMNIFICATION, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Matco Tools Corporation (“Matco”) and [Distributor Name] have executed a Distributorship Agreement dated [Date of Distributorship Agreement] (the “Distributorship Agreement”). As an inducement to Matco to execute an Assignment, Assumption and Consent Agreement dated [Date of Assignment, Assumption and Consent Agreement] (the “Assignment Agreement”) for the (i) sale and transfer of the assets of the distributorship by [Distributor Name] to [Entity Name], and (ii) assignment by [Distributor Name] to [Entity Name] of the Distributorship Agreement, the undersigned, jointly and severally, hereby unconditionally guarantee to Matco and its successors and assigns that all of Distributor's obligations under the Distributorship Agreement will be punctually paid and performed.

Upon demand by Matco, the undersigned will immediately make each payment required of Distributor under the Distributorship Agreement, including damages, costs, and expenses owed by Distributor, payments due under any indemnification or claim for reimbursement, and all other duties and obligations that are susceptible to being satisfied by payment. This Guarantee is a guarantee of payment, and not of collection. The undersigned hereby waive any right to require Matco to: (a) proceed against Distributor for any payment required under the Distributorship Agreement; (b) proceed against or exhaust any security from Distributor; or (c) pursue or exhaust any remedy, including any legal or equitable relief, against Distributor. Without affecting the obligations of the undersigned under this Guarantee, Matco may, without notice to the undersigned, extend, modify, or release any indebtedness or obligation of Distributor, or settle, adjust, or compromise any claims against Distributor. The undersigned waive notice of amendment of the Distributorship Agreement and notice of demand for payment by Distributor, and agree to be bound by any and all such amendments and changes to the Distributorship Agreement.

The undersigned hereby agree to defend, indemnify, and hold Matco harmless against any and all losses, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, reasonable costs of investigation, and court costs) resulting from, consisting of, or arising out of or in connection with any failure by Distributor to perform any obligation of Distributor under the Distributorship Agreement, any amendment thereto, or any other agreement executed by Distributor referred to therein.

The undersigned hereby acknowledge and agree to be individually bound by all of the terms of the Distributorship Agreement, including, in particular, those contained in Section 9 and Section 11.9 of the Agreement.

This Guarantee shall terminate upon the termination or expiration of the Distributorship Agreement, except that all obligations and liabilities of the undersigned which arose from events which occurred on or before the effective date of such termination shall remain in full force and effect until satisfied or discharged by the undersigned, and all covenants which by their terms continue in force after the expiration or termination of the Distributorship Agreement shall remain in force according to their terms. Upon the death of an individual guarantor, the estate of such guarantor shall be bound by this Guarantee, but only for defaults and obligations hereunder existing at the time of death; and the obligations of the other guarantors will continue in full force and effect.

The undersigned shall pay Matco for all costs and expenses (including, but not limited to reasonable attorney fees and court costs) incurred in any action related to or arising out of this Guarantee. Enforcement of this Guarantee shall be governed by the terms and conditions of Sections 12 and 13 of the Distributorship Agreement.

Unless specifically stated otherwise, the terms used in this Guarantee shall have the same meaning as in the Distributorship Agreement, and this Guarantee shall be interpreted and construed in accordance with Section 13.3 of the Distributorship Agreement.

Any and all notices required or permitted under this Guarantee shall be in writing and shall be personally delivered, sent by registered mail, telecopier/facsimile, or sent by other means which afford the sender evidence of delivery or rejected delivery, to the respective parties at the following addresses unless and until a different address has been designated by written notice to the other party:

Notices to Matco:

Matco Tools Corporation  
4403 Allen Road  
Stow, Ohio 44224  
Fax. No. (330) 929-4972  
Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

Notices to Guarantors:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attn: \_\_\_\_\_

Any notice by a method which affords the sender evidence of delivery or rejected delivery shall be deemed to have been given at the date and time of receipt or rejected delivery.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has signed this Guarantee, and it shall be effective as of the date of the Assignment Agreement.

#### GUARANTORS

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX D**  
**EXHIBIT N**

**MATCO TOOLS**  
**GUARANTEE, INDEMNIFICATION, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

(See attached form)

**GUARANTEE, INDEMNIFICATION, AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Matco Tools Corporation (“Matco”) and \_\_\_\_\_ have executed a Distributorship Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributor Agreement”).

Upon demand by Matco, the undersigned will immediately make each payment required of Distributor under the Agreement, including damages, costs, and expenses owed by Distributor, payments due under any indemnification or claim for reimbursement, and all other duties and obligations that are susceptible to being satisfied by payment. This Guarantee is a guarantee of payment, and not of collection. The undersigned hereby waive any right to require Matco to: (a) proceed against Distributor for any payment required under the Agreement; (b) proceed against or exhaust any security from Distributor; or (c) pursue or exhaust any remedy, including any legal or equitable relief, against Distributor. Without affecting the obligations of the undersigned under this Guarantee, Matco may, without notice to the undersigned, extend, modify, or release any indebtedness or obligation of Distributor, or settle, adjust, or compromise any claims against Distributor. The undersigned waive notice of amendment of the Agreement and notice of demand for payment by Distributor, and agree to be bound by any and all such amendments and changes to the Agreement.

The undersigned hereby agree to defend, indemnify, and hold Matco harmless against any and all losses, damages, liabilities, costs, and expenses (including, but not limited to, reasonable attorneys' fees, reasonable costs of investigation, and court costs) resulting from, consisting of, or arising out of or in connection with any failure by Distributor to perform any obligation of Distributor under the Agreement, any amendment thereto, or any other agreement executed by Distributor referred to therein.

The undersigned hereby acknowledge and agree to be individually bound by all of the terms of the Agreement, including, in particular, those contained in Section 9 and Section 11.9 of Distributorship Agreement. With respect to the owners of the Distributor (and their spouses), including the Principal Owner, the time period in Section 11.9 of the Distributorship Agreement will run from the expiration, termination, or transfer of the Distributorship Agreement or from the termination of the owner’s relationship with, or ownership interest in, the Distributor, whichever occurs first.

This Guarantee shall terminate upon the termination or expiration of the Agreement, except that all obligations and liabilities of the undersigned which arose from events which occurred on or before the effective date of such termination shall remain in full force and effect until satisfied or discharged by the undersigned, and all covenants which by their terms continue in force after the expiration or termination of the Agreement shall remain in force according to their terms. Upon the death of an individual guarantor, the estate of such guarantor shall be bound by this Guarantee, but only for defaults and obligations hereunder existing at the time of death; and the obligations of the other guarantors will continue in full force and effect.

The undersigned shall pay Matco for all costs and expenses (including, but not limited to reasonable attorney fees and court costs) incurred in any action related to or arising out of this Guarantee. Enforcement of this Guarantee shall be governed by the terms and conditions of Sections 12 and 13 of the Distributorship Agreement.

Unless specifically stated otherwise, the terms used in this Guarantee shall have the same meaning as in the Distributorship Agreement.

Any and all notices required or permitted under this Guarantee shall be personally delivered, sent by registered mail, telecopier/facsimile, or sent by other means which afford the sender evidence of delivery or rejected delivery, to the respective parties at the following addresses unless and until a different address has been designated by written notice to the other party:

Notices to Matco:      Matco Tools Corporation  
4403 Allen Road  
Stow, Ohio 44224  
Fax. No. (330) 929-4972  
Attention: \_\_\_\_\_

Notices to Guarantors: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Attention: \_\_\_\_\_

Any notice by a method which affords the sender evidence of delivery or rejected delivery shall be deemed to have been given at the date and time of receipt or rejected delivery.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned has signed this Guarantee, and it shall be effective as of the date of the Assignment Agreement.

#### GUARANTORS

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: X \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: X \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: X \_\_\_\_\_

X \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_



**APPENDIX D**  
**EXHIBIT O**

**MATCO TOOLS**  
**MATCO DISTRIBUTOR BUSINESS SYSTEM SOFTWARE LICENSE, MAINTENANCE AND**  
**SUPPORT AGREEMENT AND INFORMATION FORM**

(See attached form)

**MATCO TOOLS  
MATCO DISTRIBUTOR BUSINESS SYSTEM  
SOFTWARE LICENSE, MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT AGREEMENT**

Matco Tools Corporation (“Matco”) agrees to provide to:

Distributor Entity Name \_\_\_\_\_ (“Distributor”)

Distributor # \_\_\_\_\_

Principal Owner \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

and the Distributor agrees for good and sufficient consideration to license from Matco, one (1) copy of the applications software system known as the Matco Distributor Business System (“MDBS Software”) consisting of computer programs, subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement. Matco and the Distributor are parties to a Distributorship Agreement dated as of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributorship Agreement”).

**1. LICENSE OF SYSTEM; PERMITTED USE AND COPYING.**

The Matco Distributor Business System is the proprietary property of Matco Tools. Matco grants a nonexclusive license to the Distributor to use the MDBS Software in connection with the operation of the Distributor’s Matco Tools business. Matco will install the MDBS Software object (Machine language) programs (source programs not included) on the Distributor’s designated MDBS computer prior to the Distributor attending Matco’s initial training program.

The Distributor may not sublicense, assign, sell, transfer or dispose of any part of the MDBS Software to any person or entity. In addition, Distributor, a licensee of MDBS, may not reverse-engineer, disassemble, attempt to derive the source code or database of, modify, or create derivative works of the MDBS software, any updates, or any part thereof. The Distributor warrants that the MDBS Software will be used only in connection with the operation of the Distributor’s Matco Tools business, and will not be used for any other purposes. The Distributor shall make no more than three (3) copies of the MDBS Software, as follows: (1) the Distributor may make one (1) copy of the MDBS Software for Distributor’s use on Distributor’s computer at his home or primary place of business; (2) the Distributor may make one (1) copy of the MDBS Software for Distributor’s use in one (1) Mobile Store; and (3) the Distributor may make and maintain one (1) copy of the MDBS Software as a backup. For the avoidance of doubt, this Software License, Maintenance, and Support Agreement only authorizes the Distributor to install the MDBS Software in one (1) Mobile Store. Installation of the MDBS Software in more than (1) Mobile Store, or any replication or installation of the MDBS Software that is not set forth herein, shall be a breach of this Agreement. “Mobile Store” means the truck used by the Distributor solely in connection with the operation of his Distributorship.

## 2. CHARGES AND PAYMENT TERMS.

The current license fee for the MDBS Software and the first month's Systems Maintenance and Support provided by Matco is \$899.00. Such fee is subject to change by Matco from time to time. The license fee for the MDBS Software will be charged to the Distributor's Matco Tools purchase account upon shipment. The terms for payment of the license fee are the same as the existing terms for payment of other amounts payable pursuant to the Distributor's Matco Tools purchase account.

There will also be an annual \$350.00 license fee for Credit Card Processing Software that interfaces with the MDBS Software and an annual \$45.00 license fee for Signature Pad processing software. These license fees will be charged to the Distributor's Matco Tools purchase account upon execution of the Distributorship Agreement, and a distributor account number will be assigned. The terms for payment of the license fees are the same as the existing terms for payment of other amounts payable pursuant to the Distributor's Matco Tools purchase account.

Additional Systems Maintenance and Support is available to the Distributor after the first month of the term of this Agreement under the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement upon payment of Matco's then-current charges. The standard annual charge for Systems Maintenance and Support in effect as of the date of this Agreement is \$450.00, but such charge is subject to change by Matco from time to time and may, at Matco's option, be substantially higher for systems not conforming to Matco's required specifications, including manufacturer, model, configuration and operating requirements. Annual Systems Maintenance and Support charges will be added to the Distributor's Matco Tools purchase account. The terms for payment of the annual Systems Maintenance and Support charges will be the same as for the then-current terms for the Distributor's Matco Tools purchase account.

The Distributor's annual charge for Systems Maintenance and Support will continue to include, in addition to the standard annual charge of \$450.00, an additional annual charge of \$400.00 if the Distributor's system hardware and/or software does not comply, to Matco's satisfaction, with Matco's specifications, including manufacturer, model, configuration, operating system, virus protection and non-Matco-specified use of third-party software and Internet sites.

## 3. TERM AND RENEWAL.

Subject to payment of the license fee set forth in Paragraph 2 and compliance by the Distributor with the other terms of this Agreement, this Agreement will remain in effect for a period of one (1) year from the date that the MDBS Software is shipped by Matco to the Distributor unless terminated by either party in accordance with the terms of this Agreement. Subject to payment by the Distributor of the annual Systems Maintenance and Support charges and compliance by the Distributor with the other terms of this Agreement, this Agreement will automatically renew and continue to renew for successive one (1) year periods unless terminated by either party in accordance with the terms of this Agreement.

## 4. SYSTEM HARDWARE.

The Distributor is required to purchase a new (not previously owned or refurbished) laptop/tablet computer with a full 3-year warranty described below meeting the exact current MDBS specifications without exception. As of January 1, 2022, the MDBS Software is designed to run on a Dell computer (a "laptop") Intel Core i5, 16GB, 256 GB hard drive, 15.6" Screen, Windows 10 and includes a 3-year hardware warranty which includes accidental coverage; a deskjet printer; a Matco-specified 40 column receipt printer; a Matco-specified barcode reading and label printing equipment; a Matco-specified signature capture device; and a Matco-specified credit card terminal. The Distributor will be responsible

for acquiring and maintaining access to the Internet through an Internet Service Provider in order to communicate with Matco. Cable or DSL connections are preferred. In addition, the Distributor is required to purchase a cellular communications hotspot and service in order to connect to the internet while on their route. The MDBS Software documentation contains a list of the minimum equipment and additional recommended equipment. Except as expressly set forth in this Agreement or the MDBS Software documentation, Matco does not guarantee or warrant the successful execution of the MDBS Software on every particular brand and/or model of computer. It is the Distributor's responsibility to handle all equipment hardware/warranty issues directly with the equipment manufacturer. Matco is not responsible for hardware reliability or service. The above standards are established solely for the purpose of optimum MDBS software performance. System Hardware requirements are subject to change. Refer to the then-current MDBS Equipment Order Form for the most recent requirements.

The Distributor will be responsible for acquiring and maintaining the computer hardware and manufacturer's operating system software required to execute the MDBS Software. The Distributor will also be responsible for acquiring and maintaining anti-virus software on the Principal Owner's or Operator's computer in order to keep the system secure. In addition, Distributor will be solely responsible for complying with any and all policies surrounding credit card processing compliance (PCI) and personally identifiable information (PII). The Distributor and not Matco will be solely responsible for any breach of customer credit card data, customer personally identifiable information or the Distributor credit card merchant account. Except for the MDBS Software, the Distributor will have sole and complete responsibility for: (a) acquiring, operating, maintaining and upgrading its own computer hardware and software; (b) the manner in which the Distributor's systems interface with Matco's systems and those of other third parties; and (c) any and all consequences that may arise if the Distributor's systems are not properly operated, maintained, and upgraded. The Distributor is responsible for acquiring and maintaining an Internet email account and must promptly notify Matco's Customer Service Department of any changes. This account must be established prior to attending the new distributor training class and must be clearly noted on the attached MDBS Information Form.

The Distributor is further responsible for entering the shop, customer, tax rates and other data needed to run the MDBS Software.

The Distributor hereby indemnifies Matco for any claims or damages arising out of the Distributor's failure to comply with this Agreement, including without limitation, the provisions of Paragraph 4.

## 5. CONDITIONS TO ELIGIBILITY FOR MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT SERVICES.

In order to be eligible to receive Systems Maintenance and Support services from Matco, the Distributor's copy of the MDBS Software must be unmodified by the Distributor and maintained to the latest update level specified by Matco, and the Distributor must not be in breach of its duties and responsibilities under this Agreement.

## 6. MATCO'S MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT RESPONSIBILITIES.

Matco will make on-call support available to the Distributor on office working days during the standard hours of 8:00 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. Eastern time at Stow, Ohio. Distributor calls for support will be forwarded to the Matco support staff. An individual from the Matco support staff will provide a response to the Distributor within a reasonable period of time. All notices of errors or malfunctions must be clearly stated by telephone or in writing by the Distributor and must provide details sufficient to diagnose or reproduce such errors.

If the Distributor notifies Matco of a suspected error, Matco will use all reasonable efforts to confirm the existence of and correct such reproducible error by exercising standard test programs and taking necessary corrective actions. If, in analyzing a suspected error in the MDBS Software at the Distributor's request, Matco determines that no error exists in the MDBS Software program logic and/or documentation, and/or if the program malfunction is due to the Distributor's alteration of the MDBS Software, and/or if the Distributor is using computer hardware other than specified or approved by Matco or if the laptop computer is infected with viruses, worms and/or spyware of any nature, Matco will proceed with further efforts to diagnose and correct the malfunction only if the Distributor agrees to pay Matco for its time and efforts at Matco's then-current rates. The current rate is \$50/hour.

Matco will from time to time review the MDBS Software for improved functionality and operating efficiency. Matco will, based on its own judgment, make such improvements and enhancements to the MDBS Software from time to time as it deems appropriate. Matco will provide to the Distributor, on a timely basis, the updated software and documentation necessary to enable the Distributor to reflect such enhancements and improvements in the Distributor's system. Matco will also provide to the Distributor, as updates under the terms of this Agreement, any program logic and documentation changes made by Matco to correct any proven reproducible errors in the MDBS Software which cause the MDBS Software to deviate materially from the specifications for that system.

Any changes to MDBS Software program logic made by Matco under the terms of this Agreement will be provided to the Distributor on media specified by Matco. The Distributor will pay the cost of the media, including shipping charges. The charges for media and shipping will be added to the Distributor's Matco Tools purchase account upon shipment.

To ensure performance and software compatibility, the use of the MDBS computer and software shall be restricted to the Distributor's Matco business related functions. For example, the MDBS computer shall not be used to browse the Internet for personal use, it should not be used for gaming, and other third-party software should not be loaded and executed on the computer.

## 7. LIMITED WARRANTY.

Matco hereby warrants the MDBS Software for a period of ninety (90) days from the time of shipment to materially conform to the specifications described in the documentation in the shipment. Within the warranty period, if the Distributor finds that the MDBS Software does not materially conform to the specifications, the Distributor will promptly provide Matco with sufficient documentation of such nonconformity such that Matco can reproduce and verify the same. Matco will, within a reasonable time, upon its confirmation of the nonconformity, provide the Distributor with either instructions for correcting the nonconformity or an updated copy of the MDBS Software that is free of the nonconformity. In the event that Matco is unable to accomplish any of the above, it will accept a return of the nonconforming MDBS Software and fully refund to the Distributor the license fee paid. The foregoing will constitute Matco's sole obligation, and the Distributor's sole remedy, for breach of warranty. Matco's warranty is conditioned upon the installation by the distributor of any and all updates to the MDBS Software provided to the Distributor by Matco and the Distributor's compliance with the terms of this Agreement.

EXCEPT FOR THE EXPRESS LIMITED WARRANTY SET FORTH ABOVE, MATCO HEREBY DISCLAIMS AND DISTRIBUTOR HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVES, ANY AND ALL OTHER EXPRESS WARRANTIES AND REPRESENTATIONS OF ANY KIND OR NATURE. UPON THE EXPIRATION OF THE EXPRESS LIMITED WARRANTY PERIOD SET FORTH ABOVE, MATCO DISCLAIMS, AND DISTRIBUTOR HEREBY EXPRESSLY WAIVES, ANY AND ALL IMPLIED WARRANTIES, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, ANY IMPLIED WARRANTY OF MERCHANTABILITY OR FITNESS FOR A PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

IN NO EVENT WILL MATCO BE LIABLE TO DISTRIBUTOR FOR ANY SPECIAL, INDIRECT, INCIDENTAL, OR CONSEQUENTIAL DAMAGES, INCLUDING LOST PROFITS OR LOST SAVINGS, IN ANY WAY ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT, WHETHER IN CONTRACT OR IN TORT. IN ADDITION, MATCO'S LIABILITY TO DISTRIBUTOR FOR DIRECT DAMAGE ARISING OUT OF OR RELATING TO THIS AGREEMENT WILL IN NO EVENT EXCEED THE TOTAL AMOUNT OF LICENSE FEES AND ANNUAL SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE AND SUPPORT CHARGES ACTUALLY PAID BY DISTRIBUTOR TO MATCO UNDER THIS AGREEMENT.

8. CONFIDENTIALITY.

The Distributor will not disclose the MDBS Software to any person other than the Distributor's employees who have need to use the MDBS Software in connection with the operation of the Distributor's Matco Tools business. The Distributor will not alter or remove any ownership, trademark or copyright notices from the MDBS Software or any associated documentation.

9. DEFAULT; TERMINATION.

Either party will have the right to terminate this Agreement upon thirty days' (30) prior written notice. This Agreement will also terminate immediately upon the termination or expiration of the Distributorship Agreement. In addition, this Agreement and the license granted hereunder may be terminated by Matco on ten (10) days' written notice if Distributor defaults in the payment or performance of his obligations under this Agreement.

In the event of termination of the Agreement, the Distributor will immediately cease using the MDBS Software, and will immediately return to Matco all copies of the MDBS Software and documentation in the Distributor's possession or under the Distributor's control. No refund of any fees paid by the Distributor pursuant to this Agreement will be owed by Matco to the Distributor in the event of the termination of this Agreement.

10. MISCELLANEOUS.

All disputes related to this Agreement, or arising out of the relationship between the Distributor and Matco, should be governed by and resolved under the provisions of the Distributorship Agreement. This Agreement will be governed by, and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of Ohio. If any provision will be held invalid or unenforceable, such provision will be severable from the Agreement and will not be construed to have any effect on the remaining provisions.

11. ENTIRE AGREEMENT.

This Agreement sets forth the entire understanding of the parties and supersedes any and all prior agreements, arrangements and understandings relating to the subject matter hereof and the terms and conditions set forth herein will prevail notwithstanding any variance from the terms of any written order submitted by the Distributor. No representation or inducement has been made by any party which is not embodied in this Agreement, and no party will be bound by or liable for any alleged representation or inducement not embodied herein. This Agreement will become effective only upon execution by the Distributor and approval by Matco and may be modified or amended only by a writing executed by both parties hereto.

*[Signature Page Follows]*

DISTRIBUTOR

Entity Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Date  
Signed\_\_\_\_\_

By\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name – Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal  
Owner and guarantor of the Distributorship  
Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or  
she shall be personally bound by the  
Distributor’s obligations identified in this  
Software License, Maintenance, and Support  
Agreement.

Principal Owner Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

FOR STOW, OH OFFICE USE ONLY

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION

Date Signed\_\_\_\_\_

By\_\_\_\_\_  
~~Brian Katzenmeyer~~  
~~Sr. Director IT, Enterprise Apps, BI Field~~  
~~Services~~

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name – Printed

\_\_\_\_\_  
Title



**MDBS INFORMATION FORM**

( ) Email Address

\_\_\_\_\_

(It is very important to print legibly)

( ) Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

( ) Cell Phone Provider \_\_\_\_\_

(for text messaging)

( ) Internet Provider (ISP)

\_\_\_\_\_

(provider and mode - Cable, DSL, Dial-up)

( ) Check here to confirm that you have purchased the Matco Computer Package

RETURN THIS FORM WITH THE MDBS LICENSE AGREEMENT.

**APPENDIX D**  
**EXHIBIT P**

**MATCO TOOLS**  
**OWNER DESIGNATION**

(See attached form)

**OWNER DESIGNATION**

**Principal Owner**

The Distributor's Principal Owner is: \_\_\_\_\_.

The Principal Owner's address: \_\_\_\_\_.

Description of the Principal Owner's Ownership Interest in Distributor:

\_\_\_\_\_.

**Other Owners**

The following list includes the full name of each person who is one of the Distributor's owners (other than the Principal Owner), and fully describes the nature of each owner's interest:

	<u>Owner's Name/Address</u>	<u>Percentage/Description of Interest</u>
(a)	_____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____
(b)	_____ _____ _____ _____	_____ _____ _____ _____

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*[Signature Page Follows]*

This Owner Designation is agreed to by:

PRINCIPAL OWNER:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

DISTRIBUTOR:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**APPENDIX D**  
**EXHIBIT Q**

**MATCO TOOLS**  
**MATCO TOOLS WEB PAGE AGREEMENT**

(See attached form)

[Note to Drafter: “Distributor” means the Distributor entity and “Principal Owner” means the individual principal owner.]

APPENDIX D  
EXHIBIT Q

**MATCO WEB PAGE AGREEMENT**

This Agreement is made as of this \_\_\_\_\_, by and between Matco Tools Corporation (“Matco”) and \_\_\_\_\_ a \_\_\_\_\_ organized in \_\_\_\_\_ and having offices at \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributor”).

**BACKGROUND:**

- A. Matco is the owner of a website with the address “MatcoTools.com” (“Matco Website”).
- B. Distributor desires to obtain a subpage on Matco’s Website.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual premises set forth herein, the adequacy and sufficiency of which is acknowledged, Matco and Distributor hereby agree as follows:

**1. Definitions.**

1.1 Distributorship Agreement – The agreement between Matco and Distributor which gives Distributor the right to operate a Matco Tools mobile tool distributorship under Matco’s system.

1.2 Distributor Subpage – A web page that is linked to Matco’s Website, with a direct address (“Subpage Domain Name”) which contains information specific to a particular Distributor.

1.3 Internet – A wide area network connecting thousands of computer networks in industry, education, government, and research.

1.4 Internet Policy – Matco’s policy regarding all aspects of the Internet including but not limited to policies regarding the use of Web Pages and Distributor Subpages, as the same may be in effect from time to time, the current form of which is attached hereto (Attachment A).

1.5 Names and Marks – Matco’s names and marks as identified from time to time in the Distributorship Agreement and in Item 13 of Matco’s franchise offering circular or elsewhere.

1.6 Web Page Policy – Matco’s policy regarding the use of Web Pages and Distributor Subpages, as the same may be in effect from time to time, the current form of which is attached hereto (Attachment A).

## 2. **Term.**

The term of this Agreement shall commence on the date first entered above and shall continue until one of the following events occur:

- (a) The Distributorship Agreement expires and is not renewed;
- (b) The Distributorship Agreement is terminated;
- (c) The Distributor Subpage is discontinued or terminated;
- (d) The Internet Policy is withdrawn or cancelled; or
- (e) This Agreement is terminated or cancelled by Matco or Distributor.

## 3. **Development of Distributor Subpage.**

3.1 Matco agrees to create and develop a Distributor Subpage pursuant to the Internet Policy. Currently, the Distributor Subpage will contain two (2) pages: (a) the first page will be the Distributor “home” page with information regarding the Distributor, and with e-mail capability to communicate with Matco and with third-party visitors to the Distributor Subpage; and (b) the second page will contain material of the Distributor’s choosing, subject to compliance with Matco’s Internet Policy. Distributor shall provide to Matco all such information requested by Matco, in the form and at such times as specified by Matco, as Matco deems necessary or desirable to create and, if necessary, update the Distributor Subpage.

3.2 Distributor represents that it owns, or will own, or will have a license to own, all information, data, graphics, or other material that it provides to Matco (“Content”) to use in or include on the Distributor Subpage. Distributor hereby grants to Matco a license to use all such Content. Matco reserves the right to use all, some, or none of the Content provided by Distributor.

## 4. **Ownership of Distributor Subpage.**

The parties agree that:

4.1 Matco shall own, operate, and maintain all Matco-related websites and all Distributor Subpages. Upon the termination of the Distributorship Agreement or this Agreement, all related Distributor Subpages will be terminated immediately.

4.2 Matco shall retain ownership of all domain names, including all Subpage Domain Names, during and after the term of the Distributorship Agreement. The Distributor will cease using its Subpage Domain Name immediately upon the termination of its Distributorship Agreement or this Agreement.

4.3 Matco shall own all rights in and to any data and other information related to, or that is provided to, or obtained by or on the Distributor Subpage or the Matco Website, including,

without limitation, all clickstream data, customer or visitor data, computer “cookies,” or logs of “hits” by visitors.

5. **Fees.**

5.1 Distributor shall pay, as of or prior to the date of this Agreement, a one time initial web page setup fee of One Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$195).

5.2 Distributor shall pay an annual maintenance fee initially upon signing this Agreement and thereafter the first day of the month of the anniversary of the date of this Agreement, and shall pay an annual maintenance fee on the same day each year thereafter. The current annual maintenance is One Hundred Ninety-Five Dollars (\$195). Matco may change the annual maintenance fee, on thirty (30) days prior written notice to Distributor, but such change shall not be effective until the anniversary date immediately following the notice of such change. Failure by Distributor to pay the annual maintenance fee, or any other fee due to Matco when due, shall be cause for termination of this Agreement by Matco.

6. **Obligations and Acknowledgments of Distributor.**

6.1 Distributor acknowledges and agrees that changes in Matco’s Internet Policy may be needed as a result of legal developments, changes in technology, and other reasons, and the Distributor agrees to be bound by Matco’s Internet Policy as it may be revised by Matco from time to time.

6.2 Distributor acknowledges and agrees that if Distributor engages in any conduct that is in violation of this Agreement, a breach of the Distributorship Agreement, contrary to the Internet Policy, or is otherwise illegal or improper, Matco may suspend or terminate Distributor’s access to and use of the Distributor Subpage. Without limiting the foregoing, Distributor shall not engage in any unauthorized conduct, “spamming,” “mailbombing,” “spoofing,” or fraud.

6.3 Distributor agrees to comply with Matco’s privacy statement on the Matco Website, as it may be amended from time to time. The current privacy statement is posted at [[www.matcotools.com](http://www.matcotools.com)].

6.4 Distributor shall maintain such hardware, software, Internet connections, and other technological capabilities to maintain the Distributor Subpage, and to communicate through the e-mail function of the Distributor Subpage with Matco and any third party, in accordance with standards prescribed by Matco from time to time.

6.5 Distributor acknowledges and agrees that (a) the data, graphics, marks, and other information on the Matco Website and the Distributor Subpage are copyrighted and are protected by U.S. and worldwide copyright laws and treaty provisions; (b) Matco’s Names and Marks are owned by Matco and may be used only with the express prior written consent of Matco; and (c) this Agreement does not grant Distributor any express or implied right under any copyrights, trademarks, or other proprietary rights.



6.6 Distributor agrees that any messages, ideas, suggestions, concepts, or other material submitted to Matco ("Submission") via the Matco Website or the Distributor Subpage will be considered non-confidential and non-proprietary. Matco may copy, distribute, incorporate, modify, or otherwise use the Submissions for any type of commercial or non-commercial use. Further, Matco is not responsible, and disclaims liability, for any Submissions or any information or data transmitted to or through Distributor's Subpage.

6.7 Distributor agrees to immediately execute, acknowledge, and deliver any instruments that may be necessary to terminate its Distributor Subpage upon termination of its Distributorship Agreement with Matco.

6.8 In the event that the Distributor fails to execute such instruments described in paragraph 6.7 above, in addition to any other remedies of Matco under the Distributorship Agreement, the Distributor hereby irrevocably grants a power of attorney to execute such agreements on its behalf to Matco.

6.9 Distributor indemnifies and holds Matco harmless from any claim or demand, including reasonable attorneys' fees, made by any third party due to or arising out of Distributor's breach of this Agreement or the documents it incorporates by reference, Distributor's violation of any law or rights of a third party, or any accidental or negligent act or omission involving the use of or transmission of data or information over or through the Distributor Subpage.

6.10 The obligations of paragraphs 6.7, 6.8, and 6.9 above shall survive the termination of cancellation of this Agreement.

7. **Operation of Website by Matco.** Matco will use best efforts to operate the Matco Website and the Distributor Subpage in accordance with this Agreement. Matco makes no representations or warranties that the Matco Website or the Distributor Subpage will be error-free. Matco disclaims all liability for damages arising in connection with this Agreement, even if Matco has been advised of the possibility of such damage. Matco's liability to Distributor under this Agreement will not exceed the total of all fees payable by Distributor in any year under this Agreement.

8. **Termination.** This Agreement may be terminated by either party, upon thirty (30) days prior written notice to the other party. Notwithstanding the foregoing thirty (30) day notice provision, Matco may suspend Distributor's use of or access to the Distributor Subpage as provided for in paragraph 6.2 above.

9. **Entire Agreement.** This Agreement, together with the Distributorship Agreement and related Internet Policy, constitutes the entire agreement between the parties hereto with respect to the subject matter hereof and all prior agreements with respect thereto are superseded hereby. No amendment or modification hereof shall be binding unless in writing and duly executed by both parties, or unless such change is made unilaterally by Matco to the Internet Policy as permitted herein.

10. **Governing Law.** Regardless of the place of its physical execution or performance, the provisions of this Agreement shall in all respects be construed according to, and the rights and liabilities of the parties hereto shall in all respects be governed by, the laws of the state of Ohio.

11. **Severability.** The provisions of this Agreement shall be severable, and if any provision of this Agreement is held to be invalid or unenforceable, it shall be construed to have the broadest interpretation which would render it valid and enforceable.

12. **Further Assurances.** The parties agree to take any and all further actions as may be reasonable to give effect to the agreements contained herein.

13. **Counterparts.** This Agreement may be executed in one or more counterpart copies, each of which shall be deemed an original and all of which shall together be deemed to constitute one agreement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first written above.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Distributor

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION  
Matco

By:\_\_\_\_\_

By:\_\_\_\_\_

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Title:\_\_\_\_\_

Title:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of the Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor's obligations identified in this Web Page Agreement.

Principal Owner Name:\_\_\_\_\_

Signature:\_\_\_\_\_

Date:\_\_\_\_\_

## ATTACHMENT A

### MATCO TOOLS INTERNET POLICIES

#### DISTRIBUTOR WEB PAGE POLICIES

##### Distributor Provided Content

##### Governing Policy

#### **Tool - Pricing**

New, current product	List or current MATCO Promo prices
New, discontinued product	List less 15% (typical Promo). Contact Distributor directly if priced below 15% discount.
Used, MATCO product	Minimum is List less 40%. Contact Distributor directly if priced below cost.
Used, competitive product	Any price as determined by Distributor.

#### **MotorSports - Pricing**

Collectibles, excluding toolboxes	Current published List or Promo List. If Distributor wishes to sell over List – contact Distributor directly.
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#### **Personal Information/Bio/Comments -**

No derogatory or other language that in any way disparages the competition.

#### **Shipping/Delivery Information -**

No shipping or delivery out of the Distributor's assigned territory or List of Calls.

#### **Credit Card vs. Cash Pricing -**

Discounts for cash are optional, additional charges for credit cards not allowable. (Per regulations in states.)

#### **Competitive Product Sales -**

No advertising for competitive product or non-tool related products or services (i.e., multi-level marketing plans Distributor may be involved in).

**APPENDIX D  
EXHIBIT R**

**MATCO TOOLS  
PAYMENT PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION**

(See attached form)

# MATCO TOOLS

## ELECTRONIC PAYMENT PROGRAM AUTHORIZATION

I (we) hereby authorize MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION, hereinafter called COMPANY, to process Automated Clearing House (ACH) debit or credit entries to my (our) account indicated below; and the depository named below, hereinafter called DEPOSITORY, to debit or credit the same such account.

All debit entries to be processed must originate from my (our) telephone communication. **COMPANY may not initiate debit entries directly.**

**DEPOSITORY (Bank) Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address or Branch:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Checking Account Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Distributor's Bank Account Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

This authority is to remain in full force and effect until COMPANY and DEPOSITORY have received written notification from me (us) of its termination and COMPANY and DEPOSITORY have had a reasonable opportunity to act on it.

<b>Distributor's Entity Name:</b> _____ 0	<b>Distributor (internal use only) Number:</b> _____	
<b>Address:</b> _____	<b>Email Address:</b> _____	
<b>City:</b> _____	<b>State:</b> _____ 0	<b>Zip:</b> _____
<b>Type of Entity:</b> _____ 0	<b>State of Formation:</b> _____ 0	
<b>Principal Owner Name:</b> _____		

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Name (Please type or print as it appears on bank account)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_ 0

**X** \_\_\_\_\_ **X** \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature Date

In the space below, please attach a voided check for the account to be debited or credited.

**ATTACH VOIDED CHECK HERE**

**APPENDIX D**  
**EXHIBIT S-1**

**MATCO TOOLS**  
**PROMISSORY NOTE FOR MOBILE STORE UPGRADE FINANCING PROGRAM**

(See attached form)

INSTALLMENT PROMISSORY NOTE  
For Mobile Store Upgrade Financing Program

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Address), (ST)  
(Debtor's City and State)

\$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Amount)  
(Principal Amount)

FOR VALUE RECEIVED, the undersigned promises to pay without defalcation or set off to the order of Matco Tools Corporation, a Delaware Corporation ("MATCO"), located at 4403 Allen Road, Stow, Ohio 44224, in lawful money of the United States of America, the amount of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ (Amount) ), together with interest thereon at an annual rate of Six and Ninety-Nine One Hundredths of One Percent (6.99%) on the successive unpaid balances of said principal amount in \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) successive weekly installments of \_\_\_\_\_ Dollars (\$ \_\_\_\_\_), commencing on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_. On \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, the entire remaining principal balance, plus any accrued and unpaid interest will be due and payable.

Interest at the rate specified herein shall continue to accrue and shall be payable to the holder hereof on any overdue and unpaid balances of the principal amount or installments thereof until such overdue amounts are paid in full, whether at or after the maturity hereof. The undersigned shall have the right to prepay the entire principal amount plus interest then accrued thereon at any time without notice or penalty.

The undersigned shall be in default under this Note upon the happening of any of the following events or conditions:

- (a) Any installment of principal or interest on this Note is not paid when due or upon demand as aforesaid;
- (b) The failure of the undersigned to pay its debts as they mature, or the occurrence of any event which results in the acceleration of the maturity of the indebtedness of the undersigned to others under any indenture, agreement, or undertaking;
- (c) The cancellation of or default by the undersigned under that certain Distributorship Agreement, between Matco and the undersigned or any other agreement, note, lease, or contract between the undersigned and Matco or any subsidiary or affiliate of Matco, or the failure of the undersigned to perform any other obligation of the undersigned to subsidiary or affiliate of Matco;
- (d) The dissolution, termination of existence, insolvency, business failure appointment of a receiver of any part of the property of, assignment for the benefit of creditors by, or the commencement of any proceedings under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws by or against, the undersigned or any guarantor of surety for the undersigned (including the undersigned's Principal Owner); or
- (e) The failure of the undersigned to (i) have this note fully collateralized at all times, or (ii) provide evidence of full collateralization upon Matco's request, if collateralization is required by Matco

Upon default hereunder, the entire principal amount unpaid hereon, with interest then accrued, shall, at the option of any holder hereof, at once become due and payable without demand, or notice, demand and notice being hereby expressly waived, and such amounts of principal thereby declared to be due and payable shall thereafter continue to bear interest at the rate specified herein until all such amounts of principal plus interest accrued hereunder shall have been paid in full. Payments made hereon shall first be applied to payment of interest then accrued and then to the principal amount which remains unpaid.

The makers, endorsers and all guarantors of this Note jointly and severally waive demand, protest, presentment, notice of protest and non-payment or dishonor, and also waive any and all defenses on the grounds of any extensions or partial payments which may be granted or accepted by the holder before or after maturity of this Note or any installment hereof. Any rights or remedies conferred herein or by law upon any holder shall be cumulative and not exclusive and may be exercised at the option of the holder, either concurrently or consecutively.

Should legal action or an attorney at law be utilized to collect any amount due hereunder, the undersigned promises to pay all costs of collection. Including reasonable attorney's fees, incurred by Matco, any agent of Matco or affiliates thereof, or any other holder.

The undersigned, if more than one, shall be jointly and severally liable hereon. This note is governed by Ohio law.

**Debtor:** [Distributor Entity Name]

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Debtor's Principal Owner and Guarantor:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Guarantor (which may be Principal Owner's spouse):**

If Principal Owner has a spouse, her or his spouse must sign below and serve as a Guarantor.

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Debtor's Address:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

IN CONSIDERATION OF ONE DOLLAR, receipt of which is acknowledged, and of the credit given or discount, loan or extension of time made by or upon the within note, the undersigned (if more than one jointly and severally) hereby unconditionally guarantee to the holder the payment thereof whenever due, in whole or in part, agree that no release of security therefor (if any) shall impair or be a defense to this guaranty and hereby consent that from time to time, without notice to the undersigned, payment of said note be extended in whole or part. The signature or signatures of the undersigned hereto is or are intended as an endorsement of the within instrument as well as the execution of the foregoing guaranty by each of the undersigned, who hereby respectively waive presentment, demand or payment, protest, and notice of non-payment and of protest.

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**APPENDIX D**  
**EXHIBIT S-2**

**MATCO TOOLS**  
**SECURITY AGREEMENT FOR MOBILE STORE UPGRADE FINANCING PROGRAM**

(See attached form)



# SECURITY AGREEMENT

For Mobile Store Upgrade Financing Program

SECURITY AGREEMENT between MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION, a Delaware Corporation, with its offices located at 4403 Allen Road, Stow, Ohio 44224, ("Secured Party") and \_\_\_\_\_ [Distributor Entity Name] a \_\_\_\_\_ [Type of Entity] organized in \_\_\_\_\_ [State of Formation] and having offices at \_\_\_\_\_ ("Debtor").

1. CREATION OF SECURITY INTEREST. In consideration of Secured Party extending credit and/or financing facilities to Debtor, Debtor hereby grants to Secured Party a security interest in the Collateral described in Section 2 to secure all Debtor's present and future debts, obligations and liabilities of whatever nature accruing under the Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement signed by the parties on \_\_\_\_\_, if any, any note or notes of Debtor, direct or indirect, absolute or contingent, due or to become due, whether now existing or hereafter arising, together with applicable interest thereon ("Obligations"), to Secured Party. This Agreement shall not be rendered void by the fact that as of any particular date there are no outstanding secured obligations, and no commitment by Secured Party to make advances. If at such time additional future advances are contemplated by the parties hereto, or any of them, this Agreement shall, if otherwise valid, continue in force and effect, insofar as concerns, and stand as security for, any indebtedness, liabilities and obligations of Debtor to Secured Party, incurred as arising prior to the filing of record of a termination statement with respect hereto, as required by law, Debtor hereby instructs the Secured Party not to file a termination statement until requested to do so by Debtor in writing.

2. COLLATERAL. The collateral subject to this Security Agreement ("the Collateral") is the truck used by the Debtor solely in connection with Debtor's operation of her or his Matco Tools Distributorship (the "Mobile Store"), now owned or hereafter acquired by Debtor.

3. DEBTOR'S WARRANTIES AND COVENANTS. Debtor covenants and warrants:

- (a) Ownership-except for the security interest hereby granted, Debtor has, or in acquisition will have, full fee simple title to the Collateral, free of any adverse encumbrances, liens, or security interests, and that Debtor will defend the Collateral against all claims and demands of all persons at any time claiming the same or any interest therein.
- (b) Location of Collateral-the Collateral will be kept at the address(es) of Debtor shown herein.
- (c) Change of Addresses-Debtor shall immediately advise Secured Party in writing of any change or discontinuance in any of such address(es).
- (d) No Other Financing Statement-which no other Financing Statement covering any of the Collateral is on file in any public office, with the exception of the following lien by \_\_\_\_\_.
- (e) Maintenance of Collateral-that Debtor shall maintain the Collateral in good condition and repair and not permit its value to be impaired; keep it free from all liens, encumbrances, and security interests (other than Secured Party's security interests); defend it against all claims and legal proceedings by persons other than Secured Party; pay and discharge when due all taxes, license fees, levies, and other charges upon it; not sell, lease, or otherwise dispose of it or permit it to become an accession to other goods except in the ordinary course of business, or as specifically authorized in writing by Secured Party; not permit it to be, used in violation of any applicable law, regulation, or policy of insurance. Loss of or damage to the collateral shall not release Debtor from any of the OBLIGATIONS.
- (f) Insurance of Collateral-that Debtor will have and maintain insurance at all times with respect to all Collateral against risks of fire (included extended coverage), theft and other casualty, with reputable insurance companies; such insurance to be payable to Secured Party and Debtor as their interests may appear.

4. FINANCING STATEMENT. At the request of the Secured Party, Debtor will join in executing, or will execute, all necessary financing statements and any other documents deemed necessary by Secured Party and pay the cost of filing such statements or other documents.

5. PERSONS BOUND. This Agreement benefits Secured Party, its successors and assigns, and binds the Debtor(s) and their respective heirs, personal representatives, successors, and assigns.

6. PAYMENT. Payment for all OBLIGATIONS shall be made in accordance with the terms of the Agreement under which they accrued. Interest on all OBLIGATIONS shall accrue from the date the OBLIGATION was incurred until payment in full by Debtor at the rate published by Secured Party from time to time.

7. POSSESSION OF COLLATERAL. Until default Debtor may have possession of the Collateral and use or sell it in the ordinary course of Debtor's business, in any lawful manner not inconsistent with this Agreement.

8. INSPECTION OF COLLATERAL. Secured Party is authorized to examine and inspect the Collateral wherever located at any reasonable time or times, and Debtor shall assist Secured Party in making such inspection.

9. REQUIRED REPORTS. Debtor will provide necessary business reports as requested by Secured Party field and/or Corporate Management.

10. MAINTENANCE OF SECURITY INTEREST. Debtor shall pay all expenses and, upon request, take any action reasonably deemed advisable by Secured Party to preserve the Collateral or to establish, determine priority of, perfect, continue perfected, terminate, or enforce Secured Party's interest in it or rights under this Agreement.

11. AUTHORITY OF SECURED PARTY TO PERFORM FOR DEBTOR. If Debtor breaches or fails to perform, as when required, any provision of this Agreement or the OBLIGATIONS, Secured Party is authorized, in Debtor's name or otherwise, to take any such action including without limitation signing Debtor's name or paying any amount so required, and the cost shall be one of the OBLIGATIONS secured by this Agreement and shall be payable by Debtor upon demand with interest from the date of payment by Secured Party at Secured Party. At the rate published from time to time by Secured Party.

12. DEFAULT. Debtor shall be in default under this agreement upon the happening of any of the following events or conditions:

- (a) Default in the payment or performance of any obligation, covenant, liability and/or the OBLIGATIONS contained or referred to herein or in any note evidencing the same;
- (b) Any warranty, representation or statement made or furnished to Secured Party by or on behalf of Debtor proves to have been false in any material respect when made or furnished;
- (c) Any event which results in the acceleration of the maturity of the indebtedness of Debtor to others under any indenture, agreement or undertaking;
- (d) Loss, theft, damage, destruction, sale except in the ordinary course of business, or encumbrance to or of any of the Collateral not specified herein, or the making of any levy, seizure or attachment thereof or thereon;
- (e) Death, dissolution, termination of existence, insolvency, business failure, appointment of a receiver of any part of the property of, assignment for the benefit of creditors by, or the commencement of any proceedings under any bankruptcy or insolvency laws by or against, Debtor or any guarantor or surety for Debtor (including Debtor's Principal Owner).
- (f) The failure of the undersigned to (i) have this note fully collateralized at all times or, (ii) provide evidence of full collateralization upon Matco's request.

13. DEBTOR'S DEFAULT. Upon default hereunder or cancellation of the Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement between the parties, if any, or default by Debtor under said Agreement, all the OBLIGATIONS shall at the option of the Secured Party and without any notice or demand, become immediately due and payable; and Secured Party shall have all rights and remedies for default provided by the Uniform Commercial Code, as enacted in the State of Ohio, as well as any other applicable law. With respect to such rights and remedies:

- (a) Making Collateral Available-Secured Party may require Debtor to make the Collateral available to Secured Party at any convenient place designed by Secured Party.
- (b) Notice of Disposition- Written notice, when required by law, sent to any address of Debtor in this Agreement at least ten calendar days (counting the day of the sending) before the date of a proposed disposition of the Collateral is reasonable notice.
- (c) Expenses and Application Proceeds-Debtor shall reimburse Secured Party for any expense incurred by Secured Party in protecting or enforcing its rights under this Agreement, including without limitation reasonable attorneys' fees and legal expenses and all expenses of taking possession, holding, preparing for disposition, and disposing of the Collateral. After deduction of such expenses, Secured Party may apply the proceeds of disposition to the OBLIGATIONS in such order and amounts as it elects.
- (d) Waiver-Secured Party may permit Debtor to remedy any default without waiving the default so remedied, and Secured Party may waive any default without waiving any other subsequent or prior default by Debtor, or the same default at a later date.

14. NON-LIABILITY OF SECURED PARTY. Secured Party has no duty to protect or dispose of the Collateral. Debtor releases Secured Party from any liability for any act or omission relating to the OBLIGATIONS, the Collateral, of this Agreement; except Secured Party's willful misconduct.

15. DEALERSHIP AGREEMENT. The terms of the current Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement between the parties, if any, are hereby incorporated by reference and shall be part of this Security Agreement unless otherwise provided. No provisions herein shall amend the Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement or guarantee its continuance or renewal; and, likewise, no term therein shall be deemed to modify or amend the terms hereof. In the case of any conflict or ambiguity between the terms of the Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement and this Agreement, the terms of this Agreement shall control.

16. MISCELLANEOUS. This Security Agreement shall be governed by the Uniform Commercial Code and other applicable laws of the State of Ohio, other than the law on conflicts of law of such State. The terms of this Agreement are severable; in the event one or more terms hereof are finally declared by law or by any court of competent jurisdiction to be legally void, unenforceable, unconscionable or illegal, the remainder of this Agreement shall continue to be valid and shall be interpreted and enforced as if the offending term had not appeared herein. This Agreement, together with any document containing terms incorporated herein or referred to hereby, shall constitute the entire Agreement between Debtor and Secured Party as to the subject matter hereof. This Agreement shall become effective when signed by the Debtor. Secured Party may sell or assign this Agreement to any person or corporation without prior notice to or consent of Debtor, and Debtor agrees to perform under this Agreement for the benefit of such purchaser or assignee from Secured Party to the same extent as for Secured Party.

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION

Signed by Debtor on \_\_\_\_\_, BY \_\_\_\_\_

Juli Foust

Debtor: [Distributor Entity Name]; Director, Financial Services

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Guarantor (which may be Principal Owner's spouse):**

If Principal Owner has a spouse, her or his spouse must sign below and serve as a Guarantor.

**Debtor's Principal Owner and Guarantor:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_ By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

All additional addresses of Debtor at which Collateral will be kept are

Street: \_\_\_\_\_ Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_

County: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

State: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_

ASSIGNMENT

For value received, the undersigned Security Party hereby assigns this Security Agreement to \_\_\_\_\_ hereafter called "Assignee", its successors and assigns and hereby transfers title to the property described in said Security Agreement to said Assignee, and warrants that the facts set forth in the Security Agreement are true, that said property is free of all liens and encumbrances of whatever nature or kind except the lien and encumbrance created by this Security Agreement or otherwise specified herein; that said Security Agreement is genuine and in all things what it purports to be and that the undersigned has title to said property and has a right to transfer title thereto, subject to any encumbrance described herein; that the property described in said Security Agreement was sold to the Debtor in a bona fide time sale transaction; that all parties to the Security Agreement had capacity to contract; that none of the parties thereto is a minor; and that the undersigned has no knowledge of any fact which impairs the validity of said Security Agreement or renders it less valuable or valueless. If any of the warranties herein contained are untrue, the undersigned will purchase on demand this Security Agreement for the balance remaining unpaid thereon.

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_ Title \_\_\_\_\_

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**FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

**APPENDIX E-1: DISTRIBUTOR DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE**

## MATCO TOOLS

### FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

#### APPENDIX E-1: DISTRIBUTOR DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE

As you know, Matco Tools Corporation (the “**Franchisor**”) and you are preparing to enter into a Distributorship Agreement for the operation of a Matco Tools Distributorship (the “**Distributorship**”). The purpose of this Questionnaire is to determine whether any statements or promises were made to you that the Franchisor has not authorized and that may be untrue, inaccurate or misleading. Please review each of the following questions carefully and provide honest responses to each question. This questionnaire should be completed by your Principal Owner.

1. I first met with a Matco Tools representative to discuss in detail the Distributorship opportunity on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.
2. Have you received and personally reviewed the Franchisor’s Franchise Disclosure Document (the “**Disclosure Document**”) provided to you?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
3. Did you sign a receipt for the Disclosure Document indicating the date you received it?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
4. Do you understand the information contained in the Disclosure Document?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have you received and personally reviewed the Distributorship Agreement and each exhibit attached to it?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
6. Please insert the date on which you received a copy of the Distributorship Agreement with all material blanks fully completed: \_\_\_\_\_
7. Do you understand that the Distributorship Agreement contains a number of provisions that may affect your legal rights, including required arbitration, designated locations or states for arbitration and any judicial proceedings, a waiver of a jury trial, a waiver of punitive or exemplary damages, limitations on when claims may be filed, and other waivers and limitations?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
8. Do you understand that you are agreeing:
  - a. to open a new independent business, the success of which will depend in part on your ability to market and sell Matco products, predict and adapt to changes in the marketplace, negotiate and enter into agreements with third parties, attract and retain qualified staff as may be necessary, and otherwise operate all phases of an independent business over which you will have substantial control?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- b. to be responsible for your own income, including the profits and losses that arise from owning an independent business?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- c. that as an independent business owner, you will not earn wages, nor be eligible for workers' compensation, unemployment insurance or paid sick and family leave, or otherwise be entitled to benefits which would arise in the context of an employment relationship?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

- d. and that you must obtain a business license and a business tax registration; maintain a business location (which may be your residence); are free to set the price of the goods and services you offer and to negotiate the cost of goods and services provided to your business; that you remain free to perform non-competitive services that do not violate the Distributorship Agreement including, but not limited to, Section 11.9 of the Distributorship Agreement, that subject to your obligation to maintain reasonable business hours and to provide services only within the agreed-to territory (the "List of Calls") as set forth in the Distributorship Agreement, you alone determine how and when to perform the services under the Distributorship Agreement; and that you will regularly use your discretion and independent judgment in operating your business?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

9. Do you understand your financial and other obligations under the Distributorship Agreement?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

10. Do you understand the economic and business risks associated with operating the Distributorship?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

11. Do you understand:

- a. that this franchised business may be impacted by other risks, including those outside your or our control such as local, national or global economic, political or social disruption?
- b. that such disruptions, and any preventative, protective, or remedial actions that federal, state, and local governments may take in response to a disruption, may result in a period of business disruption, reduced customer demand, and reduced operations for Distributorships, and may require that we take actions that might not be contemplated under the Distributorship Agreement?
- c. the extent to which any such disruption impacts the Matco Tools system, and your franchised business, will depend on future developments which are highly uncertain and which we cannot predict?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

12. Do you understand that the success or failure of the Distributorship will depend in large part upon your skills and abilities, the service you provide to your customers, competition, interest rates, the economy, inflation, labor and supply costs, lease terms and the marketplace?
- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
13. As you have reviewed the financial performance representations in Item 19 of the Disclosure Document, do you understand that:
- a. Item 19 contains only historical data from certain franchised Distributorships, and are not a promise, assurance or guaranty of future results of your franchised Distributorship; and
- b. your results as a start-up business and Distributorship may be different than existing Distributorships with a longer operating history.
- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
14. Have you discussed the economic and business risks of owning and operating the Distributorship with an attorney, accountant or other professional advisor?
- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
15. If you have not consulted with an attorney, accountant, or other professional advisor, do you want additional time to do so?
- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
16. Did you understand that you had the opportunity to go on a “Ride Along” with the Matco district manager to survey your proposed List of Calls?
- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
17. Did you take advantage of the opportunity to go on a “Ride Along” with the Matco district manager, or other Matco associate or employee, to survey your proposed List of Calls?
- Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_
18. Has any employee or other person speaking on behalf of the Franchisor made any statement or promise to you or anyone else regarding any of the following issues that is contrary to, or different from, the information contained in the Disclosure Document:
- a. the amount of money you may earn in operating the Distributorship;
- b. the total revenues the Distributorship may generate;
- c. the costs involved in operating the Distributorship;
- d. the actual, average or projected profits or earnings or the likelihood of success that you should or might expect to achieve from operating the Distributorship; or



- e. other than those matters addressed in your Distributorship Agreement, concerning advertising, marketing, media support, market penetration, training, support service or assistance relating to the Distributorship?

As to any of 18a, b, c, d, or e: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If you answered "Yes" to any of part of question 18, please provide a full explanation of your answer in the following blank lines. (Attach additional pages, if necessary, and refer to them below.) If you have answered "No" as to each of the foregoing parts a, b, c, d, and e, please leave the following lines blank.

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19. How did you first learn of the Matco Tools Franchise (i.e., Internet, newspaper, magazine, Distributor, etc.)?

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20. During my negotiations and evaluations leading up to my decision to buy a Matco Distributorship, I communicated with the following individuals from Matco Tools or its affiliates, or independent brokers:

Name

Address

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

[Insert additional names and addresses below if needed]

For Maryland prospective Distributors: Please do not sign this Distributor Disclosure Questionnaire if the Distributor is a Maryland resident or if the Distributorship will be located within the state of Maryland.

For Washington prospective Distributors: This Distributor Disclosure Questionnaire does not waive any liability that Matco may have for valid claims under the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act, RCW 19.100, and the rules adopted thereunder.

You understand that your answers are important to us and that we will rely on them. By signing this Questionnaire, you are representing that you have responded truthfully to the above questions.

\_\_\_\_\_  
DISTRIBUTORSHIP APPLICANT/  
PRINCIPAL OWNER

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_\_

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**APPENDIX E-2:**

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF DISTRIBUTORSHIP**

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#### APPENDIX E-2:

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF DISTRIBUTORSHIP

As you know, Matco Tools Corporation (the “**Franchisor**” or “**Matco**”) and you are preparing to enter into a Distributorship Agreement for the operation of a Matco Tools Distributorship (the “**Distributorship**”). Accordingly, you hereby acknowledge and agree:

1. Matco’s current policy is that it will not grant a Distributorship to any individual. Rather, Matco will only consider granting a Distributorship to a business entity, such as a corporation or a limited liability company;
2. Before commencing operations and within 45 days of signing the Distributorship Agreement, the Distributor must be owned and operated as a business entity, such as a corporation or limited liability company, throughout the term of the Distributorship Agreement;
3. You own at least a majority of the outstanding equity interests in the business entity that will serve as the Distributor (at least 51%);
4. You will not use the Marks as part of the corporate or other legal name of the business entity that will serve as the Distributor;
5. You have had the opportunity to discuss with an attorney, accountant or other professional advisor the legal, economic and business issues, potential advantages, and risks associated with forming a business entity and owning and operating the Distributorship;
6. You will be establishing and operating an independent “Matco Tools Distributorship” business and you will not be an employee of Matco. Because you are operating an independent business, your income will be solely the profits you earn from your Distributorship and you will not earn or receive any wages or any of the other benefits normally provided to employees; and
7. You are responsible for ensuring that your Distributorship operates in accordance with the law of the state, county, city, and town in which you form your business entity and the areas in which you operate your Distributorship, including obtaining such things as a business license, a business tax registration, required insurance, and any other license or registration that may be required by local law.

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DISTRIBUTORSHIP APPLICANT/  
PRINCIPAL OWNER

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

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**APPENDIX F: STATE AGENCY EXHIBIT**

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### **APPENDIX F: STATE AGENCY EXHIBIT**

Department of Financial Protection and Innovation  
320 West Fourth Street, Suite 750  
Los Angeles, California 90013-2344  
(213) 576-7500  
Toll free: (866) 275-2677

Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services  
Division of Consumer Services  
407 South Calhoun Street  
Tallahassee, Florida 32399  
(850) 410-3753

Commissioner of Securities of the State of Hawaii  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
Business Registration Division  
Securities Compliance Branch  
335 Merchant Street, Room 203  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813  
(808) 586-2722

Illinois Attorney General  
500 South Second Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706  
(217) 782-4465

Franchise Section  
Indiana Securities Division  
Secretary of State, Room E-111  
302 West Washington Street  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204  
(317) 232-6681

Office of the Attorney General  
Consumer Protection Division  
1024 Capital Center Drive, Suite 200  
Frankfort, Kentucky 40601  
(502) 696-5389

Office of the Attorney General  
Consumer Protection Division  
1885 North 3rd St.  
Baton Rouge, LA 70802  
(225) 326-6465

State of Maine  
Department of Professional & Financial Regulation  
Office of Securities  
76 Northern Avenue  
Gardiner, Maine 04345  
(207) 624-8551

Maryland Division of Securities  
Office of the Attorney General  
200 St. Paul Place  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202-2020  
(410) 576-6360

Michigan Attorney General's Office  
Consumer Protection Div., Franchise Section  
525 West Ottawa Street  
G. Mennen Williams Building, 1st Floor  
Lansing, Michigan 48933  
(517) 373-7117

Minnesota Department of Commerce  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 280  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2198  
(612) 296-4026

Nebraska Department of Banking and Finance  
Commerce Court  
1526 K Street  
Suite 300  
Lincoln, Nebraska 68508  
(402) 471-3445

Bureau of Investor Protection and Securities  
New York State Department of Law  
28 Liberty Street, 21st Floor  
New York, New York 10005  
(212) 416-8236  
Fax: (212) 416-6042

Secretary of State's Office  
State of North Carolina  
300 North Salisbury Street, Suite 100  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603  
(919) 807-2000

Securities Commissioner  
North Dakota Securities Department  
600 Boulevard Avenue, State Capitol  
Fifth Floor, Dept. 414  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0510  
(701) 328-4712

Department of Consumer and Business Services  
Division of Finance and Corporate Securities  
Labor and Industries Building  
Salem, Oregon 97310  
(503) 378-4387

Director, Department of Business Regulation  
Securities Division  
Bldg. 69-1, First Floor  
John O. Pastore Center  
1511 Pontiac Avenue  
Cranston, Rhode Island 02920  
(401) 462-9527

Department of Labor and Regulation  
Division of Insurance – Securities Regulation  
124 S. Euclid, Suite 104  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501  
(605) 773-4823

Secretary of State  
Business Opportunities Section  
1019 Brazos  
Austin, Texas 78701  
(512) 475-1769

State of Utah  
Division of Consumer Protection  
P.O. Box 45804  
Salt Lake City, Utah 84145-0804  
(801) 530-6601

State Corporation Commission  
Division of Securities and Retail Franchising  
1300 East Main Street, 1st Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219-3630  
(804) 371-9051

Department of Financial Institutions  
Securities Division  
150 Israel Road, SW  
Tumwater, Washington 98501  
(360) 902-8760

Commissioner of Securities  
Department of Financial Institutions  
Division of Securities  
4822 Madison Yards Way, North Tower  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705  
(608) 261-9555

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**APPENDIX G: AGENTS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS**



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## **FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

### **APPENDIX G: AGENTS FOR SERVICE OF PROCESS**

We intend to register this Disclosure Document as a “franchise” in some or all of the following states, in accordance with the applicable state law. If and when we pursue franchise registration (or otherwise comply with the franchise investment laws) in these states, we will designate the following state offices or officials as our agents for service of process in those states:

#### **California**

Commissioner of FPI  
Department of Financial Protection and Innovation  
320 West Fourth Street, Suite 750  
Los Angeles, California 90013-2344

#### **Hawaii**

Commissioner of Securities  
Department of Commerce and Consumer Affairs  
Business Registration Division  
Securities Compliance Branch  
335 Merchant Street, Room 203  
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

#### **Illinois**

Illinois Attorney General  
500 South Second Street  
Springfield, Illinois 62706

#### **Indiana**

Indiana Secretary of State  
302 West Washington St., Room E018  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

#### **Louisiana**

Louisiana Secretary of State  
P.O. Box 94125  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-9125

#### **Maine**

Securities Administrator  
Maine Securities Division  
121 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0121

#### **Maryland**

Maryland Securities Commissioner  
200 St. Paul Place  
Baltimore, Maryland 21202-2020

#### **Michigan**

Michigan Department of Attorney General  
Consumer Protection Division  
525 West Ottawa Street  
G. Mennen Williams Building, 1st Floor  
Lansing, Michigan 48933

#### **Minnesota**

Commissioner of Commerce  
Minnesota Department of Commerce  
85 7<sup>th</sup> Place East, Suite 280  
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-2198

#### **New York**

New York Department of State  
One Commerce Plaza  
99 Washington Avenue, 6th Floor  
Albany, New York 12231-0001  
(518) 473-2492

#### **North Carolina**

Secretary of State of North Carolina  
300 North Salisbury Street  
Raleigh, North Carolina 27603

#### **North Dakota**

Securities Commissioner  
North Dakota Securities Department  
600 East Boulevard Avenue  
State Capitol, Fifth Floor, Dept. 414  
Bismarck, North Dakota 58505-0510

#### **Rhode Island**

Director, Department of Business Regulation,  
Securities Division  
1511 Pontiac Avenue  
John O. Pastore Complex – Building 69-1  
Cranston, Rhode Island 02920

#### **South Dakota**

Department of Labor and Regulation  
Division of Insurance – Securities Regulation  
124 S. Euclid, Suite 104  
Pierre, South Dakota 57501

#### **Virginia**

Clerk of the State Corporation Commission  
1300 East Main Street, 1st Floor  
Richmond, Virginia 23219-3630  
(804) 371-9733

**Washington**

Director of Department of Financial Institutions  
Securities Division  
150 Israel Rd, SW  
Tumwater, Washington 98501

**Wisconsin**

Commissioner of Securities  
Department of Financial Institutions  
Division of Securities  
4822 Madison Yards Way, North Tower  
Madison, Wisconsin 53705

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**APPENDIX H: STATE-SPECIFIC DISCLOSURES AND STATE AGREEMENT  
AMENDMENTS**

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## **FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

### **APPENDIX H: STATE-SPECIFIC DISCLOSURES AND STATE AGREEMENT AMENDMENTS**

1. California (Reserved)
2. Hawaii
3. Illinois
4. Maryland
5. Michigan
6. Minnesota
7. North Dakota
8. Rhode Island
9. Virginia
10. Washington

**California Disclosure Addendum and California Agreement Amendment**

The California Addendum is reserved.

The California Agreement Amendment is reserved.

## **Hawaii Disclosure Addendum**

### **ADDITIONAL RISK FACTORS:**

THESE FRANCHISES WILL BE/HAVE BEEN FILED UNDER THE FRANCHISE INVESTMENT LAW OF THE STATE OF HAWAII. FILING DOES NOT CONSTITUTE APPROVAL, RECOMMENDATION OR ENDORSEMENT BY THE DIRECTOR OF REGULATORY AGENCIES OR A FINDING BY THE DIRECTOR OF REGULATORY AGENCIES THAT THE INFORMATION PROVIDED HEREIN IS TRUE, COMPLETE AND NOT MISLEADING.

THE FRANCHISE INVESTMENT LAW MAKES IT UNLAWFUL TO OFFER OR SELL ANY FRANCHISE IN THIS STATE WITHOUT FIRST PROVIDING TO THE PROSPECTIVE FRANCHISEE, OR SUBFRANCHISOR AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXECUTION BY THE PROSPECTIVE FRANCHISEE, OR SUBFRANCHISOR, OF ANY BINDING FRANCHISE OR OTHER AGREEMENT, OR AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE PAYMENT OF ANY CONSIDERATION BY THE FRANCHISEE, WHICHEVER OCCURS FIRST, A COPY OF THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT, TOGETHER WITH A COPY OF ALL PROPOSED AGREEMENTS RELATING TO THE SALE OF THE FRANCHISE.

THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT CONTAINS A SUMMARY ONLY OF CERTAIN MATERIAL PROVISIONS OF THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT. THE CONTRACT OR AGREEMENT SHOULD BE REFERRED TO FOR A STATEMENT OF ALL RIGHTS, CONDITIONS, RESTRICTIONS AND OBLIGATIONS OF BOTH THE FRANCHISOR AND THE FRANCHISEE.

### **Hawaii Distributorship Agreement Amendment**

THIS AMENDMENT to the Distributorship Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_, by and between Matco Tools Corporation (“Matco”) and \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributor”) to amend and revise certain provisions of the Distributorship Agreement between Matco and the Distributor dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributorship Agreement”) as follows:

The Distributor’s Matco® Tools business is to be located in the State of Hawaii. Therefore, Matco and the Distributor agree as follows:

1. The Distributorship Agreement is hereby amended and revised to provide that the release required pursuant to Article 2.2 or 10.2 of the Distributorship Agreement will not apply to any liability under the Hawaii Franchise Investment Law.
2. No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgement signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

To the extent this Amendment will be deemed to be inconsistent with any terms or conditions of the Distributorship Agreement or the exhibits or attachments thereto, the terms of this Amendment will govern. All other terms and conditions of the Distributorship Agreement will remain the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned hereby acknowledges having read this Amendment, understands and consents to be bound by all of its terms, and agrees it will be effective as of the date first above written.

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

#### **Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of this Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor’s obligations identified in the Distributorship Agreement and this Amendment thereto.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Illinois Disclosure Addendum**

Item 17. v and w of the Disclosure Document are amended by the addition of the following:

If the Distributorship will be located in the State of Illinois, then Section 4 of the Illinois Franchise Disclosure Act of 1987 provides that the provisions of the Distributorship Agreement which designate jurisdiction or venue in a forum outside of Illinois are void. Further:

1. The “Summary” of Item 17(v), entitled **Choice of Forum**, is deleted and replaced with the following language:

Arbitration must be in Summit County, Ohio. Subject to your arbitration obligation, no provision relates to choice of forum for litigation.

2. The “Summary” section of Item 17(w), entitled **Choice of Law**, is deleted and replaced with the following language:

Except to the extent governed by the Federal Arbitration Act, the United States Trademark of 1946, or other federal law, the Distributorship Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of Illinois.

Appendix E-1 of the FDD, the “Distributor Disclosure Questionnaire,” is amended to include the following provision:

No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.



### **Illinois Distributorship Agreement Amendment**

THIS AMENDMENT to the Distributorship Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_, by and between Matco Tools Corporation (“Matco”) and \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributor”) to amend and revise certain provisions of the Distributorship Agreement between Matco and the Distributor dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributorship Agreement”) as follows:

The Distributor’s Matco® Tools business is to be located in the State of Illinois. Therefore, Matco and the Distributor agree as follows:

1. The consent by the Distributor to jurisdiction and venue in Summit County, Ohio contained in Section 12.10 is applicable to arbitration hearings and matters related to or subject to arbitration, but such consent will not apply to cases that are not subject to arbitration.
2. Section 13.3 of the Distributorship Agreement is hereby amended and revised to provide that except to the extent governed by the Federal Arbitration Act (9 U.S.C. §§ 1 et seq.), or other federal law, the Distributorship Agreement will be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Illinois, and the substantive law of Illinois will govern the rights and obligations of and the relationship between the parties.
3. The following statement shall be deemed to amend the Distributorship Agreement, and the Distributor Disclosure Questionnaire attached to the Matco FDD at Appendix E-1:

No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

To the extent this Amendment will be deemed to be inconsistent with any terms or conditions of the Distributorship Agreement or the exhibits or attachments thereto, the terms of this Amendment will govern. All other terms and conditions of the Distributorship Agreement will remain the same.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned hereby acknowledges having read this Amendment, understands and consents to be bound by all of its terms, and agrees it will be effective as of the date first above written.

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of this Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor's obligations identified in the Distributorship Agreement and this Amendment thereto.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Maryland Disclosure Addendum**

Item 17, “Renewal, Termination, Transfer and Dispute Resolution,” shall be amended by the addition of the following language:

The general releases required for renewal or transfer will not apply with respect to any claim you may have which arises under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law. See Appendix J for additional information regarding the release.

Any claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law must be brought within 3 years after the grant of the franchise.

Except for claims that are subject to arbitration, the Distributor may sue in Maryland for claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

Termination upon bankruptcy may not be enforceable under federal bankruptcy law, 11 U.S.C. Section 101 et seq.

Item 17, “Renewal, Termination, Transfer and Dispute Resolution,” shall be amended by the addition of the following language to the summary of Provisions “v” and “w”:

, except for claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

Appendix E-1 of the FDD, the “Distributor Disclosure Questionnaire,” shall be amended by the addition of the following at the end of the Questionnaire:

The representations under this Distributor Disclosure Questionnaire are not intended, nor shall they act as a release, estoppel or waiver of any liability incurred under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

**MARYLAND PROSPECTIVE DISTRIBUTORS SHOULD NOT SIGN THE “DISTRIBUTOR DISCLOSURE QUESTIONNAIRE.”**

Appendix E-2 of the FDD, the “Acknowledgment Regarding Ownership of Distributorship” is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with Appendix E-2 attached hereto.

## MATCO TOOLS

### FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

#### APPENDIX E-2 (FOR MARYLAND ONLY):

#### ACKNOWLEDGMENT REGARDING OWNERSHIP OF DISTRIBUTORSHIP

As you know, Matco Tools Corporation (the “**Franchisor**” or “**Matco**”) and you are preparing to enter into a Distributorship Agreement for the operation of a Matco Tools Distributorship (the “**Distributorship**”). Accordingly, you hereby acknowledge and agree:

1. Matco’s current policy is that it will not grant a Distributorship to any individual. Rather, Matco will only consider granting a Distributorship to a business entity, such as a corporation or a limited liability company;
2. Your Distributorship must be established, owned and operated as a business entity, such as a corporation or limited liability company, throughout the term of the Distributorship Agreement;
3. You own at least a majority of the outstanding equity interests in the business entity that will serve as the Distributor (at least 51%);
4. You will not use the Marks as part of the corporate or other legal name of the business entity that will serve as the Distributor;
5. You will be establishing and operating an independent “Matco Tools Distributorship” business and you will not be an employee of Matco. Because you are operating an independent business, your income will be solely the profits you earn from your Distributorship and you will not earn or receive any wages or any of the other benefits normally provided to employees; and
6. You are responsible for ensuring that your Distributorship operates in accordance with the law of the state, county, city, and town in which you form your business entity and the areas in which you operate your Distributorship, including obtaining such things as a business license, a business tax registration, required insurance, and any other license or registration that may be required by local law.

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DISTRIBUTORSHIP APPLICANT/  
PRINCIPAL OWNER

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_.

## **Maryland Distributorship Agreement Amendment**

THIS AMENDMENT to the Distributorship Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_, by and between Matco Tools Corporation (“Matco”) and \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributor”) to amend and revise certain provisions of the Distributorship Agreement between Matco and the Distributor dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributorship Agreement”) as follows:

The Distributor’s Matco® Tools business is to be located in the State of Maryland. Therefore, Matco and the Distributor agree as follows:

1. The Recitals to the Distributorship Agreement are hereby amended to delete the first sentence of the fifth paragraph.

2. The Distributorship Agreement is hereby amended and revised to provide that the release required pursuant to Section 2.2 or 10.2 of the Distributorship Agreement will not apply to any liability under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

3. Section 12.3 of the Distributorship Agreement is hereby amended and revised by the addition of the following at the end of the first sentence:

; except that any and all claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law shall be commenced within three (3) years from the grant of the franchise.

4. Section 12.10 of the Distributorship Agreement is hereby amended and revised by the addition of the following at the end of the second sentence:

; except court hearings or lawsuits filed in federal or state court with respect to claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law, to the extent not subject to arbitration.

5. Article 14 is hereby amended and revised by the addition of the following new Section 14.6:

14.6 The foregoing acknowledgments are not intended to nor shall they act as a release, estoppel or waiver of any liability under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.

6. The following statement shall be deemed to amend the Distributorship Agreement, and the Distributor Disclosure Questionnaire attached to the Matco FDD at Appendix E-1:

No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

7. Article 15 is hereby amended and revised as follows:

a. Section 15.2 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

b. Section 15.4 is hereby deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

**15.4 No Unauthorized Representations.** The Distributor understands that Matco will not be bound by any unauthorized representations, including those made by other Matco distributors or by lending institutions based on information given to them to assist in their evaluation of Matco's business opportunity.

c. Section 15.5 is hereby deleted in its entirety.

To the extent this Amendment will be deemed to be inconsistent with any terms or conditions of the Distributorship Agreement or the exhibits or attachments thereto, the terms of this Amendment will govern. All other terms and conditions of the Distributorship Agreement will remain the same.

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of this Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor's obligations identified in the Distributorship Agreement and this Amendment thereto.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **Minnesota Disclosure Addendum**

Item 13 of the Disclosure Document is amended by the addition of the following:

The Minnesota Department of Commerce requires that Matco indemnify Minnesota Distributors against liability to third parties resulting from claims by third parties that the Distributor's use of the Marks infringes upon the trademark rights of the third party. Matco will indemnify against the consequences of a Distributor's use of Matco's Marks, but only if the Distributor uses the Marks in accordance with the requirements of the Distributorship Agreement, and as a further condition to an indemnification, the Distributor must provide notice to Matco of any such claim immediately and tender the defense of the claim to Matco. If Matco accepts tender of defense, Matco has the right to manage the defense of the claim, including the right to compromise, settle or otherwise resolve the claim, or to determine whether to appeal a final determination of the claim.

Item 17 of the Disclosure Document is amended by the addition of the following:

With respect to Distributorships governed by Minnesota law, Matco will comply with Minnesota Statute 80C.14, Subdivisions 3, 4 and 5 which require, except in certain specified circumstances, that a Distributor be given 90 days' notice of termination (with 60 days to cure) and 180 days' notice for non-renewal of the Distributorship.

Minn. Stat. §80C.21 and Minn. Rule 2860.4400J prohibit us from requiring litigation to be conducted outside Minnesota, requiring waiver of a jury trial, or requiring you to consent to liquidated damages, termination penalties or judgment notes. In addition, nothing in the Disclosure Document or agreement can abrogate or reduce any of your rights as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 80C, or your rights to a jury trial, any procedure, forum, or remedies as may be provided for by the laws of the jurisdiction.

Minnesota Rule 2860.4400D prohibits a franchisor from requiring a franchisee to assent to a general release, assignment, novation, or waiver that would relieve any person from liability imposed by Minnesota Statute §§80C.01 – 80C.22.

Distributor cannot consent to the franchisor obtaining injunctive relief. The franchisor may seek injunctive relief. A court will determine if a bond is required.

The limitations of claims section must comply with Minn. Stat. Sec. 80C.17, subd. 5.

Appendix E-1 of the FDD, the "Distributor Disclosure Questionnaire," is amended to include the following provision:

No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

### **Minnesota Distributorship Agreement Amendment**

THIS AMENDMENT to the Distributorship Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_, by and between Matco Tools Corporation (“Matco”) and \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributor”) to amend and revise certain provisions of the Distributorship Agreement between Matco and the Distributor dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributorship Agreement”) as follows:

The Distributor’s Matco® Tools business is to be located in the State of Minnesota. Therefore, Matco and the Distributor agree as follows:

1. Section 13.3 of the Distributorship Agreement is hereby amended and revised as follows:

Minn. Stat. § 80C.21 and Minn. Rule 2860.4400J prohibit us from requiring litigation to be conducted outside Minnesota, requiring waiver of a jury trial, or requiring you to consent to liquidated damages, termination penalties or judgment notes. In addition, nothing in the Disclosure Document or agreement can abrogate or reduce any of your rights as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 80C, or your rights to a jury trial, any procedure, forum, or remedies as may be provided for by the laws of the jurisdiction.

2. The Distributorship Agreement is hereby amended and revised to provide that the release required pursuant to Section 2.2 or 10.2 of the Distributorship Agreement will not apply to any liability under the Minnesota Franchises Law and the Rules and Regulations promulgated thereunder by the Minnesota Commissioner of Commerce.

3. The Distributorship Agreement is hereby amended and revised as follows:

With respect to Distributorships governed by Minnesota law, Matco will comply with Minnesota Statute 80C.14, Subdivisions 3, 4 and 5 which require, except in certain specified circumstances, that a Distributor be given 90 days’ notice of termination (with 60 days to cure) and 180 days’ notice for non-renewal of the Distributorship.

The Minnesota Department of Commerce requires that Matco indemnify Distributors whose Distributorship is located in Minnesota against liability to third parties resulting from claims by third parties that the Distributor’s use of the Marks infringe upon the trademark rights of the third party. Matco will indemnify against the consequences of a Distributor’s use of the Marks but only if the Distributor uses the Marks in accordance with the requirements of the Distributorship Agreement and Matco’s standards and specifications. As a further condition to indemnification, the Distributor must provide notice to Matco of any such claim immediately and tender the defense of the claim to Matco. If Matco accepts tender of defense, Matco has the right to manage the defense of the claim, including the right to compromise, settle or otherwise resolve the claim, or to determine whether to appeal a final determination of the claim.

Distributor consents to the franchisor seeking injunctive relief without the necessity of showing actual or threatened harm. A court shall determine if a bond or other security is required.

Any action pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 80C.17, Subd. 5 must be commenced no more than 3 years after the cause of action accrues.

4. The following statement shall be deemed to amend the Distributorship Agreement, and the Distributor Disclosure Questionnaire attached to the Matco FDD at Appendix E-1:

No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in



connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

To the extent this Amendment will be deemed to be inconsistent with any terms or conditions of the Distributorship Agreement or the exhibits or attachments thereto, the terms of this Amendment will govern. All other terms and conditions of the Distributorship Agreement will remain the same.

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of this Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor's obligations identified in the Distributorship Agreement and this Amendment thereto.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **New York Disclosure Addendum**

Appendix E-1 of the FDD, the “Distributor Disclosure Questionnaire,” is amended to include the following provision:

No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

## **New York Distributorship Agreement Amendment**

THIS AMENDMENT to the Distributorship Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_, by and between Matco Tools Corporation (“Matco”) and \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributor”) to amend and revise certain provisions of the Distributorship Agreement between Matco and the Distributor dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributorship Agreement”) as follows:

The Distributor’s Matco® Tools business is to be located in the State of New York. Therefore, Matco and the Distributor agree as follows:

1. The following information is added to the cover page of the Franchise Disclosure Document.

INFORMATION COMPARING FRANCHISORS IS AVAILABLE. CALL THE STATE ADMINISTRATORS LISTED IN APPENDIX F OR YOUR PUBLIC LIBRARY FOR SERVICES OR INFORMATION. REGISTRATION OF THIS FRANCHISE BY NEW YORK STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT NEW YORK STATE RECOMMENDS IT OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT. IF YOU LEARN ANYTHING IN THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT IS UNTRUE, CONTACT THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AND THE APPROPRIATE STATE OR PROVINCIAL AUTHORITY. THE FRANCHISOR MAY, IF IT CHOOSES, NEGOTIATE WITH YOU ABOUT ITEMS COVERED IN THE FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT. HOWEVER, THE FRANCHISOR CAN NOT USE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO PREVAIL UPON A PROSPECTIVE FRANCHISEE TO ACCEPT TERMS THAT ARE LESS FAVORABLE THAN THOSE SET FORTH IN THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

2. The following is to be added at the end of Item 3:

With the exception of what is stated above, the following applies to the franchisor, its predecessor, a person identified in Item 2, or an affiliate offering franchises under the franchisor’s principal trademark:

A. No such party has an administrative, criminal, or civil action pending against that person alleging: a felony, a violation of a franchise, antitrust, or securities law, fraud, embezzlement, fraudulent conversion, misappropriation of property, unfair or deceptive practices, or comparable civil or misdemeanor allegations.

B. No such party has pending actions, other than routine litigation incidental to the business, which are significant in the context of the number of franchisees and the size, nature, or financial condition of the franchise system or its business operations.

C. No such party has been convicted of a felony or pleaded nolo contendere to a felony charge or, within the 10-year period immediately preceding the application for registration, has been convicted of or pleaded nolo contendere to a misdemeanor charge or has been the subject of a civil action alleging: violation of a franchise, antifraud, or securities law; fraud; embezzlement; fraudulent conversion or misappropriation of property; or unfair or deceptive practices or comparable allegations.

D. No such party is subject to a currently effective injunctive or restrictive order or decree relating to the franchise, or under a Federal, State, or Canadian franchise, securities, antitrust, trade regulation, or trade practice law, resulting from a concluded or pending action or proceeding

brought by a public agency; or is subject to any currently effective order of any national securities association or national securities exchange, as defined in the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, suspending or expelling such person from membership in such association or exchange; or is subject to a currently effective injunctive or restrictive order relating to any other business activity as a result of an action brought by a public agency or department, including, without limitation, actions affecting a license as a real estate broker or sales agent.

3. The following is added to the end of the “Summary” sections of Item 17(c), titled “Requirements for a franchisee to renew or extend,” and Item 17(m), entitled “Conditions for franchisor approval of transfer”:

However, to the extent required by applicable law, all rights you enjoy and any causes of action arising in your favor from the provisions of Article 33 of the General Business Law of the State of New York and the regulations issued thereunder shall remain in force; it being the intent of this proviso that the non-waiver provisions of General Business Law Sections 687(4) and 687(5) be satisfied.

4. The following language replaces the “Summary” section of Item 17(d), titled “Termination by franchisee”:

You may terminate the agreement on any grounds available by law.

5. The following is added to the end of the “Summary” sections of Item 17(v), titled “Choice of forum,” and Item 17(w), titled “Choice of law”:

The foregoing choice of law should not be considered a waiver of any right conferred upon the franchisor or the franchisee by Article 33 of the General Business Law of the State of New York

6. The following statement shall be deemed to amend the Distributorship Agreement, and the Distributor Disclosure Questionnaire attached to the Matco FDD at Appendix E-1:

No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

7. Receipts--Any sale made must be in compliance with § 683(8) of the Franchise Sale Act (N.Y. Gen. Bus. L. § 680 et seq.), which describes the time period a Franchise Disclosure Document (offering prospectus) must be provided to a prospective franchisee before a sale may be made. New York law requires a franchisor to provide the Franchise Disclosure Document at the earlier of the first personal meeting, ten (10) business days before the execution of the franchise or other agreement, or the payment of any consideration that relates to the franchise relationship.

To the extent this Amendment will be deemed to be inconsistent with any terms or conditions of the Distributorship Agreement or the exhibits or attachments thereto, the terms of this Amendment will govern. All other terms and conditions of the Distributorship Agreement will remain the same.

[Signature Page Follows]

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of this Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor's obligations identified in the Distributorship Agreement and this Amendment thereto.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## **North Dakota Disclosure Addendum**

In recognition of the requirements of the North Dakota Franchise Investment Law, N.D. Cent. Code, §§ 51-19-01 through 51-19-17, and the policies of the office of the State of North Dakota Securities Commission, the Disclosure Document for Matco Tools Corporation shall be amended by the addition of the following language:

1. The North Dakota Securities Commissioner has held the following to be unfair, unjust, or inequitable to North Dakota franchisees (Section 51-19-09, N.D.C.C.):

- A. Restrictive Covenants: Franchise Disclosure Documents which disclose the existence of covenants restricting competition contrary to Section 9-08-06, N.D.C.C., without further disclosing that such covenants will be subject to this statute.
- B. Situs of Arbitration Proceedings: Franchise agreements providing that the parties must agree to arbitrate disputes at a location that is remote from the site of the franchisee's business.
- C. Restriction on Forum: Requiring North Dakota franchisees to consent to the jurisdiction of courts outside of North Dakota.
- D. Liquidated Damages and Termination Penalties: Requiring North Dakota franchisees to consent to liquidated damages or termination penalties.
- E. Applicable Laws: Franchise agreements which specify that any claims arising under the North Dakota franchise law will be governed by the laws of a state other than North Dakota.
- F. Waiver of Trial by Jury: Requiring North Dakota franchisees to consent to the waiver of a trial by jury.
- G. Waiver of Exemplary and Punitive Damages: Requiring North Dakota franchisees to consent to a waiver of exemplary and punitive damages.
- H. General Release: Requiring North Dakota franchisees to execute a general release of claims as a condition of renewal or transfer of a franchise.
- I. Limitation of Claims: Requiring that North Dakota franchisees to consent to a limitation of claims. The statute of limitations under North Dakota law applies.
- J. Enforcement of Agreement: Requiring that North Dakota franchisees to pay all costs and expenses incurred by the franchisor in enforcing the agreement. The prevailing party in any enforcement action is entitled to recover all costs and expenses including attorney's fees.

2. Appendix E-1 of the FDD, the "Distributor Disclosure Questionnaire," is amended to include the following provision:

No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf

of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

3. Each provision of this addendum to the Disclosure Document shall be effective only to the extent, with respect to such provision, that the jurisdictional requirements of the North Dakota Franchise Investment Law, N.D. Cent. Code, §§ 51-19-1 through 51-19-17, are met independently without reference to this addendum to the Disclosure Document.

### **North Dakota Distributorship Agreement Amendment**

THIS AMENDMENT to the Distributorship Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_, by and between Matco Tools Corporation (“Matco”) and \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributor”) to amend and revise certain provisions of the Distributorship Agreement between Matco and the Distributor dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributorship Agreement”) as follows:

The Distributor’s Matco® Tools business is to be located in the State of North Dakota. Therefore, Matco and the Distributor agree as follows:

1. The parties acknowledge and agree that they have been advised that the North Dakota Securities Commissioner has determined the following agreement provisions are unfair, unjust or inequitable to North Dakota franchisees:

- A. Restrictive Covenants: Any provision which discloses the existence of covenants restricting competition contrary to Section 9-08-06, N.D.C.C., without further disclosing that such covenants will be subject to this statute.
- B. Situs of Arbitration Proceedings: Any provision requiring that the parties must agree to arbitrate disputes at a location that is remote from the site of the franchisee’s business.
- C. Restriction on Forum: Any provision requiring North Dakota franchisees to consent to the jurisdiction of courts outside of North Dakota.
- D. Liquidated Damages and Termination Penalties: Any provision requiring North Dakota franchisees to consent to liquidated damages or termination penalties.
- E. Applicable Laws: Any provision which specifies that any claims arising under the North Dakota franchise law will be governed by the laws of a state other than North Dakota.
- F. Waiver of Trial by Jury: Any provision requiring North Dakota franchisees to consent to the waiver of a trial by jury.
- G. Waiver of Exemplary and Punitive Damages: Any provision requiring North Dakota franchisees to consent to a waiver of exemplary and punitive damages.
- H. General Release: Any provision requiring North Dakota franchisees to execute a general release of claims as a condition of renewal or transfer of a franchise.
- I. Limitation of Claims: Requiring that North Dakota franchisees to consent to a limitation of claims. The statute of limitations under North Dakota law applies.
- J. Enforcement of Agreement: Requiring that North Dakota franchisees to pay all costs and expenses incurred by the franchisor in enforcing the agreement. The prevailing party in any enforcement action is entitled to recover all costs and expenses including attorney’s fees.

2. The following statement shall be deemed to amend the Distributorship Agreement, and the Distributor Disclosure Questionnaire attached to the Matco FDD at Appendix E-1:



No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

To the extent this Amendment will be deemed to be inconsistent with any terms or conditions of the Distributorship Agreement or the exhibits or attachments thereto, the terms of this Amendment will govern. All other terms and conditions of the Distributorship Agreement will remain the same.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned hereby acknowledges having read this Amendment, understands and consents to be bound by all of its terms, and agrees it will be effective as of the date first above written.

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of this Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor's obligations identified in the Distributorship Agreement and this Amendment thereto.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Rhode Island Disclosure Addendum**

In recognition of the requirements of the Rhode Island Franchise Investment Act, §§ 19-28.1-1 through 19-28.1-34 the Franchise Disclosure Document for Matco Tools Corporation for use in the State of Rhode Island shall be amended to include the following:

1. Item 17, “Renewal, Termination, Transfer and Dispute Resolution,” shall be amended by the addition of the following:

Section 19-28.1-14 of the Rhode Island Franchise Investment Act provides that “A provision in a franchise agreement restricting jurisdiction or venue to a forum outside this state or requiring the application of the laws of another state is void with respect to a claim otherwise enforceable under this Act.”

2. This addendum to the Disclosure Document shall be effective only to the extent, with respect to such provision, that the jurisdictional requirements of the Rhode Island Franchise Investment Act, §§ 19-28.1-1 through 19-28.1-34, are met independently without reference to this addendum to the Disclosure document.

**Rhode Island Distributorship Agreement Amendment**

THIS AMENDMENT to the Distributorship Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_, by and between Matco Tools Corporation (“Matco”) and \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributor”) to amend and revise certain provisions of the Distributorship Agreement between Matco and the Distributor dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributorship Agreement”) as follows:

The Distributor’s Matco® Tools business is to be located in the State of Rhode Island. Therefore, Matco and the Distributor agree as follows:

1. Article 12 of the Agreement, under the heading “Dispute Resolution” and Article 13 of the Agreement, under the heading “Miscellaneous,” shall be amended by the addition of the following:

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Section 19-28.1-14 of the Rhode Island Franchise Investment Act provides that “A provision in a franchise agreement restricting jurisdiction or venue to a forum outside this state or requiring the application of the laws of another state is void with respect to a claim otherwise enforceable under this Act.”

2. This amendment shall be effective only to the extent, with respect to such provision, that the jurisdictional requirements of the Rhode Island Franchise Investment Act, §§ 19-28.1-1 through 19-28.1-34, are met independently without reference to this amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have duly executed and delivered this Rhode Island amendment to the Distributorship Agreement on the same date as the Distributorship Agreement was executed.

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION:

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of this Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor’s obligations identified in the Distributorship Agreement and this Amendment thereto.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Virginia Disclosure Addendum**

Appendix E-1 of the FDD, the “Distributor Disclosure Questionnaire,” is amended to include the following provision:

No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

## **Washington Disclosure Addendum**

In recognition of the requirements of the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act, Wash. Rev. Code §§ 19.100.180, the Franchise Disclosure Document for Matco Tools Corporation in connection with the offer and sale of franchises for use in the State of Washington shall be amended to include the following:

1. Item 17, “Renewal, Termination, Transfer and Dispute Resolution,” shall be amended by the addition of the following paragraphs at the conclusion of the Item:

In the event of a conflict of laws, the provisions of the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act, Chapter 19.100 RCW will prevail.

RCW 19.100.180 may supersede the franchise agreement in your relationship with the franchisor including the areas of termination and renewal of your franchise. There may also be court decisions which may supersede the franchise agreement in your relationship with the franchisor including the areas of termination and renewal of your franchise.

In any arbitration involving a franchise purchased in Washington, the arbitration site will be either in the state of Washington, or in a place mutually agreed upon at the time of the arbitration, or as determined by the arbitrator at the time of arbitration. In addition, if litigation is not precluded by the franchise agreement, a franchisee may bring an action or proceeding arising out of or in connection with the sale of franchises, or a violation of the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act, in Washington.

A release or waiver of rights executed by a franchisee shall not include rights under the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act except when executed pursuant to a negotiated settlement after the agreement is in effect and where the parties are represented by independent counsel. Provisions such as those which unreasonably restrict or limit the statute of limitations period for claims under the Act, rights or remedies under the Act such as a right to a jury trial may not be enforceable.

Transfer fees are collectable to the extent that they reflect the franchisor’s reasonable estimated or actual costs in effecting a transfer.

Pursuant to RCW 49.62.020, a noncompetition covenant is void and unenforceable against an employee, including an employee of a franchisee, unless the employee’s earnings from the party seeking enforcement, when annualized, exceed \$100,000 per year (an amount that will be adjusted annually for inflation). In addition, a noncompetition covenant is void and unenforceable against an independent contractor of a franchisee under RCW 49.62.030 unless the independent contractor’s earnings from the party seeking enforcement, when annualized, exceed \$250,000 per year (an amount that will be adjusted annually for inflation). As a result, any provisions contained in the franchise agreement or elsewhere that conflict with these limitations are void and unenforceable in Washington.

RCW 49.62.060 prohibits a franchisor from restricting, restraining, or prohibiting a franchisee from (i) soliciting or hiring any employee of a franchisee of the same franchisor or (ii) soliciting or hiring any employee of the franchisor. As a result, any such provisions contained in the franchise agreement or elsewhere are void and unenforceable in Washington.

1. Appendix E-1 of the FDD, the “Distributor Disclosure Questionnaire,” is amended to include the following provision:

No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

2. Each provision of this addendum to the disclosure document shall be effective only to the extent, with respect to such provision, that the jurisdictional requirements of the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act, Wash. Rev. Code §§ 19.100.180, are met independently without reference to this addendum to the disclosure document.

## **Washington Distributorship Agreement Amendment**

THIS AMENDMENT to the Distributorship Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_, by and between Matco Tools Corporation (“Matco”) and \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributor”) to amend and revise certain provisions of the Distributorship Agreement between Matco and the Distributor dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributorship Agreement”) as follows:

The Distributor’s Matco® Tools business is to be located in the State of Washington. Therefore, Matco and the Distributor agree as follows:

1. In the event of a conflict of laws, the provisions of the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act, Chapter 19.100 RCW shall prevail.
2. RCW 19.100.180 may supersede the Distributorship Agreement in Distributor’s relationship with Matco including the areas of termination and renewal of Distributor’s franchise. There may also be court decisions which may supersede the Distributorship Agreement in Distributor’s relationship with Matco including the areas of termination and renewal of Distributor’s franchise.
3. In any arbitration involving a franchise purchased in Washington, the arbitration site will be either in the state of Washington, or in a place mutually agreed upon at the time of the arbitration, or as determined by the arbitrator at the time of arbitration. In addition, if litigation is not precluded by the franchise agreement, a franchisee may bring an action or proceeding arising out of or in connection with the sale of franchises, or a violation of the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act, in Washington.
4. A release or waiver of rights executed by a franchisee may not include rights under the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act or any rule or order thereunder except when executed pursuant to a negotiated settlement after the agreement is in effect and where the parties are represented by independent counsel. Provisions such as those which unreasonably restrict or limit the statute of limitations period for claims under the Act, or rights or remedies under the Act such as a right to a jury trial, may not be enforceable.
5. Transfer fees are collectable to the extent that they reflect the Matco’s reasonable estimated or actual costs in effecting a transfer.
6. Pursuant to RCW 49.62.020, a noncompetition covenant is void and unenforceable against an employee, including an employee of a franchisee, unless the employee’s earnings from the party seeking enforcement, when annualized, exceed \$100,000 per year (an amount that will be adjusted annually for inflation). In addition, a noncompetition covenant is void and unenforceable against an independent contractor of a franchisee under RCW 49.62.030 unless the independent contractor’s earnings from the party seeking enforcement, when annualized, exceed \$250,000 per year (an amount that will be adjusted annually for inflation). As a result, any provisions contained in the franchise agreement or elsewhere that conflict with these limitations are void and unenforceable in Washington.

RCW 49.62.060 prohibits a franchisor from restricting, restraining, or prohibiting a franchisee from (i) soliciting or hiring any employee of a franchisee of the same franchisor or (ii) soliciting or hiring any employee of the franchisor. As a result, any such provisions contained in the franchise agreement or elsewhere are void and unenforceable in Washington.

7. Pursuant to RCW 19.100.180(2)(g) and RCW 19.100.220(2), the last sentence of Section 15.2 of the Distributorship Agreement is revised to remove the phrase “or relied on” and now reads as follows:

“We expressly disclaim making, and You acknowledge that You have not received, any warranty or guaranty, express or implied, as to the potential volume, profits, costs or success of the business contemplated by this Agreement.”

8. The following statement shall be deemed to amend the Distributorship Agreement, and the Distributor Disclosure Questionnaire attached to the Matco FDD at Appendix E-1:

No statement, questionnaire, or acknowledgment signed or agreed to by a franchisee in connection with the commencement of the franchise relationship shall have the effect of (i) waiving any claims under any applicable state franchise law, including fraud in the inducement, or (ii) disclaiming reliance on any statement made by any franchisor, franchise seller, or other person acting on behalf of the franchisor. This provision supersedes any other term of any document executed in connection with the franchise.

To the extent this Amendment will be deemed to be inconsistent with any terms or conditions of the Distributorship Agreement or the exhibits or attachments thereto, the terms of this Amendment will govern. All other terms and conditions of the Distributorship Agreement will remain the same.

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of this Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor's obligations identified in the Distributorship Agreement and this Amendment thereto.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_



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*(To be executed by a prospective Distributor and its current or prospective Principal Owner before  
viewing any portion of the Service Standards)*

As an inducement to Matco Tools Corporation (“**Matco**”) to disclose to the undersigned Matco’s confidential customer service standards (“**Service Standards**”), as part of its pre-sale investigation about the possible purchase of a Matco distributorship, the undersigned agrees: (1) that the undersigned is only permitted to view the Service Standards via the electronic platform designated by Matco, and that the undersigned must not download, print, duplicate, reproduce, transmit, modify, or in any way retain any portion of the Service Standards; (2) that the undersigned must return to Matco any portion of the Service Standards that the undersigned has accessed within 14 days after Effective Date, in the event that any portion of the Service Standards was accessed in a format that it is possible to return; (3) that the undersigned must hold all information contained in the Service Standards in strict confidence as a valued trade secret and property right of Matco, and must take all commercially reasonable precautions to protect the confidentiality of the Service Standards; (4) that the undersigned must not disclose any part of the Service Standards to any other person or entity unless such person or entity is subject to a confidentiality agreement with Matco and Matco has expressly provided its prior written consent to such disclosure; and (5) that undersigned must not to use such information for its or any other person’s or entity’s benefit except in connection with the operation of a distributorship licensed to the undersigned by Matco.

The undersigned acknowledges that Matco may exercise all legal and equitable remedies available to it in enforcing this Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement. The undersigned also acknowledges that a violation of the terms of this Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement will cause irreparable injury to Matco, for which no adequate remedy at law may be available, and that Matco may, among other things, seek the issuance of an injunction prohibiting any conduct by the undersigned in violation of the terms of this Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement. The undersigned agrees to pay all costs and expenses, including reasonable attorney’s fees, costs, and expenses (including any interest) incurred by Matco in enforcing this Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement.

The waiver of any breach of any provision under this Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement by Matco shall not be deemed to be a waiver of any preceding or subsequent breach, nor shall any waiver constitute a continuing waiver.

This Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement supersedes all prior discussions and agreements and constitutes the entire agreement between the undersigned and Matco with respect to the subject matter hereof. This Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement may only be modified in a writing signed by the undersigned and Matco.

Any dispute or controversy arising out of or relating to this Confidentiality and Non-Disclosure Agreement shall be governed by Ohio law, without application of conflicts of law principles, and the undersigned agrees to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts located in the city and state where Matco has its headquarters at the time the action is commenced.

*[Signature Page Follows]*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned have caused this Agreement to be executed on the date set forth below.

DISTRIBUTOR: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPAL OWNER: (may be a prospective Principal Owner)

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ (the "Effective Date")

## **MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION**

### **Customer Service Standards**

The Matco Distributorship Agreement requires Distributors to operate the Distributorship in conformity and compliance with the image, integrity, quality, cleanliness and product and service standards described in the Matco Operating Manual and in accordance with these Customer Service Standards. Adherence to Matco's Customer Service Standards is designed to achieve a premier customer experience for all Matco customers which is the basis for the goodwill associated with the Matco brand and the network of Matco Distributorships. Matco's Customer Service Standards are based on the following five pillars: **Promotion; Professionalism; Expertise; Reliability** and **Premier Customer Support**.

- **Promotion of Distributorship / Matco Brand Champion:** Distributors are expected to be a Matco Brand Champion and use their best efforts at all times to actively market, promote, and sell Matco products to all Potential Customers on the Distributor's List of Calls. Customers want a fair price, a comment to superior service, and friendly and professional treatment.
- **Professionalism:** Distributors are the face of the Matco Brand and the entire network of Matco Distributors. Appearance, personal conduct, safety, and effective and professional communication are all fundamental to representing the Matco Brand. Professionalism includes wearing Matco® branded attire; maintaining a well-stocked and clean (interior and exterior) Mobile Store that is in good mechanical condition; and operating the Mobile Store showroom in a safe and lawful manner at all times. Operating while impaired or under the influence of drugs or alcohol, not only is against the law and a violation of the Matco Distributor Agreement, but is contrary to these Customer Service Standards.
- **Expertise:** Product knowledge and familiarity with the full catalog of Matco products is crucial to providing a premier customer experience. Successful completion of all required training programs and utilizing the knowledge and expertise of District Managers is critical. Distributors need to be an expert in the Matco Distributor Business System (MDBS), Matco's catalogs and forms such as the Purchase Security Agreement (PSA), required for sales transactions. Distributors should also know each individual customer's business needs and keep abreast of industry trends.
- **Reliability:** Frequency of visits and timeliness of response to customer's needs is paramount. Customers need to know that you will be there for them. They should know that you will: (1) make a 100% effort to visit every week; (2) repair or replace tools under warranty; (3) promptly send off tools for repair; (4) have a well-stocked Mobile Store with an abundant supply of hand and specialty tools; and (5) are available any time on the Matco App in the case of an emergency.
- **Premier Customer Support:** As noted, regular contact with customers is an essential element of providing premier customer service. Product availability, timeliness of delivery, and providing quality repair service and warranty support is essential. Knowing Matco's tool return and repair policies is a must. Distributors should constantly monitor sales and trends to determine the inventory of Products best suited to meet the needs and expectations of its customers.

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**APPENDIX J: MUTUAL RELEASE AGREEMENT**

**[Note to Drafter: “Distributor” means the Distributor entity and “Principal Owner” means the individual principal owner.]**

## **APPENDIX J MUTUAL RELEASE AGREEMENT**

The following is our current mutual release language that we expect to include in a release that a distributor and/or transferor may sign as part of a renewal or an approved transfer. We may, in our sole discretion, periodically modify the release.

This Mutual Release Agreement (“Mutual Release”) is made and entered into on \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ by and between Matco Tools Corporation, a Delaware Corporation (“Matco”) with a principal place of business at 4403 Allen Road, Stow OH 44224 and \_\_\_\_\_ [Entity Name] [(“Distributor”)] [(“Transferor”)], a/n \_\_\_\_\_ [State of Formation and Type of Entity] with a principal place of business at \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ [Individual Principal Owner Name], the Principal Owner of the Distributorship.

### **RECITALS**

A. Distributor entered into a Distributorship Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (the “Distributorship Agreement”), which granted Distributor the right and obligation to establish and operate a Matco mobile distributorship (the “Distributorship”).

B. Distributor (together with its Principal Owner) wishes [to renew its relationship under the Distributorship Agreement, and to execute a new Distributorship Agreement and Renewal Addendum (“Renewal Distributorship Agreement”)] [to transfer or assign its rights under the Distributorship Agreement to a new or transferee distributor (“Transfer Transaction”).] In connection with the [Renewal Distributorship Agreement] [Transfer Transaction] Matco and [Distributor] [Transferor], and the Principal Owner, have agreed to execute this Mutual Release, along with such other documents related to the approved [Renewal Distributorship Agreement] [Transfer Transaction].

NOW, THEREFORE, the parties, in consideration of the undertakings and commitments of each party to the other party set forth herein, hereby agree as follows:

1. [Renewal] [Transfer] of Distributorship Agreement. In accordance with the terms of the Distributorship Agreement, Distributor has notified Matco of its desire to [renew] [transfer] its rights under the Distributorship Agreement and to comply with the terms and conditions regarding [renewal] [transfer] as specified in the Distributorship Agreement.

2. Releases.

a. By Distributor and Principal Owner. Distributor and Principal Owner hereby release and forever discharge Matco, Matco’s corporate affiliates, and each of their respective past, present, and future officers, directors, agents, and employees (collectively, the

Matco Parties”) from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, vested or contingent, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, which Distributor or Principal Owner now owns or holds, or has at any time heretofore owned or held, or may at any time own or hold against the Matco Parties arising prior to and including the date of this Mutual Release which relates in any way to: (a) the Distributorship Agreement, including, but not limited to, the entry into the Distributorship Agreement; (b) the operation by Distributor of the Distributorship pursuant to the Distributorship Agreement; (c) the relationship between Matco and Distributor, or Matco and the Principal Owner; and (d) this Mutual Release (collectively, the “Distributor and Principal Owner Released Claims”). Distributor and Principal Owner each represents and warrants that it acknowledges and agrees that Distributor and Principal Owner may in the future learn of facts in addition to or different from those which it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of this Section 2.a, but that nonetheless, it is the intention of Distributor and Principal Owner to fully, finally, and forever settle and release all of the Distributor and Principal Owner Released Claims.

b. By Matco. Matco hereby releases and forever discharges Distributor, Principal Owner, and their past, present, and future officers, directors, agents, and employees (collectively, the “Distributor Parties”) from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, vested or contingent, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, which Matco now owns or holds, or has at any time heretofore owned or held, or may at any time own or hold against the Distributor Parties arising prior to and including the date of this Mutual Release which relates in any way to: (a) the Distributorship Agreement, including, but not limited to, the entry into the Distributorship Agreement; (b) the operation by Distributor of the Distributorship pursuant to the Distributorship Agreement; (c) the relationship between Distributor and Matco, or Matco and Principal Owner; and (d) this Mutual Release (collectively, the “Matco Released Claims”). Matco represents and warrants that it acknowledges and agrees that Matco may in the future learn of facts in addition to or different from those which it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of this Section 2.b, but that nonetheless, it is the intention of Matco to fully, finally, and forever settle and release all of the Matco Released Claims.

c. *If Distributor operates in the State of California, and/or if Principal Owner resides in the State of California, then this Section 2(c)(1) shall apply:* (1) Claims under Section 1542. Distributor, Principal Owner and Matco expressly state that it is their intention in executing this Mutual Release that it shall be effective as a bar to the Distributor and Principal Owner Released Claims and Matco Released Claims as prescribed by Section 1541 of the California Civil Code. Distributor, Principal Owner and Matco warrant that they are familiar with and have been advised by legal counsel concerning the legal effect of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, and that Distributor, Principal Owner and Matco expressly waive and relinquish all rights and benefits conferred by the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides that:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor.

*If Distributor operates in the State of Washington, and/or if Principal Owner resides in the State of Washington, then this Section 2(c)(2) shall apply:* (2) This Mutual Release Agreement only applies to the extent permitted by applicable law, and does not apply with respect to valid claims arising under the Washington Franchise Investment Protection Act, RCW 19.100, and the rules adopted thereunder.

3. Exception for Certain Monies Owed. The releases in Section 2.a and 2.b above do not apply to any monies which may be owed by Matco to Distributor or Principal Owner or by Distributor or Principal Owner to Matco in the ordinary course of business under the Distributorship Agreement.

4. Acknowledgments. Distributor and Principal Owner each acknowledge that it or he or she has received a copy of this Mutual Release sufficiently in advance of executing it to be able to consult with counsel of Distributor's choosing, and Distributor and Principal Owner acknowledge having reviewed and understood this Mutual Release prior to executing it. Further, Distributor acknowledges that it received a copy of Matco's current form of franchise disclosure document required by the Trade Regulation Rule of the Federal Trade Commission entitled "Disclosure Requirements and Prohibitions Concerning Franchising and Business Opportunity Ventures" at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the date the Renewal Distributorship Agreement and this Mutual Release were executed.

5. No Prior Assignment. The parties represent and warrant that they are the sole owners of all claims and rights released hereunder and that they have not assigned or transferred, or purported to assign or transfer, to any person or entity, any suit, claim, controversy, liability, demand, action, or cause of action released under Sections 2.a and 2.b above.

6. Effect.

a. This Mutual Release shall be binding upon the respective corporate officers and directors of Matco and Distributor, and upon each party's legal representatives, successors, and assigns, and shall inure to the benefit of the respective parties hereto.

b. This Mutual Release shall be governed, construed, and interpreted under the laws of Ohio.

c. *If Distributor operates in the State of Maryland, and/or if Principal Owner lives in the State of Maryland, then this Section 6(c) shall apply:* Distributor and Matco agree that all actions arising under this Mutual Release must be commenced in arbitration in accordance with the terms of the Distributorship Agreement. In the event any claims arising under the Mutual Release with respect to the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law, Distributor and Matco agree that all such actions must be commenced in the state or federal court of general jurisdiction in Maryland, and each of the undersigned irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of those courts and waives any objection he or she might have to either the jurisdiction of or venue in those courts. This Mutual Release shall be interpreted and construed under the laws of the State



of Maryland. In the event of any conflict of law, the laws of the State of Maryland shall prevail (without regard to, and without giving effect to, the application of Maryland conflict of law rules).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned hereby acknowledges having read this Mutual Release, understands and consents to be bound by all of its terms, and agrees it will be effective as of the date first above written.

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

PRINCIPAL OWNER:

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**APPENDIX K: LIST OF CALLS ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

**Matco Tools**  
**Appendix K-1: List of Calls Acknowledgement**

**[Note to Drafter: The highlighted blank below should be completed with the name of the Distributor entity. "Prospective Distributor" means the Distributor entity and "Principal Owner" means the individual principal owner.]**

Prospective Matco Distributor: \_\_\_\_\_ ("Prospective Distributor")

Principal Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ ("Principal Owner")

Matco List of Calls: \_\_\_\_\_

Prospective Distributor is considering purchasing a Matco Tools Distributorship. Specifically, Prospective Distributor is considering a Matco Tools Distributorship which covers shops, locations and potential customers in the attached List of Calls.

Name of  
RFSM, RM,  
FSM, or DM

As part of Prospective Distributor's due diligence and investigation of the Matco Tools opportunity, Prospective Distributor's Principal Owner met with various Matco personnel, including \_\_\_\_\_. Principal Owner and Prospective Distributor have been advised that the proposed List of Calls has a maximum of 325 Potential Customers. Principal Owner and Prospective Distributor understand that the Potential Customers may or may not purchase products or become actual customers.

A Matco Representative offered Principal Owner the opportunity to survey the List of Calls and visit the stops on her or his own, or ride with the District Manager or another Matco Representative to visit each stop, shop or location on the List of Calls, so that he or she could assess, for herself or himself, the potential for the route and the potential customers.

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On \_\_\_\_\_ (date(s)) Principal Owner surveyed the List of Calls herself or himself, and personally surveyed the stops, shops and locations on the attached List of Calls. Principal Owner is satisfied with the stops and the number of potential customers at the stops on Prospective Distributor's List of Calls.

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On \_\_\_\_\_ (date(s)) Principal Owner participated in a ride-along with a Matco Representative \_\_\_\_\_, and Principal Owner personally surveyed the stops, shops and locations on the attached List of Calls. Principal Owner is satisfied with the stops and the number of potential customers at the stops on Prospective Distributor's List of Calls.

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Principal Owner and Prospective Distributor chose not to survey the attached List of Calls or to participate in a ride-along with a Matco Representative.

Prospective Distributor understands that the ride-along opportunity can be a valuable tool in my evaluation of a Matco Tools Distributorship opportunity. Principal Owner and Prospective Distributor have received the assistance that we requested from Matco.

[Signature Page Follows]

**Prospective Distributor and Principal Owner hereby confirm that Prospective Distributor and Principal Owner have been advised that if any statement in this List of Calls Acknowledgement (“Acknowledgement”) is not correct, neither Prospective Distributor nor Principal Owner should not sign this Acknowledgement.**

This List of Calls Acknowledgment is true and correct.

Prospective Distributor:

\_\_\_\_\_

Sign:

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Title:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_

Principal Owner:

Sign:

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_

**Matco Tools 225**  
**Appendix K-2: List of Calls Acknowledgement**

**[Note to Drafter: The highlighted blank below should be completed with the name of the Distributor entity. "Prospective Distributor" means the Distributor entity and "Principal Owner" means the individual principal owner.]**

Prospective Matco Distributor: \_\_\_\_\_ ("Prospective Distributor")

Principal Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ ("Principal Owner")

Matco List of Calls: \_\_\_\_\_

Prospective Distributor is considering purchasing a Matco Tools Distributorship. Specifically, Prospective Distributor is considering a Matco Tools Distributorship which covers shops, locations and potential customers in the attached List of Calls.

As part of Prospective Distributor's due diligence and investigation of the Matco Tools opportunity, Prospective Distributor's Principal Owner met with various Matco personnel, including \_\_\_\_\_.

Name of  
RFSM, RM,  
FSM, or DM

Principal Owner and Prospective Distributor have been advised that the proposed List of Calls has a maximum of 225 Potential Customers (unless otherwise approved by Matco, not to exceed 240 potential customers). Principal Owner and Prospective Distributor understand that the Potential Customers may or may not purchase products or become actual customers.

A Matco Representative offered Principal Owner the opportunity to survey the List of Calls and visit the stops her or his own, or ride with the District Manager or another Matco Representative to visit each stop, shop or location on the List of Calls, so that he or she could assess, for herself or himself, the potential for the route and the potential customers.

**Select only one of the following:**

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date prior to  
receiving this  
document.

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On \_\_\_\_\_ (date(s)) Principal Owner surveyed the List of Calls herself or himself, and personally surveyed the stops, shops and locations on the attached List of Calls. My Principal Owner is satisfied with the stops and the number of potential customers at the stops on my List of Calls.

Cannot be a  
date prior to  
receiving this  
document +  
RFSM, RM,  
FSM, or DM

☐

On \_\_\_\_\_ (date(s)) Principal Owner participated in a ride-along with a Matco Representative \_\_\_\_\_, and Principal Owner personally surveyed the stops, shops and locations on the attached List of Calls. Principal Owner is satisfied with the stops and the number of potential customers at the stops on Prospective Distributor's List of Calls.

☐

Principal Owner and Prospective Distributor chose not to survey the attached List of Calls or to participate in a ride-along with a Matco Representative.

Prospective Distributor understands that the ride-along opportunity can be a valuable tool in my evaluation of a Matco Tools Distributorship opportunity. Principal Owner and Prospective Distributor have received the assistance that we requested from Matco.

[Signature Page Follows]

**Prospective Distributor and Principal Owner hereby confirm that Prospective Distributor and Principal Owner have been advised that if any statement in this List of Calls Acknowledgement (“Acknowledgement”) is not correct, neither Prospective Distributor nor Principal Owner should not sign this Acknowledgement.**

This List of Calls Acknowledgment is true and correct.

Prospective Distributor:

\_\_\_\_\_

Sign:

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Title:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_

Principal Owner:

Sign:

\_\_\_\_\_

Print Name:

\_\_\_\_\_

Date:

\_\_\_\_\_

**MATCO TOOLS**

**FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

**APPENDIX L: MATCO 225 AMENDMENTS**

**[Note to Drafter: “Distributor” means the Distributor entity and “Principal Owner” means the individual principal owner.]**

**225 AMENDMENT  
TO  
MATCO TOOLS DISTRIBUTORSHIP AGREEMENT  
(for Existing Distributors)**

This 225 Amendment (this “Amendment”) to the Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement is entered into by and between Matco Tools Corporation (“Matco”), a Delaware corporation, and \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributor”), a \_\_\_\_\_ organized in \_\_\_\_\_ and having offices at \_\_\_\_\_.

**BACKGROUND**

A. Matco and Distributor entered into a Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ (the “Agreement”) which grants Distributor the right to operate a Matco mobile distributorship under the Business System (the “Distributorship”). This Distributorship is referred to in Matco’s records as “Distributorship # \_\_\_\_\_.”

B. Distributor has operated its Distributorship for over \_\_\_\_\_ years. Distributor and Distributor’s Principal Owner have expressed to Matco their desire to continue to operate a Matco distributorship, but with a fewer number of customers, calls, and Potential Customers. Matco has considered offering distributorships that operate in a smaller area and with fewer Potential Customers than in a standard Matco Tools distributorship. These distributorships are referred to as “225 Distributorships” or “225s.”

C. Distributor has requested that Matco convert its Distributorship # \_\_\_\_\_ to a 225 Distributorship, with the same distributorship number.

D. Matco has provided Distributor with Matco’s current form of Franchise Disclosure Document (or “FDD”), which describes the 225 Distributorships and how the 225 Distributorships vary from the standard distributorships. The 225 Distributorship business is a relatively untested, experimental variation of the Matco distributorship, and has been offered by Matco on a limited basis.

E. Distributor desires to operate a 225 Distributorship, and Matco and Distributor desire to modify the Agreement to reflect the differences in the 225 Distributorship.

F. All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Distributorship Agreement.

In consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Amendment and the Agreement, the Distributor and Matco agree and contract as follows:

1. Limited Distribution Rights of a 225 Distributorship. Distributor has requested to operate, and Matco has agreed to grant to Distributor the right to operate, a 225 Distributorship, exclusively at the List of Calls identified in Exhibit A to this Amendment. Distributor further agrees to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement as applicable to the 225 Distributorship.



2. List of Calls and Potential Customers. Section 1.2 of the Agreement is hereby modified to state that the List of Calls and number of Potential Customers that Matco provides as Exhibit A to this Amendment will not have three hundred twenty-five (325) Potential Customers, but will have a maximum of two hundred twenty-five (225) Potential Customers (unless otherwise approved by Matco, not to exceed 240 Potential Customers). The specific number of Potential Customers will be identified in Exhibit A. All other caveats, descriptions, and limitations regarding the List of Calls described in Section 1.2 are applicable to the 225.

3. Inventory, Sales, and Purchase Requirements. Sections 3.3.1 through 3.3.3. of the Agreement are hereby deleted in their entirety, and are replaced with the following:

3.3 Inventory, Sales, and Purchase Requirements.

3.3.1 The Distributor will at all times maintain an inventory of Products sufficient to meet its obligations to promote and sell a full line of Matco Products and to meet the expectations and needs of its existing and potential customers, especially in terms of product availability and timeliness of delivery. The New Distributor Starter Inventory shall be modified and reduced to a level that is lower than that of a standard Distributorship, commensurate with a reduced number of Potential Customers, in an amount set forth in Exhibit A to the Amendment. Upon signing this Amendment, Distributor's inventory level should be at or in excess of the amount set forth in Exhibit A. At all times thereafter during the Term, the Distributor is solely responsible for determining the inventory of Products best suited to meet the needs and expectations of its customers and to meet its sales and promotional obligations hereunder.

3.3.2 The Distributor must use its best efforts and actively market, promote, and sell Products to Potential Customers on the List of Calls. To be deemed to be meeting its marketing, promotion and sales obligations, the Distributor should be selling, on average on a weekly basis, Matco Products in an amount which meets or exceeds either (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_%) of the "National Distributor Sales Average" (or "NDSA"), or (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_%) of the "District Distributor Sales Average" (or "DDSA") for the Distributor's district, whichever is lower. As part of this performance assessment, Matco will calculate the sales averages based on the Distributor's twelve (12) month rolling average, or, if the Distributor has been operating the Distributorship for less than twelve (12) months, based on the Distributor's year-to-date average. The sales averages shall be based on the sales of all Matco Products, as reported by the Distributor through the Matco Distributorship Business System, or the then-current required reporting system.

3.3.3 The Distributor must maintain a minimum of a sixty percent (60%) ratio of a calculation of the Distributor's year-to-date purchases divided by the Distributor's year-to-date sales.

The parties acknowledge that the "80%" requirement in Subsection 3.3.2 above was calculated as a percentage of 80% of the NDSA or DDSA as described in Exhibit A hereto.

4. Distributor Acknowledgments. The Distributor acknowledges and agrees that:

a. The Distributor, as an existing Matco Distributor, and Principal Owner have a full and complete understanding of the Matco distributorship business. The Distributor and Principal Owner have received and read Matco's FDD, the Agreement and this Amendment in its entirety. The Distributor and Principal Owner have had full and adequate opportunity to discuss the terms and conditions of this Amendment with legal counsel or other advisors of their own choosing; have had ample opportunity to investigate the 225 opportunity; and have had all questions relating to the 225 Distributorship, including those of any advisor, answered to their satisfaction, including the differences between the 225 Distributorship and a standard Matco Tools distributorship.

b. The 225 opportunity differs from a standard Matco Tools distributorship in several significant ways, including, without limitation, a smaller number of Potential Customers and fewer stops on the List of Calls. These differences are likely to have a significant effect on the Distributorship business, and the Distributor and Principal Owner are prepared for these differences. Neither the Distributor nor the Principal Owner have relied on any financial performance data in the FDD, or obtained anywhere else, because the business is an existing Matco Tools distributorship that has been owned and operated by Distributor and Principal Owner prior to signing this Amendment.

5. Entire Agreement. The Distributorship Agreement, this Amendment, and the documents referred to herein constitute the entire, full and complete agreement between the parties concerning the matters covered in the Distributorship Agreement and supersede any and all prior or contemporaneous negotiations, discussions, understandings or agreements. There are no other representations, inducements, promises, agreements, arrangements or undertakings, oral or written, between the parties relating to the matters covered by the Distributorship Agreement and this Amendment, other than those set forth in this Amendment. No obligations or duties that contradict or are inconsistent with the express terms of the Distributorship Agreement and this Amendment may be implied into Distributorship Agreement or this Amendment. Except as expressly set forth herein, no amendment, change or variance from this Agreement shall be binding on either party unless mutually agreed to by the parties and executed in writing.

6. Release. In consideration for Matco permitting Distributor to convert its Agreement and business into a 225 Distributorship pursuant to this Amendment, Distributor hereby releases and forever discharges Matco, Matco's corporate affiliates, and each of their respective officers, directors, agents, and employees (collectively, the "Matco Parties") from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, vested or contingent, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, which Distributor now owns or holds, or has at any time heretofore owned or held, or may at any time own or hold against the Matco Parties arising prior to and including the date of this Amendment which relates in any way to: (a) the Distributorship Agreement, including, but not limited to, the entry into the Distributorship Agreement; (b) the operation by Distributor of the Distributorship pursuant to the Distributorship Agreement and this Amendment; (c) the relationship between Matco and Distributor; and (d) this Amendment (collectively, the "Distributor Released Claims"). Distributor represents and warrants that it acknowledges and agrees that Distributor may in the future learn of facts in addition to or different from those which it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of this Section 6, but that nonetheless, it is the intention of Distributor to fully, finally, and forever settle and release all of the Distributor Released Claims.

**For California Distributors, the following will apply:**

Except as set forth herein, Distributor expressly relieves and relinquishes all rights and benefits afforded by Section 1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California ("Section 1542"), and does so understanding and acknowledging the significance and consequence of such specific waiver of Section 1542. Section 1542 states as follows:

“A GENERAL RELEASE DOES NOT EXTEND TO CLAIMS WHICH EITHER PARTY DOES NOT KNOW OR SUSPECT TO EXIST IN ITS FAVOR AS OF THE DATE OF EXECUTION OF THIS AGREEMENT, WHICH IF KNOWN BY SUCH PARTY WOULD HAVE MATERIALLY AFFECTED THE TERMS OF THE AGREEMENT.”

Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 1542, and for the purpose of implementing the general release and discharges described in this paragraph, Distributor expressly acknowledges that this Release is intended to include in its effects without limitation, all claims described in this paragraph which Distributor does not know or suspect to exist in its favor at the time of execution hereof, and that this Release contemplates the extinguishment of any such claims.

**For Maryland Distributors, the following is added to the last sentence of Section 6:** “excluding only such claims arising under the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law.”

**For Hawaii Distributors, the following is added to the last sentence of Section 6:** “excluding only such claims arising under the Hawaii Franchise Investment Law.”

7. Miscellaneous.

a. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, and each copy so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original.

b. Captions. All captions in this Amendment are intended solely for the convenience of the parties, and none shall be deemed to affect the meaning or construction of any provision in this Amendment.

c. Recitals. The recitals and “Background” are an integral part of this Amendment and may be relied upon to interpret and/or enforce this Amendment.

d. No Other Changes; Ratification of Distributorship Agreement. Except as specifically set forth herein, there are no other changes to the Distributorship Agreement and all other terms and conditions of the Distributorship Agreement are hereby ratified.

e. Effectiveness of Amendment. The Distributor acknowledges that this Amendment will become effective and binding only upon acceptance and execution by Matco in the State of Ohio.

*[Signature Page Follows]*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed on the date set forth above.

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of the Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor's obligations identified in this Amendment.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit A  
to  
225 Amendment

List of Calls

The specific List of Calls and number of Potential Customers are attached to this Exhibit A.

The number of Potential Customers is: [REDACTED].

Matco 225 New Distributor Starter Inventory: \$ [REDACTED].

The “[REDACTED]” percentage, for NDSA and DDSA, in Paragraph 3 of this 225 Amendment is [REDACTED]%. The parties acknowledge that this percentage was calculated as follows:

- The number of Potential Customers is [REDACTED], which is [REDACTED]% of 325. Therefore, the percentage above was calculated as [REDACTED]% of 80% of the NDSA or DDSA, or [REDACTED]%.

By way of example, if Exhibit A lists 225 Potential Customers, then the percentage for calculating compliance with the NDSA or DDSA would be  $225 \div 325 = 69.23\%$ . By rounding to a whole number, the percentage is 69%. And, 69% of 80% is equal to 55.2%. Assuming that the actual NDSA or DDSA for the most recent fiscal year end was \$3,395, the Distributor would be obligated to generate gross sales equal to 55.2% of the NDSA or DDSA, which would be 55.2% of \$3,395, which equals \$1,874.04.

**[See next page(s) for List of Calls.]**

**[Note to Drafter: “Distributor” means the Distributor entity and “Principal Owner” means the individual principal owner.]**

**225 AMENDMENT  
TO  
MATCO TOOLS DISTRIBUTORSHIP AGREEMENT  
(for New Distributors)**

This 225 Amendment (this “Amendment”) to the Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement is entered into by and between Matco Tools Corporation (“Matco”), a Delaware corporation, and \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributor”), a \_\_\_\_\_ organized in \_\_\_\_\_ and having offices at \_\_\_\_\_.

**BACKGROUND**

A. Matco and Distributor entered into a Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (the “Agreement”) which grants Distributor the right to operate a Matco mobile distributorship under the Business System (the “Distributorship”). This Distributorship is referred to in Matco’s records as “Distributorship # \_\_\_\_\_”, and operates at the List of Calls identified in Exhibit A to this Amendment.

B. In connection with Matco’s offer of a distributorship, and Distributor’s evaluation of the business interests, Distributor and Distributor’s Principal Owner have expressed to Matco their desire to operate a Matco distributorship which caters exclusively to a limited number of List of Calls and Potential Customers. Matco has considered offering distributorships with fewer Potential Customers than in a standard Matco Tools distributorship. These distributorships are referred to as “225 Distributorships” or “225s.”

C. Matco has provided Distributor with Matco’s current form of Franchise Disclosure Document (or “FDD”), which describes the 225 Distributorships and how the 225 Distributorships differ from a standard Matco distributorship. The 225 Distributorship is an experimental variation of the Matco distributorship, and has been offered by Matco on a limited basis at the request of certain existing distributors.

D. Distributor desires to operate a 225 Distributorship, and Matco and Distributor desire to modify the Agreement to reflect the differences in the 225 Distributorship.

E. All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Distributorship Agreement.

In consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Amendment and the Agreement, the Distributor and Matco agree and contract as follows:

1. Limited Distribution Rights Under the 225 Distributorship. Distributor has requested to operate, and Matco has agreed to grant to Distributor the right to operate, a 225 Distributorship, exclusively at the List of Calls identified in Exhibit A to this Amendment. In light of this more limited number of Potential Customers, the parties wish to amend the Initial Fee. Accordingly, the first sentence of Section 1.1.2 of the Distributorship Agreement is deleted in its entirety and hereby replaced with the following sentence:

1.1.2 In consideration of Matco's grant to the Distributor to operate the Distributorship, Distributor must pay to Matco, on or before the execution of this Agreement, an Initial Fee in the amount of seven thousand dollars (\$7,000).

2. Protected Rights to List of Calls. Except as permitted under Section 1.4, and for so long as Distributor is compliant with the terms of the Distributorship Agreement, Matco will not operate, or grant a license or franchise to operate, a Matco mobile distributorship that will be authorized to sell Products to any Potential Customers identified on the Distributor's List of Calls, if such customers purchase Products at or from the businesses located and identified on the List of Calls. Distributor agrees to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement as applicable to the 225 Distributorship.

3. List of Calls and Potential Customers. Section 1.2 of the Agreement is hereby modified to state that the List of Calls that Matco provides as Exhibit A to this Amendment will have less than three hundred and twenty-five (325) Potential Customers, but will have a maximum of two hundred twenty-five (225) Potential Customers (unless otherwise approved by Matco, not to exceed 240 Potential Customers). The specific number of Potential Customers will be identified in Exhibit A. All other caveats, descriptions, and limitations regarding the List of Calls described in Section 1.2 are applicable to the 225 Distributorship.

4. New Distributor Starter Inventory. Section 3.3.1 of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety, and is replaced with the following:

3.3.1 The Distributor will at all times maintain an inventory of Products sufficient to meet its obligations to promote and sell a full line of Matco Products and to meet the expectations and needs of its existing and potential customers, especially in terms of product availability and timeliness of delivery. The New Distributor Starter Inventory shall be modified and reduced to a level that is lower than that of a standard Distributorship, commensurate with a reduced number of Potential Customers, in an amount set forth in Exhibit A to the Amendment. Upon signing this Amendment, Distributor's inventory level should be at or in excess of the amount set forth in Exhibit A. At all times thereafter during the Term, the Distributor is solely responsible for determining the inventory of Products best suited to meet the needs and expectations of its customers and to meet its sales and promotional obligations hereunder.

5. National Distributor Sales Average/District Distributor Sales Average. Section 3.3.2 of the Agreement is hereby deleted in its entirety, and is replaced with the following:

3.3.2 The Distributor must use its best efforts and actively market, promote, and sell Products to Potential Customers on the List of Calls. To be deemed to be meeting its marketing, promotion and sales obligations, the Distributor should be selling, on average on a weekly basis, Matco Products in an amount which meets or exceeds either (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_%) of the "National Distributor Sales Average" (or "NDSA"), or (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_%) of the "District Distributor Sales Average" (or "DDSA") for the Distributor's district, whichever is lower. As part of this performance assessment, Matco will calculate the sales averages based on the Distributor's twelve (12) month rolling average, or, if the Distributor has been operating the Distributorship for less than twelve (12) months, based on the Distributor's year-to date average. The sales averages shall be based on the sales of all Matco Products, as reported by the Distributor through the Matco Distributorship Business System, or the then-current required reporting system.

The parties acknowledge that the "    %" requirement set forth in Subsection 3.3.2 above was calculated as a designated percentage of 80% of the NDSA or DDSA requirement, as described in Exhibit A hereto, based on the specific number of Potential Customers identified in Exhibit A.

6. Distributor Acknowledgments. The Distributor acknowledges and agrees that:

a. The Distributor and Principal Owner have received and read Matco's FDD, the Agreement and this Amendment in its entirety. The Distributor and Principal Owner have had full and adequate opportunity to discuss the terms and conditions of this Amendment with legal counsel or other advisors of their own choosing; have had ample opportunity to investigate the 225 opportunity; and have had all questions relating to the 225 Distributorship, including those of any advisor, answered to their satisfaction, including the differences between the 225 Distributorship and a standard Matco Tools distributorship.

b. The 225 opportunity differs from a standard Matco Tools distributorship in several significant ways, including, without limitation, a smaller number of Potential Customers and fewer stops on the List of Calls. These differences are likely to have a significant effect on the Distributorship business, and the Distributor and Principal Owner are prepared for these differences.

7. Entire Agreement. The Distributorship Agreement, this Amendment, and the documents referred to herein constitute the entire, full and complete agreement between the parties concerning the matters covered in the Distributorship Agreement and supersede any and all prior or contemporaneous negotiations, discussions, understandings or agreements. There are no other representations, inducements, promises, agreements, arrangements or undertakings, oral or written, between the parties relating to the matters covered by the Distributorship Agreement and this Amendment, other than those set forth in this Amendment. No obligations or duties that contradict or are inconsistent with the express terms of the Distributorship Agreement and this Amendment may be implied into Distributorship Agreement or this Amendment. Except as expressly set forth herein, no amendment, change or variance from this Agreement shall be binding on either party unless mutually agreed to by the parties and executed in writing.

8. Miscellaneous.

a. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, and each copy so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original.

b. Captions. All captions in this Amendment are intended solely for the convenience of the parties, and none shall be deemed to affect the meaning or construction of any provision in this Amendment.

c. Recitals. The recitals and "Background" are an integral part of this Amendment and may be relied upon to interpret and/or enforce this Amendment.

d. No Other Changes; Ratification of Distributorship Agreement. Except as specifically set forth herein, there are no other changes to the Distributorship Agreement and all other terms and conditions of the Distributorship Agreement are hereby ratified.

e. Effectiveness of Amendment. The Distributor acknowledges that this Amendment will become effective and binding only upon acceptance and execution by Matco in the State of Ohio.

*[Signature Page Follows]*



**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be signed on the date set forth above.

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of the Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor’s obligations identified in this Amendment.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit A  
to  
225 Amendment

List of Calls

The specific List of Calls and number of Potential Customers is attached to this Exhibit A.

The number of Potential Customers is: [REDACTED].

Matco 225 New Distributor Starter Inventory: \$ [REDACTED].

The “[REDACTED]” percentage, for NDSA and DDSA, in Paragraph 3 of this 225 Amendment is [REDACTED]%. The parties acknowledge that this percentage was calculated as follows:

- The number of Potential Customers is [REDACTED], which is [REDACTED]% of 325. Therefore, the percentage above was calculated as [REDACTED]% of 80% of the NDSA or DDSA, or [REDACTED] %.

By way of example, if Exhibit A lists 225 Potential Customers, then the percentage for calculating compliance with the NDSA or DDSA would be  $225 \div 325 = 69.23\%$ . By rounding to a whole number, the percentage is 69%. And, 69% of 80% is equal to 55.2%. Assuming that the actual NDSA or DDSA for the most recent fiscal year end was \$3,395, the Distributor would be obligated to generate gross sales equal to 55.2% of the NDSA or DDSA, which would be 55.2% of \$3,395, which equals \$1,874.04.

[See next page(s) for List of Calls.]

**MATCO TOOLS**

**FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

**APPENDIX M: CONVERSION INCENTIVE AMENDMENTS**

**[Note to Drafter: “Distributor” means the Distributor entity and “Principal Owner” means the individual principal owner.]**

**MATCO TOOLS  
SPECIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM AMENDMENT  
(Ongoing Quarterly Bonus)**

**THIS AMENDMENT**, made and entered into at Stow, Ohio, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by and between Matco Tools Corporation, a Delaware Corporation (herein referred to as “Matco”) and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized in \_\_\_\_\_ and having offices at \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributor” or “you”).

**Background:**

**WHEREAS**, Distributor or Principal Owner has previously operated as a mobile tool distributor with another brand, and has resigned, been terminated, decided not to renew, or otherwise decided to not continue operating as a distributor with another brand; and

**WHEREAS**, Distributor and Principal Owner have evaluated and investigated the Matco Tools mobile distributorship opportunity and applied to become a Matco mobile distributor; and

**WHEREAS**, Matco, at its discretion, may offer special incentives to select, qualified distributors (and their Principal Owners), who may wish to become Matco mobile distributors, and such incentives may be in the form of credits to a distributor’s Open Purchase Account (“OPA”) and quarterly bonuses based on product purchase and sales performance (and these incentives are referred to as “Conversion Incentives”); and

**WHEREAS**, based on the information that Distributor and Principal Owner have provided to Matco in the application and in discussions with Matco representatives, and based on the representations made by Distributor to Matco during the application process and in this Amendment, Matco is willing to provide Distributor with certain Conversion Incentives described in this Amendment, provided that Distributor agrees to and complies with the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement (defined below) and this Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, Matco and Distributor have executed a Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (the “Agreement”), and this Amendment is intended to amend and be a part of the Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the covenants and mutual agreements set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and in reliance upon the representations and warranties of the parties contained in this Agreement, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. Confidentiality. Matco and Distributor (for itself and on behalf of the Principal Owner) agree that the terms of this Amendment are confidential and shall not be disclosed to any non-parties. Distributor (for itself and on behalf of the Principal Owner) agrees that no one acting on behalf of the Distributor or Principal Owner will disclose the facts and terms of this Amendment to any non-parties (although the Distributor shall be permitted to share this information with its attorney), unless legally required by law or as necessary to enforce this Amendment.

2. No Breach of Contract or Other Impediment. Distributor represents and warrants to Matco that (a) neither Distributor nor its Principal Owner is operating under, or subject to, any contract, agreement or obligation of any company or brand that is a competitor of Matco; (b) neither Distributor nor its Principal Owner is bound by any non-competition covenant or any restriction that would prohibit Distributor or

Principal Owner from operating the Matco Distributorship in full compliance with the Agreement; (c) Distributor (together with Distributor's Principal Owner) approached Matco to consider becoming a Matco mobile distributor; and (d) any discussions with Matco that may have occurred prior to end of the Distributor's or Principal Owner's contractual relationship with the previous brand did not include any discussion of the incentives described in this Amendment. Further, Distributor or Principal Owner has provided Matco with a copy of, or the opportunity to review a copy of, the now terminated or ended contract with the previous brand to confirm Distributor's representations. Distributor acknowledges that Matco has relied on Distributor's and Principal Owner's representations herein in granting the Agreement and in executing this Amendment.

3. Conversion Incentives. Matco agrees to offer to Distributor the following special incentives based on future and ongoing performance, referred to as "Ongoing Quarterly Bonuses":

3.1 Ongoing Quarterly Bonus Incentive:

3.1.1 The Distributor is eligible for a quarterly bonus for the first 10 years of the Agreement, commencing at the end of the first full fiscal quarter (and a "fiscal quarter" is defined in Matco's standards and Manuals) in business and ending after a total of 40 full fiscal quarters in business. The bonus is based on the Distributor's purchases of products in amounts that exceed the prior year's ending National Distributor Purchase Average ("NDPA") by not less than 25%. This is calculated as follows:

a. If Distributor's quarterly (13-week) purchase average is between 125% and 149.99% of the prior year's ending NDPA, Distributor will receive a \$2,000 bonus for that quarter. The quarterly bonus potential will be for a total of 10 years, or 40 full fiscal quarters.

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b. The 150% target is \$8,513 or \$110,663 in purchases for a 13-week (Matco fiscal) quarter in 2025.

c. The targets for 2025 and subsequent years will be based on the prior year's National Distributor Purchase Average.

The following is an example of the implementation of the Ongoing Quarterly Bonus for illustration purposes only: If a Distributor becomes a Matco Distributor, and receives his Distributor number on March 6, 2025 and attends the March 24, 2025 MBST class, the Distributor would begin operations on April 1, 2025. The first full (Matco fiscal) quarter would be the second quarter of 2025 (April, May, June, which corresponds to Matco's reporting weeks 14 through 26). If an incentive Ongoing Quarterly Bonus is earned, the Distributor would receive the bonus by the end of July, and it will be credited by week 28 (2 weeks into the subsequent quarter). In this example the potential Ongoing Quarterly Bonus would end after the first quarter (weeks 1 through 13) of year 2035.

4. Waiver. No failure or delay by Matco in exercising any right, power or privilege hereunder shall operate as a waiver thereof, nor shall any single or partial exercise of any such right, power or privilege preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

5. Severability. The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision hereof shall in no way affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision hereof. Any provision hereof which is adjudicated to be invalid or unenforceable shall be severed from this Agreement to the extent of its invalidity or unenforceability, provided, however, that such severance is to apply only with respect to the operation of such provision in the particular jurisdiction in which such adjudication is made.

6. Entire Agreement. The Distributorship Agreement, this Amendment, and the documents referred to herein constitute the entire, full and complete agreement between the parties concerning the matters covered in the Distributorship Agreement and supersede any and all prior or contemporaneous negotiations, discussions, understandings or agreements. There are no other representations, inducements, promises, agreements, arrangements or undertakings, oral or written, between the parties relating to the matters covered by the Distributorship Agreement and this Amendment, other than those set forth in this Amendment. No obligations or duties that contradict or are inconsistent with the express terms of the Distributorship Agreement and this Amendment may be implied into Distributorship Agreement or this Amendment. Except as expressly set forth herein, no amendment, change or variance from this Agreement shall be binding on either party unless mutually agreed to by the parties and executed in writing.

7. Miscellaneous.

7.1 Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, and each copy so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original.

7.2 Captions. All captions in this Amendment are intended solely for the convenience of the parties, and none shall be deemed to affect the meaning or construction of any provision in this Amendment.

7.3 Recitals. The recitals and "Background" are an integral part of this Amendment and may be relied upon to interpret and/or enforce this Amendment.

7.4 No Other Changes; Ratification of Distributorship Agreement. Except as specifically set forth herein, there are no other changes to the Distributorship Agreement and all other terms and conditions of the Distributorship Agreement are hereby ratified.

7.5 Effectiveness of Amendment. The Distributor acknowledges that this Amendment will become effective and binding only upon acceptance and execution by Matco in the State of Ohio.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be signed on the date set forth above.

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION

\_\_\_\_\_  
By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of the Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor's obligations identified in this Amendment.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Signature: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**[Note to Drafter: “Distributor” means the Distributor entity and “Principal Owner” means the individual principal owner.]**

**MATCO TOOLS  
SPECIAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM AMENDMENT  
(Initial Investment and Ongoing Quarterly Bonus)**

**THIS AMENDMENT**, made and entered into at Stow, Ohio, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_, by and between Matco Tools Corporation, a Delaware Corporation (herein referred to as “Matco”) and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized in \_\_\_\_\_ and having offices at \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributor” or “you”).

**Background:**

**WHEREAS**, Distributor or Principal Owner has previously operated as a mobile tool distributor with another brand, and has resigned, been terminated, decided not to renew, or otherwise decided to not continue operating as a distributor with another brand; and

**WHEREAS**, Distributor and Principal Owner have evaluated and investigated the Matco Tools mobile distributorship opportunity and applied to become a Matco mobile distributor; and

**WHEREAS**, Matco, at its discretion, may offer special incentives to select, qualified distributors (and their Principal Owners), who may wish to become Matco mobile distributors, and such incentives may be in the form of payments to a distributor or reduction in the prices charged to a distributor for a portion of the distributor’s initial investment or pre-commencement expenses, credits to a distributor’s Open Purchase Account (“OPA”) and quarterly bonuses based on product purchase and sales performance (and these incentives are referred to as “Conversion Incentives”); and

**WHEREAS**, based on the information that Distributor and Principal Owner have provided to Matco in the application and in discussions with Matco representatives, and based on the representations made by Distributor to Matco during the application process and in this Amendment, Matco is willing to provide Distributor with certain Conversion Incentives described in this Amendment, provided that Distributor agrees to and complies with the terms and conditions contained in the Agreement (defined below) and this Amendment; and

**WHEREAS**, Matco and Distributor have executed a Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_ (the “Agreement”), and this Amendment is intended to amend and be a part of the Agreement.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the covenants and mutual agreements set forth herein and other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, and in reliance upon the representations and warranties of the parties contained in this Agreement, the parties hereby agree as follows:

1. **Confidentiality.** Matco and Distributor (for itself and on behalf of the Principal Owner) agree that the terms of this Amendment are confidential and shall not be disclosed to any non-parties. Distributor (for itself and on behalf of the Principal Owner) agrees that no one acting on the Distributor’s or Principal Owner’s behalf will disclose the facts and terms of this Amendment to any non-parties (although the Distributor shall be permitted to share this information with its attorney), unless legally required by law or as necessary to enforce this Amendment.



2. No Breach of Contract or Other Impediment. Distributor represents and warrants to Matco that (a) neither Distributor nor its Principal Owner is operating under, or subject to, any contract, agreement or obligation of any company or brand that is a competitor of Matco; (b) neither Distributor nor its Principal Owner is bound by any non-competition covenant or any restriction that would prohibit Distributor or Principal Owner from operating the Matco Distributorship in full compliance with the Agreement; (c) Distributor (together with Distributor's Principal Owner) approached Matco to consider becoming a Matco mobile distributor; and (d) any discussions with Matco that may have occurred prior to end of the Distributor's or Principal Owner's contractual relationship with the previous brand did not include any discussion of the incentives described in this Amendment. Further, Distributor or Principal Owner has provided Matco with a copy of, or the opportunity to review a copy of, the now terminated or ended contract with the previous brand to confirm Distributor's representations. Distributor acknowledges that Matco has relied on Distributor's and Principal Owner's representations herein in granting the Agreement and in executing this Amendment.

3. Conversion Incentives. Matco agrees to offer to Distributor the following special incentives based on future and ongoing performance, referred to as "Ongoing Quarterly Bonuses":

3.1 Initial Investment Incentive:

3.1.1 Qualifications. Based on Distributor's or Principal Owner's previous business activity as a mobile distributor and the information that Distributor and Principal Owner have provided to Matco concerning the Distributor's or Principal Owner's product purchase average in the most recent calendar year prior to Distributor's execution of the Agreement, Matco has determined that Distributor has qualified for certain incentive related the Distributor's initial investment or other initial or pre-commencement costs (the "Initial Investment Incentive"), as described below and in the attached Exhibit.

3.1.2 Matco will provide assistance with conversion costs. The funds or other assistance will be provided promptly following Distributor's receipt of a "distributor number" and such assistance will be provided by credits to Distributor's OPA for the value of the incentive. The incentive will include some or all of the following, with the specific amounts set forth in Exhibit A to this Amendment:

- Funds toward the cost to update the Distributor's existing mobile tool store if it meets Matco's requirements, or, for a new Matco mobile store if Distributor chooses to update or convert to a new Matco mobile store
- Funds for a Matco approved new computer system
- Funds for MDBS and associated first year fee
- Funds for new Matco uniforms
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- A portion of the transportation costs for Principal Owner to attend MBST training in Stow, and some of the lodging and meal costs during MBST training.

3.1.3 If Distributor separates from Matco, is terminated by Matco, voluntarily terminates the Agreement, or otherwise ceases to operate as a Matco mobile distributor within twenty-four (24) months of the day Distributor received a "Distributor number" and was permitted to commence operation, Distributor's OPA will be charged back for all credits received under the Initial Investment Incentive, and Distributor must pay all of these amounts to Matco when settling and closing out Distributor's OPA.

### 3.2 Ongoing Quarterly Bonus Incentive:

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*[Signature Page Follows]*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be signed on the date set forth above.

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of the Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor's obligations identified in this Amendment.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Exhibit A to**  
**Special Incentive Program Amendment**

In accordance with Section 3.1 of the Amendment, Matco shall provide the following Initial Investment Incentives to Distributor:

- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ to update Distributor's current tool store if it meets Matco's requirements, or
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ if Distributor chooses to update or convert to a new Matco mobile store
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a Matco approved new computer system
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ for MDBS and associated first year fee
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ for new Matco uniforms
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ for new Matco Business Cards and related promotional materials
- ☐ \$\_\_\_\_\_ for a portion of the transportation costs for Distributor's Principal Owner to attend MBST training in Stow, including a portion of the lodging and meal costs during MBST training, subject to receipt by Matco of Principal Owner's receipts for such costs.

The maximum amount of the Initial Investment Incentive that Matco may provide was:

- \$1,000 to update Distributor's existing mobile tool store if it meets Matco's requirements, or, \$3,395 if Distributor chooses to update or convert to a new Matco mobile store
- \$2,700 for a Matco approved new computer system
- \$1,419 for MDBS and associated first year fee
- \$250 for new Matco uniforms
- \$250 for new Matco Business Cards and related promotional materials
- Up to \$1,600 for transportation to MBST training in Stow, along with standard hotel charges (room and tax) and lunch at the Matco Tools Stow Corporate Headquarters for Distributor's Principal Owner. Distributor must provide receipts for Principal Owner's transportation costs.

[Signature Page Follows]

**Matco and Distributor acknowledge and agree** that the foregoing are the only Initial Investment Incentives that Matco will provide, and that the Distributor agrees, in accordance with Section 3.1., that he/she is liable for the refund to Matco of these incentives if he/she is terminated, voluntarily terminates, or is no longer a Matco distributor within two (2) years of the date of the Amendment.

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION

DISTRIBUTOR:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Matco Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of the Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor's obligations identified in this Amendment.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MATCO TOOLS**  
**FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**  
**APPENDIX N: RENEWAL ADDENDUM**

**[Note to Drafter: “Distributor” means the Distributor entity and “Principal Owner” means the individual principal owner.]**

## **APPENDIX N**

### **MATCO TOOLS RENEWAL ADDENDUM**

*[For Distributors Renewing their Distributorship  
Under an Agreement Executed Prior to March 2014]*

This Renewal Addendum (the “**Renewal Addendum**”) is made and entered into on this \_\_\_\_\_ by and between MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION (“**Matco**”) a Delaware corporation with its principal office at 4403 Allen Road, Stow, Ohio 44224, and \_\_\_\_\_ (“**Distributor**”), a/n \_\_\_\_\_ **[State of Formation and Type of Entity]** with a principal place of business at \_\_\_\_\_.

### **RECITALS**

A. Matco and Distributor are parties to a Distributorship Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, whose term expired on \_\_\_\_\_ (the “**Old Agreement**”).

**[OR Note to Drafter: If the original agreement has been transferred or assigned to the current distributor, use the following Recital A:]**

**[A. Matco and Distributor are parties to a Distributorship Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, whose term expired on \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Old Agreement”). Matco and \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Former Distributor”) were the original parties to the Old Agreement, and pursuant to an assignment and assumption agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, Former Distributor assigned and transferred all of his/its right title and interest in and to the Old Agreement and the Distributorship business to Distributor.]**

B. Distributor wishes to renew its relationship with Matco for one additional ten year period, as permitted under and pursuant to Section 2.2 of the Old Agreement, and, on \_\_\_\_\_, entered into a new Distributorship Agreement (“**Distributorship Agreement**”) with Matco for that purpose.

C. Distributor and Matco wish to amend the Distributorship Agreement to reflect Distributor’s status as an existing Distributor renewing an ongoing relationship.

D. All capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Renewal Addendum shall have the same meaning as in the Distributorship Agreement.

### **AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Renewal Addendum, the Distributor and Matco agree and contract as follows:

1. **Waiver of Certain Initial Obligations.** The following Sections of the Distributorship Agreement are null and void, and shall have no force or effect: 1.1.2 (Initial Fee); **[3.5 (Time Payment Reserve Account or Time Payment Line of Credit)]**; 3.8 (Training); 4.1



(Matco Business System Training (MBST) Program and Matco Business System Continuation Training (MBSCT) Program); 4.2 (Field Training); 6.3 (Initial Inventory); and 11.2 (Termination by Distributor During First Six Months).

2. **Successor Distributorship Fee.** As required under the Old Agreement, Distributor shall pay to Matco a successor distributorship fee of \$\_\_\_\_\_ on or before the effective date of this Renewal Addendum.

3. **Renewal.** Section 2.1 and 2.2 of the Distributorship Agreement shall be deleted and shall have no force or effect, and the following Section 2.1 and 2.2 shall be substituted in lieu thereof:

2.1 **Renewal Term.** The term of this Agreement is the renewal term provided for under the distributorship agreement entered into between Matco and Distributor on \_\_\_\_\_ (the “**Old Agreement**”), and such renewal term will be for ten years, commencing on the date of this Agreement (the “**Renewal Term**”). This Agreement will not be enforceable until it has been signed by both the Distributor and Matco.

2.2 **No Right to Reacquire the Distributorship.** At the end of the Renewal Term, this Agreement will expire. Pursuant to Section 2.2 of the Old Agreement, the Distributor will not have the right, or option, to reacquire the Distributorship or to execute a successor Distributorship Agreement to operate the Distributorship.

2.3 **Subsequent Distributorship Agreements.** Prior to the expiration of the Renewal Term, if Distributor desires to continue to operate as a Matco Tools Distributor for an additional term to immediately follow the Renewal Term, Distributor may submit a written request to Matco to be granted a new, successor or renewal Distributorship Agreement at least **[180 days prior to the expiration of the Renewal Term]**, and must comply with Matco’s then-current rules and processes for obtaining an additional or successor term, which may include the execution of Matco’s then-current form of distributorship agreement. Matco may, but is not obligated to, consider the request from Distributor, and may enter into a new agreement with Distributor.

4. **Renewal Term.** All references to the word “**Term**” in the Distributorship Agreement shall be read and construed as the “**Renewal Term.**”

5. **Old Agreement.** The Old Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, except for any provision that by its express terms or by implication survives the termination or expiration of the Old Agreement, and any provision which requires Distributor to pay any monies due to Matco or any affiliate of Matco except for the requirement that Distributor pay to Matco the successor distributorship fee provided in Section 2 above.

6. **Mutual Releases.** Matco and Distributor hereby enter into the following mutual releases.

a. **By Distributor.** Distributor (on behalf of its Principal Owner) hereby releases and forever discharges Matco, Matco’s affiliates, and each of their respective officers, directors, agents, and employees (collectively, the “**Matco Parties**”) from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, vested or

contingent, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, which Distributor or Principal Owner now owns or holds, or has at any time heretofore owned or held, or may at any time own or hold against the Matco Parties arising prior to and including the date of this Renewal Addendum which relates in any way to: (a) the Old Agreement, including, but not limited to, the entry into the Old Agreement; (b) the operation by Distributor of the Distributorship pursuant to the Old Agreement; (c) the relationship between Matco and Distributor, or between Matco and Principal Owner; and (d) the execution of this Renewal Addendum and the Distributorship Agreement (collectively, the “**Distributor Released Claims**”), provided that nothing in this Renewal Addendum is intended to terminate, or release claims or obligations under, the Distributorship Agreement or to release claims which cannot be released pursuant to an applicable franchise law statute. Distributor represents and warrants that it acknowledges and agrees that Distributor (or Principal Owner) may in the future learn of facts in addition to or different from those which it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of this Section 5.a, but that nonetheless, it is the intention of Distributor and Principal Owner to fully, finally, and forever settle and release all of the Distributor Released Claims.

b. By Matco. Matco hereby releases and forever discharges Distributor, its affiliates, Principal Owner, and each of their respective officers, directors, agents, and employees (collectively, the “**Distributor Parties**”) from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, vested or contingent, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, which Matco now owns or holds, or has at any time heretofore owned or held, or may at any time own or hold against the Distributor Parties arising prior to and including the date of this Renewal Addendum which relates in any way to: (a) the Old Agreement, including, but not limited to, the entry into the Old Agreement; (b) the operation by Distributor of the Distributorship pursuant to the Old Agreement; (c) the relationship between Distributor and Matco, or between Matco and Principal Owner; and (d) the execution of this Renewal Addendum and the Distributorship Agreement (collectively, the “**Matco Released Claims**”), provided that nothing in this Renewal Addendum is intended to terminate, or release claims or obligations under, the Distributorship Agreement or to release claims which cannot be released pursuant to an applicable franchise law statute. Matco represents and warrants that it acknowledges and agrees that Matco may in the future learn of facts in addition to or different from those which it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of this Section 5.b, but that nonetheless, it is the intention of Matco to fully, finally, and forever settle and release all of the Matco Released Claims.

c. The releases in Section 5.a and 5.b above do not apply to any monies which may be owed by Matco to Distributor or by Distributor to Matco in the ordinary course of business under the Old Agreement.

d. *If Distributor operates in the State of California, and/or if Principal Owner resides in the State of California, then this Section 6.d shall apply:* Claims under Section 1542. Distributor (for itself and on behalf of the Principal Owner) and Matco expressly state that it is their intention in executing the mutual releases included in Section 5.a and 5.b above that these releases shall be effective as a bar to the Distributor Released Claims and Matco Released Claims as prescribed by Section 1541 of the California Civil Code. Distributor (for itself and on behalf of the Principal Owner) and Matco warrant that they are familiar with and have been advised by legal counsel concerning the legal effect of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, and that Distributor (for itself and on behalf of the Principal Owner) and Matco expressly waive and relinquish all rights and benefits

conferred by the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides that:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor.

e. No Assignment of Claims. Matco and the Distributor (for itself and on behalf of the Principal Owner) represent and warrant that they are the sole owners of all claims and rights released hereunder and that they have not assigned or transferred, or purported to assign or transfer, to any person or entity, any suit, claim, controversy, liability, demand, action, or cause of action released under Sections 5.a and 5.b above.

f. The parties agree not to make any claim or take any proceedings against any other Person who might claim contribution or indemnity or assert any other claim or cause of action by any right of law from the Persons discharged by this Renewal Addendum. For the purpose of this Renewal Addendum, "Person" includes any individual, partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, syndicate, sole proprietorship, company or corporation with or without share capital, unincorporated association, trust, trustee, executor, administrator or other legal or personal representative, regulatory body or agency, government or government agency, authority or entity however designated or constituted.

g. *If Distributor operates in the State of Maryland, and/or if Principal Owner lives in the State of Maryland, then this Section 6.g shall apply:* Distributor and Matco agree that all actions arising under this Mutual Release must be commenced in arbitration in accordance with the terms of the Distributorship Agreement. In the event any claims arising under the Mutual Release with respect to the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law, Distributor and Matco agree that all such actions must be commenced in the state or federal court of general jurisdiction in Maryland, and each of the undersigned irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of those courts and waives any objection he or she might have to either the jurisdiction of or venue in those courts. This Mutual Release shall be interpreted and construed under the laws of the State of Maryland. In the event of any conflict of law, the laws of the State of Maryland shall prevail (without regard to, and without giving effect to, the application of Maryland conflict of law rules).

7. Acknowledgments. Distributor (for itself and on behalf of the Principal Owner) acknowledges it has received a copy of this Renewal Addendum sufficiently in advance of executing it to be able to consult with counsel of Distributor's or Principal Owner's choosing, and Distributor (for itself and on behalf of the Principal Owner) acknowledges having reviewed and understood this Renewal Addendum prior to executing it. Further, Distributor acknowledges that it received a copy of Matco's current form of franchise disclosure document required by the Trade Regulation Rule of the Federal Trade Commission entitled "Disclosure Requirements and Prohibitions Concerning Franchising and Business Opportunity Ventures" at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the date the Distributorship Agreement and this Renewal Addendum were executed.

8. Entire Agreement. This Renewal Addendum constitutes the entire and complete agreement between Matco and Distributor concerning the subject matter hereof, and supersedes any and all prior agreements. No amendment, change, or variance from this Renewal Addendum shall be binding on either party unless mutually agreed to in a writing signed by both parties. The

invalidity or unenforceability of any particular provision of this Renewal Addendum will not affect or limit the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions.

9. **Dispute Resolution.** This Renewal Addendum shall be governed by the provisions for dispute resolution that are included in the Distributorship Agreement.

10. **Ratification of Distributorship Agreement.** This Renewal Addendum forms an integral part of the Distributorship Agreement. Except as modified or supplemented by this Renewal Addendum, the terms of the Distributorship Agreement are hereby ratified and confirmed. This Renewal Addendum shall be binding upon the parties hereto, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned hereby acknowledges having read this Renewal Addendum, understands and consents to be bound by all of its terms, and agrees it will be effective as of the date first above written.

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of the Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor's obligations identified in this Renewal Addendum.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**[Note to Drafter: “Distributor” means the Distributor entity and “Principal Owner” means the individual principal owner.]**

## **APPENDIX N**

### **MATCO TOOLS RENEWAL ADDENDUM FOR 225 DISTRIBUTORSHIPS**

This Renewal Addendum (the “**Renewal Addendum**”) is made and entered into on this \_\_\_\_\_ by and between MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION (“**Matco**”) a Delaware corporation with its principal office at 4403 Allen Road, Stow, Ohio 44224, and \_\_\_\_\_ (“**Distributor**”), a/n \_\_\_\_\_ **[State of Formation and Type of Entity]** with a principal place of business at \_\_\_\_\_.

## **RECITALS**

A. Matco and Distributor are parties to a Distributorship Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, as amended by a Matco 225 Amendment to Distributorship Agreement (the “**Old 225 Amendment**”), whose term expire(d)(s) on \_\_\_\_\_ (together, the “**Old Agreement**”).

**[OR Note to Drafter: If the original agreement has been transferred or assigned to the current distributor, use the following Recital A:]**

[A. Matco and Distributor are parties to a Distributorship Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, whose term expired on \_\_\_\_\_ (the “**Old Agreement**”). Matco and \_\_\_\_\_ (the “**Former Distributor**”) were the original parties to the Old Agreement, and pursuant to an assignment and assumption agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_, Former Distributor assigned and transferred all of his/its right title and interest in and to the Old Agreement and the Distributorship business to Distributor.]

B. Distributor wishes to renew its relationship with Matco for one additional ten year period, as permitted under and pursuant to Section 2.2 of the Old Agreement, and, on \_\_\_\_\_, entered into a new Distributorship Agreement, as amended by a new Matco 225 Amendment to Distributorship Agreement (the “**225 Amendment**”) with Matco for that purpose (together, the “**Distributorship Agreement**”).

C. Distributor and Matco wish to amend the Distributorship Agreement to reflect Distributor’s status as an existing Distributor renewing an ongoing relationship with Matco to operate a “225 Distributorship.”

D. All capitalized terms not otherwise defined in this Renewal Addendum shall have the same meaning as in the Distributorship Agreement.

## **AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Renewal Addendum, the Distributor and Matco agree and contract as follows:

1. **Waiver of Certain Initial Obligations.** The following sections of the

Distributorship Agreement are null and void, and shall have no force or effect: 1.1.2 (Initial Fee); **[3.5 (Time Payment Reserve Account or Time Payment Line of Credit)]**; 3.8 (Training); 4.1 (Matco Business System Training Program (MBST) Program and Matco Business System Continuation Training (MBSCT) Program); 4.2 (Field Training); 6.3 (Initial Inventory); and 11.2 (Termination by Distributor During First Six Months). In addition, the following section of the 225 Amendment is null and void and shall have no force or effect: Section 1 (Limited Distribution Rights Under the 225 Distributorship).

2. **Successor Distributorship Fee.** As required under the Old Agreement, Distributor shall pay to Matco a successor distributorship fee of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ on or before the effective date of this Renewal Addendum.

3. **Renewal.** Section 2.1 and 2.2 of the Distributorship Agreement shall be deleted and shall have no force or effect, and the following Section 2.1 and 2.2 shall be substituted in lieu thereof:

2.1 **Renewal Term.** The term of this Agreement is the renewal term provided for under the distributorship agreement entered into between Matco and Distributor on \_\_\_\_\_ (the “**Old Agreement**”), and such renewal term will be for ten years, commencing on the date of this Agreement (the “**Renewal Term**”). This Agreement will not be enforceable until it has been signed by both the Distributor and Matco.

2.2 **No Right to Reacquire the Distributorship.** At the end of the Renewal Term, this Agreement will expire. Pursuant to Section 2.2 of the Old Agreement, the Distributor will not have the right, or option, to reacquire the Distributorship or to execute a successor Distributorship Agreement to operate the Distributorship.

2.3 **Subsequent Distributorship Agreements.** Prior to the expiration of the Renewal Term, if Distributor desires to continue to operate as a Matco Tools Distributor for an additional term to immediately follow the Renewal Term, Distributor may submit a written request to Matco to be granted a new, successor or renewal Distributorship Agreement at least **[180 days prior to the expiration of the Renewal Term]**, and must comply with Matco’s then-current rules and processes for obtaining an additional or successor term, which may include the execution of Matco’s then-current form of distributorship agreement. Matco may, but is not obligated to, consider the request from Distributor, and may enter into a new agreement with Distributor.

4. **Renewal Term.** All references to the word “**Term**” in the Distributorship Agreement shall be read and construed as the “**Renewal Term.**”

5. **Old Agreement.** The Old Agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms, except for any provision that by its express terms or by implication survives the termination or expiration of the Old Agreement, and any provision which requires Distributor to pay any monies due to Matco or any affiliate of Matco except for the requirement that Distributor pay to Matco the successor distributorship fee provided in Section 2 above.

6. **Additional Amendments.**

a. Section 7 of the 225 Amendment is hereby null and void, and is replaced with the following:

**Entire Agreement.** The Distributorship Agreement, the Renewal Addendum for 225 Distributors executed by the parties, this 225 Amendment to the Distributorship Agreement, and the documents referred to herein constitute the entire, full and complete agreement between the parties concerning the matters covered in the Distributorship Agreement and supersede any and all prior or contemporaneous negotiations, discussions, understandings or agreements. There are no other representations, inducements, promises, agreements, arrangements or undertakings, oral or written, between the parties relating to the matters covered by the Distributorship Agreement other than those set forth in the Distributorship Agreement, the Renewal Addendum for 225 Distributors, and this 225 Amendment to the Distributorship Agreement. No obligations or duties that contradict or are inconsistent with the express terms of the Distributorship Agreement, the Renewal Addendum for 225 Distributors, and this 225 Amendment to the Distributorship Agreement may be implied into the Distributorship Agreement, Renewal Addendum for 225 Distributors, or this 225 Amendment to the Distributorship Agreement. Except as expressly set forth herein or in the Renewal Addendum for 225 Distributors, no amendment, change or variance to the Distributorship Agreement shall be binding on either party unless mutually agreed to by the parties and executed in writing.

b. Section 8.d of the 225 Amendment is hereby null and void and shall have no force or effect.

7. **Mutual Releases.** Matco and Distributor hereby enter into the following mutual releases.

a. **By Distributor.** Distributor (on behalf of its Principal Owner) hereby releases and forever discharges Matco, Matco's affiliates, and each of their respective past and current officers, directors, agents, and employees (collectively, the "**Matco Parties**") from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, vested or contingent, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, which Distributor or Principal Owner now owns or holds, or has at any time heretofore owned or held, or may at any time own or hold against the Matco Parties arising prior to and including the date of this Renewal Addendum which relates in any way to: (a) the Old Agreement, including, but not limited to, the entry into the Old Agreement; (b) the operation by Distributor of the Distributorship pursuant to the Old Agreement; (c) the relationship between Matco and Distributor, or between Matco and Principal Owner; and (d) the execution of this Renewal Addendum and the Distributorship Agreement (collectively, the "**Distributor Released Claims**"), provided that nothing in this Renewal Addendum is intended to terminate, or release claims or obligations under, the Distributorship Agreement or to release claims which cannot be released pursuant to an applicable franchise law statute. Distributor represents and warrants that it acknowledges and agrees that Distributor (or Principal Owner) may in the future learn of facts in addition to or different from those which it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of this Section 7.a, but that nonetheless, it is the intention of Distributor and Principal Owner to fully, finally, and forever settle and release all of the Distributor Released Claims.

b. By Matco. Matco hereby releases and forever discharges Distributor, its affiliates, Principal Owner, and each of their respective past and current officers, directors, agents, and employees (collectively, the “**Distributor Parties**”) from any and all claims, demands, liabilities, and causes of action of whatever kind or nature, vested or contingent, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, which Matco now owns or holds, or has at any time heretofore owned or held, or may at any time own or hold against the Distributor Parties arising prior to and including the date of this Renewal Addendum which relates in any way to: (a) the Old Agreement, including, but not limited to, the entry into the Old Agreement; (b) the operation by Distributor of the Distributorship pursuant to the Old Agreement; (c) the relationship between Distributor and Matco, or between Matco and Principal Owner; and (d) the execution of this Renewal Addendum and the Distributorship Agreement (collectively, the “**Matco Released Claims**”), provided that nothing in this Renewal Addendum is intended to terminate, or release claims or obligations under, the Distributorship Agreement or to release claims which cannot be released pursuant to an applicable franchise law statute. Matco represents and warrants that it acknowledges and agrees that Matco may in the future learn of facts in addition to or different from those which it now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of this Section 7.b, but that nonetheless, it is the intention of Matco to fully, finally, and forever settle and release all of the Matco Released Claims.

c. The releases in Section 7.a and 7.b above do not apply to any monies which may be owed by Matco to Distributor or by Distributor to Matco in the ordinary course of business under the Old Agreement.

d. *If Distributor operates in the State of California, and/or if Principal Owner resides in the State of California, then this Section 7.d shall apply:* Claims under Section 1542. Distributor (for itself and on behalf of the Principal Owner) and Matco expressly state that it is their intention in executing the mutual releases included in Section 7.a and 7.b above that these releases shall be effective as a bar to the Distributor Released Claims and Matco Released Claims as prescribed by Section 1541 of the California Civil Code. Distributor (for itself and on behalf of the Principal Owner) and Matco warrant that they are familiar with and have been advised by legal counsel concerning the legal effect of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, and that Distributor (for itself and on behalf of the Principal Owner) and Matco expressly waive and relinquish all rights and benefits conferred by the provisions of Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, which provides that:

A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him must have materially affected his settlement with the debtor.

e. No Assignment of Claims. Matco and the Distributor (for itself and on behalf of the Principal Owner) represent and warrant that they are the sole owners of all claims and rights released hereunder and that they have not assigned or transferred, or purported to assign or transfer, to any person or entity, any suit, claim, controversy, liability, demand, action, or cause of action released under Sections 7.a and 7.b above.

f. The parties agree not to make any claim or take any proceedings against any other Person who might claim contribution or indemnity or assert any other claim or cause of action by any right of law from the Persons discharged by this Renewal



Addendum. For the purpose of this Renewal Addendum, “Person” includes any individual, partnership, limited partnership, joint venture, syndicate, sole proprietorship, company or corporation with or without share capital, unincorporated association, trust, trustee, executor, administrator or other legal or personal representative, regulatory body or agency, government or government agency, authority or entity however designated or constituted.

g. *If Distributor operates in the State of Maryland, and/or if Principal Owner lives in the State of Maryland, then this Section 7.g shall apply:* Distributor and Matco agree that all actions arising under this Mutual Release must be commenced in arbitration in accordance with the terms of the Distributorship Agreement. In the event any claims arising under the Mutual Release with respect to the Maryland Franchise Registration and Disclosure Law, Distributor and Matco agree that all such actions must be commenced in the state or federal court of general jurisdiction in Maryland, and each of the undersigned irrevocably submits to the jurisdiction of those courts and waives any objection he or she might have to either the jurisdiction of or venue in those courts. This Mutual Release shall be interpreted and construed under the laws of the State of Maryland. In the event of any conflict of law, the laws of the State of Maryland shall prevail (without regard to, and without giving effect to, the application of Maryland conflict of law rules).

8. **Acknowledgments.** Distributor (for itself and on behalf of the Principal Owner) acknowledges it has received a copy of this Renewal Addendum sufficiently in advance of executing it to be able to consult with counsel of Distributor’s or Principal Owner’s choosing, and Distributor (for itself and on behalf of the Principal Owner) acknowledges having reviewed and understood this Renewal Addendum prior to executing it. Further, Distributor acknowledges that it received a copy of Matco’s current form of franchise disclosure document required by the Trade Regulation Rule of the Federal Trade Commission entitled “Disclosure Requirements and Prohibitions Concerning Franchising and Business Opportunity Ventures” at least fourteen (14) calendar days prior to the date the Distributorship Agreement and this Renewal Addendum were executed.

9. **Entire Agreement.** This Renewal Addendum constitutes the entire and complete agreement between Matco and Distributor concerning the subject matter hereof, and supersedes any and all prior agreements. No amendment, change, or variance from this Renewal Addendum shall be binding on either party unless mutually agreed to in a writing signed by both parties. The invalidity or unenforceability of any particular provision of this Renewal Addendum will not affect or limit the validity or enforceability of the remaining provisions.

10. **Dispute Resolution.** This Renewal Addendum shall be governed by the provisions for dispute resolution that are included in the Distributorship Agreement.

11. **Ratification of Distributorship Agreement.** This Renewal Addendum forms an integral part of the Distributorship Agreement. Except as modified or supplemented by this Renewal Addendum, the terms of the Distributorship Agreement are hereby ratified and confirmed. This Renewal Addendum shall be binding upon the parties hereto, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns.

[Signature Page Follows]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, each of the undersigned hereby acknowledges having read this Renewal Addendum, understands and consents to be bound by all of its terms, and agrees it will be effective as of the date first above written.

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION:

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of the Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor's obligations identified in this Renewal Addendum.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**MATCO TOOLS**

**FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

**APPENDIX O: GUARANTEE OF PERFORMANCE**

## GUARANTEE OF PERFORMANCE

For value received, **Vontier Corporation**, a Delaware corporation, (the “**Guarantor**”), located at 5438 Wade Park Boulevard, Suite 600, Raleigh, North Carolina 27607, absolutely and unconditionally guarantees to assume the duties and obligations of **Matco Tools Corporation**, located at 4403 Allen Road, Stow, Ohio 44224 (the “**Franchisor**”), under its franchise registration in each state where the franchise is registered, and under its distributorship agreement identified in its 2025 Franchise Disclosure Document, as it may be amended, and as that distributorship agreement may be entered into with distributors and amended, modified or extended from time to time. This guarantee continues until all such obligations of the Franchisor under its franchise registrations and the distributorship agreement are satisfied or until the liability of Franchisor to its distributors under the distributorship agreement have been completely discharged, whichever occurs first. The Guarantor is not discharged from liability if a claim by a distributor against the Franchisor remains outstanding. Notice of acceptance is waived. The Guarantor does not waive receipt of notice of default on the part of the Franchisor. This guarantee is binding on the Guarantor and its successors and assigns.

The Guarantor executes this guarantee at Raleigh, North Carolina, as of the 6th day of February, 2025.

**Guarantor:**

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: Anshooman Aga

Title: Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

**MATCO TOOLS**

**FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT**

**APPENDIX P: ENHANCED TERRITORY DISTRIBUTORSHIP AMENDMENT**

**(SIGNING A SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT)**

## **APPENDIX P**

### **ENHANCED TERRITORY DISTRIBUTORSHIP AMENDMENT TO MATCO TOOLS DISTRIBUTORSHIP AGREEMENT (for Existing Distributors Entering into a Successor Distributorship Agreement)**

This Enhanced Territory Distributorship Amendment (this “Amendment”) to the Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_, by and between Matco Tools Corporation (“Matco”), a Delaware corporation, and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized in \_\_\_\_\_ and having offices at \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributor”).

### **BACKGROUND**

A. Matco and Distributor entered into a Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Initial Agreement”) which grants Distributor the right to operate a Matco mobile distributorship under the Business System (the “Distributorship”). This Distributorship is referred to in Matco’s records as “Distributorship # \_\_\_\_\_”.

B. Distributor and Principal Owner have operated the Distributorship for over ten years. Distributor and Principal Owner have expressed to Matco their desire to continue to operate a Matco distributorship, pursuant to a successor Distributorship Agreement, as provided for in Section 2.2 of the Initial Agreement, but within an enhanced territory, which would include more Potential Customers, a larger List of Calls, proportional increases to the New Distributor Starter Inventory and the minimum sales requirement, and a market penetration requirement. Such distributorships are referred to as “Enhanced Territory Distributorships” or “ETDs.” Distributor and Principal Owner acknowledge that the ETD is a relatively untested, experimental variation of the Matco distributorship.

C. Matco has agreed to grant Distributor a successor Distributorship Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Successor Agreement”), pursuant to Section 2.2 of the Initial Agreement. Matco and Distributor have executed the Successor Agreement, along with such other agreements and documents as are required by Matco pursuant to Section 2.2 of the Initial Agreement.

D. Matco has provided Distributor with Matco’s current Franchise Disclosure Document with an issuance date of \_\_\_\_\_ (the “FDD”).

E. Attached as Exhibit B to this Amendment is a summary of the ETD provided to the Distributor and Principal Owner by Matco on \_\_\_\_\_, which describes the ETD’s variations from the standard Matco distributorship.

F. Distributor and Principal Owner desire to operate an ETD, and Matco and Distributor (together with the Principal Owner) desire to modify the Agreement accordingly.

## **AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Amendment and the Successor Agreement, the Distributor and Matco agree and contract as follows:

1. **Enhanced Territory Distributorship.** Distributor (together with its Principal Owner) has requested to operate, and Matco has agreed to grant to Distributor the right to operate, an ETD, which will encompass the List of Calls and Number of Potential Customers identified in Exhibit A to this Amendment. Except as expressly set forth in this Amendment, Distributor agrees to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement as applicable to the ETD.
2. **List of Calls and Number of Potential Customers.** Section 1.2 of the Successor Agreement is hereby modified to state that the List of Calls and Number of Potential Customers that Matco provides as Exhibit A to this Amendment and the Successor Agreement will not have 325 Potential Customers, but will have, as of the date of this Amendment, a minimum number of at least           (     )           Potential Customers. The specific number of Potential Customers will be identified in Exhibit A hereto. All other caveats, descriptions, limitations, terms, and conditions regarding and applicable to the List of Calls and Number of Potential Customers described in Section 1.2 of the Successor Agreement are applicable to the ETD.
3. **Inventory, Sales, and Purchase Requirements.** Sections 3.3.1 through 3.3.3 of the Successor Agreement are hereby deleted in their entirety, and are replaced with the following:

### **3.3 Inventory, Sales, and Purchase Requirements.**

- 3.3.1 The Distributor will at all times maintain an inventory of Products sufficient to meet its obligations to promote and sell a full line of Matco Products and to meet the expectations and needs of its existing and potential customers, especially in terms of product availability and timeliness of delivery. The New Distributor Starter Inventory shall be modified and increased to a level that is higher than that of a standard Distributorship, commensurate with an increased number of Potential Customers, in an amount set forth in Exhibit A to the Amendment. Upon signing this Amendment, Distributor's inventory level should be at or in excess of the amount set forth in Exhibit A. At all times thereafter during the Term, the Distributor is solely responsible for determining the inventory of Products best suited to meet the needs and expectations of its customers and to meet its sales and promotional obligations hereunder.
- 3.3.2 The Distributor must use its best efforts and actively market, promote, and sell Products to Potential Customers on the List of Calls. To be deemed to be meeting its marketing, promotion and sales obligations, the Distributor should be selling, on average on a weekly basis, Matco Products in an amount which meets or exceeds either (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_%) of the "National Distributor Sales Average" (or "NDSA"), or (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_%) of the "District Distributor Sales Average" (or "DDSA") for the Distributor's district, whichever is lower. As part of this performance assessment, Matco will calculate the sales averages based on the Distributor's twelve (12) month rolling average, or, if the Distributor has been operating the Distributorship for less than twelve (12) months, based on the Distributor's year-to date average. The sales averages shall be based on the sales of all Matco Products, as reported by the Distributor through the Matco Distributorship Business System, or the then-current required reporting system.

- 3.3.3. The Distributor must maintain a minimum of 60 percent (60%) ratio of a calculation of the Distributor's year-to-date purchases divided by the Distributor's year-to-date sales.

The parties acknowledge that the "\_\_\_%" requirement in Subsection 3.3.2 above was calculated as a percentage of 80% of the NDSA or DDSA as described in Exhibit A hereto.

4. Distributor Acknowledgments. The Distributor acknowledges and agrees that:

a. The ETD, with an expanded List of Calls, an increased number of Potential Customers, increased New Distributor Starter Inventory requirement, higher Product sales requirement, and a Minimum Monthly Penetration Rate, is a relatively experimental business opportunity that was introduced in October 2013, and Matco has only offered a limited number of ETDs since October 2013.

b. The Distributor acknowledges and agrees that the increases to the New Distributor Starter Inventory and the minimum Product sales requirement are proportional to the increase in the number of Potential Customers the Distributor is authorized to solicit. By way of example only, if the List of Calls and Number of Potential Customers as of the execution of this Amendment contains 450 Potential Customers, and the standard List of Calls and Number of Potential Customers includes 325 Potential Customers, 450 is 38% greater than 325. Consequently, the New Distributor Starter Inventory amount would be 38% greater than the standard \$80,000 New Distributor Starter Inventory requirement, or \$110,400.

c. The Distributor, as an existing Matco Distributor who has requested and been granted a Successor Agreement, and its Principal Owner, have a full and complete understanding of the Matco distributorship business. The Distributor and Principal Owner has received and read Matco's FDD, the Successor Agreement, and this Amendment in its entirety. The Distributor and Principal Owner have had full and adequate opportunity to discuss the terms and conditions of this Amendment with legal counsel or other advisors of the Distributor and Principal Owner's own choosing; have had ample opportunity to investigate the ETD opportunity; and have had all questions relating to the ETD, including those of any advisor, answered to the Distributor's and Principal Owner's satisfaction, including the differences between the Enhanced Territory Distributorship and a standard Matco Tools distributorship.

d. The ETD opportunity differs from a standard Matco Tools distributorship in several significant ways, including, without limitation, a greater number of Potential Customers, more stops on the List of Calls, additional initial inventory requirements, additional Product sales requirements, and a minimum monthly market penetration requirement. These differences are likely to have a significant effect on the Distributorship business, and the Distributor and Principal Owner are prepared for these differences. Neither the Distributor nor the Principal Owner have relied on any financial performance data in the FDD, or obtained anywhere else, because the business is an existing Matco Tools distributorship that has been owned and operated by Distributor and Principal Owner prior to signing this Amendment.

5. Miscellaneous.

a. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, and each copy so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original.

b. Captions. All captions in this Amendment are intended solely for the convenience of the parties, and none shall be deemed to affect the meaning or construction of any provision in this Amendment.



c. Recitals. The recitals and “Background” are an integral part of this Amendment and may be relied upon to interpret and/or enforce this Amendment.

d. No Other Changes; Ratification of Successor Agreement. Except as specifically set forth herein, there are no other changes to the Successor Agreement and all other terms and conditions of the Successor Agreement are hereby ratified.

e. Effectiveness of Amendment. The Distributor acknowledges that this Amendment will become effective and binding only upon acceptance and execution by Matco in the State of Ohio.

f. Defined Terms. All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Successor Agreement.

6. Entire Agreement. The Successor Agreement, this Amendment, and the documents referred to herein constitute the entire, full and complete agreement between the parties concerning the matters covered in the Successor Agreement and supersede any and all prior or contemporaneous negotiations, discussions, understandings or agreements. There are no other representations, inducements, promises, agreements, arrangements or undertakings, oral or written, between the parties relating to the matters covered by the Successor Agreement and this Amendment, other than those set forth in this Amendment. No obligations or duties that contradict or are inconsistent with the express terms of the Successor Agreement and this Amendment may be implied into Successor Agreement or this Amendment. Except as expressly set forth herein, no amendment, change or variance from this Amendment shall be binding on either party unless mutually agreed to by the parties and executed in writing.

*[Signature Page Follows]*

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be signed on the date set forth above.

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION

\_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of the Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor's obligations identified in this Amendment.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit A  
to  
ETD Amendment

**List of Calls**

The specific List of Calls and Number of Prospective Customers is attached to this Exhibit A.

The number of Prospective Customers is: [REDACTED].

The New Distributor Starter Inventory shall consist of at least \$ [REDACTED] worth of Products, which shall include the amounts and types of Products Matco specifies.

The “[REDACTED]” percentage for NDSA and DDSA, in Paragraph 3 of this ETD Amendment, is [REDACTED]%. The parties acknowledge that this percentage was calculated as follows:

- The number of Potential Customers is [REDACTED], which is [REDACTED]% of 325. Therefore, the percentage above was calculated as [REDACTED]% of the 80% of the NDSA or DDSA, or [REDACTED]%.

By way of example, if Exhibit A lists 545 Potential Customers, then the percentage for calculating compliance with the NDSA or DDSA would be  $545 \div 325 = 167.69\%$ . By rounding to a whole number, the percentage is 168%. And, 168% of 80% is equal to 134%. If the actual NDSA or DDSA for the most recent fiscal year end was \$4,000, the Distributor would be obligated to generate gross sales equal to 134% of the NDSA or DDSA, which would be 134% of \$4,000, which equals \$5,360.

[See next page(s) for List of Calls.]

Exhibit B  
to  
ETD Amendment

**Summary of Enhanced Territory Distributorship**

*The following are certain aspects of the ETD that differ from the standard Matco Distributorship:*

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Matco has determined that it may grant a very limited number of distributorships with enhanced Lists of Calls, and refers to Distributorships with an enhanced List of Calls as "Enhanced Territory Distributorships" or "ETDs."

Matco will not grant an ETD to a Distributor unless the Distributor and its Principal Owner is specifically advised of the nature and scope of the ETD opportunity, and the Distributor and Principal Owner have specifically requested an ETD. Matco is granting the ETDs described in this summary and the Enhanced Territory Distributorship Amendment at Distributor's and Principal Owner's request, and on a very limited, exploratory basis. Matco expects that most of the aspects and elements of a Distributorship will apply to an ETD, except:

- a. There will be a greater number of Potential Customers on the List of Calls.
- b. The required initial inventory will be greater than that of a standard Matco Distributorship, depending on the minimum number of Potential Customers).
- c. The ETD Distributor will be subject to a higher National Distributor Sales Average (or "NDSA") or District Distributor Sales Average (or "DDSA") compliance target. By way of example, if Exhibit A lists 545 Potential Customers, then the percentage for calculating compliance with the NDSA or DDSA would be  $545 \div 325 = 167.69\%$ . By rounding to a whole number, the percentage is 168%. And, 168% of 80% is equal to 134%. If the actual NDSA or DDSA for the most recent fiscal year end was \$4,000, the Distributor would be obligated to generate gross sales equal to 134% of the NDSA or DDSA, which would be 134% of \$4,000, which equals \$5,360.

*Distributor (for itself and on behalf of its Principal Owner) acknowledges and agrees that (a) the above is just a summary, (b) the ETD is experimental, (c) Matco has not offered ETD distributorships prior to October 2013, (d) the Distributor is an existing Matco distributor that understands the Matco business system, and (e) the Distributor and its Principal Owner requested to convert to the ETD, and (f) there may be other differences in the ETD business that are not noted or summarized above and Distributor and Principal Owner are prepared for those unexpected changes.*

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**APPENDIX Q: ENHANCED TERRITORY DISTRIBUTORSHIP AMENDMENT**

**(NOT SIGNING A SUCCESSOR AGREEMENT)**

## **APPENDIX Q**

### **ENHANCED TERRITORY DISTRIBUTORSHIP AMENDMENT TO MATCO TOOLS DISTRIBUTORSHIP AGREEMENT (for Existing Distributors)**

This Enhanced Territory Distributorship Amendment (this “Amendment”) to the Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement is entered into this \_\_\_\_\_, by and between Matco Tools Corporation (“Matco”), a Delaware Corporation, and \_\_\_\_\_, a \_\_\_\_\_ organized in \_\_\_\_\_ and having offices at \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Distributor”).

### **BACKGROUND**

A. Matco and Distributor entered into a Matco Tools Distributorship Agreement dated \_\_\_\_\_ (the “Agreement”), which grants Distributor the right to operate a Matco mobile distributorship under the Business System (the “Distributorship”). This Distributorship is referred to in Matco’s records as “Distributorship # \_\_\_\_\_.”

B. Distributor and Principal Owner have expressed to Matco their desire to operate a Matco distributorship within an enhanced territory, which would include more Potential Customers, a larger List of Calls, proportional increases to the New Distributor Starter Inventory and the minimum sales requirement, and a market penetration requirement. Such distributorships are referred to as “Enhanced Territory Distributorships” or “ETDs.” Distributor and Principal Owner acknowledge that the ETD is a relatively untested, experimental variation of the Matco distributorship.

C. Attached as Exhibit B to this Amendment is a summary of the ETD provided to the Distributor and Principal Owner by Matco on \_\_\_\_\_, which describes the ETD’s variations from the standard Matco distributorship.

D. Distributor and Principal Owner desire to operate an ETD, and Matco and Distributor (together with the Principal Owner) desire to modify the Agreement accordingly, as set forth herein.

### **AGREEMENT**

In consideration of the mutual promises contained in this Amendment, the Distributor (together with its Principal Owner) and Matco agree and contract as follows:

1. Enhanced Territory Distributorship. Distributor has requested to operate, and Matco has agreed to grant to Distributor the right to operate, an ETD, which will encompass the List of Calls and Number of Potential Customers identified in Exhibit A to this Amendment. Except as expressly set forth in this Amendment, Distributor agrees to be bound by all of the terms and conditions of the Agreement as applicable to the ETD.

2. List of Calls and Number of Potential Customers. Section 1.2 of the Agreement is hereby modified to state that the List of Calls and Number of Potential Customers that Matco provides as Exhibit A to this Amendment and the Agreement will not have 325 Potential Customers, but will have, as of the date of this Amendment, a minimum number of at least \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_) Potential Customers. The specific number

of Potential Customers will be identified in Exhibit A hereto. All other caveats, descriptions, limitations, terms, and conditions regarding and applicable to the List of Calls and Number of Potential Customers described in Section 1.2 are applicable to the ETD.

3. Inventory, Sales, and Purchase Requirements. Sections 3.3.1 through 3.3.3 of the Agreement are hereby deleted in their entirety, and are replaced with the following:

3.3 **Inventory, Sales, and Purchase Requirements.**

- 3.3.1 The Distributor will at all times maintain an inventory of Products sufficient to meet its obligations to promote and sell a full line of Matco Products and to meet the expectations and needs of its existing and potential customers, especially in terms of product availability and timeliness of delivery. The New Distributor Starter Inventory shall be modified and increased to a level that is higher than that of a standard Distributorship, commensurate with an increased number of Potential Customers, in an amount set forth in Exhibit A to the Amendment. Upon signing this Amendment, Distributor's inventory level should be at or in excess of the amount set forth in Exhibit A. At all times thereafter during the Term, the Distributor is solely responsible for determining the inventory of Products best suited to meet the needs and expectations of its customers and to meet its sales and promotional obligations hereunder.
- 3.3.2 The Distributor must use its best efforts and actively market, promote, and sell Products to Potential Customers on the List of Calls. To be deemed to be meeting its marketing, promotion and sales obligations, the Distributor should be selling, on average on a weekly basis, Matco Products in an amount which meets or exceeds either (a) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_%) of the "National Distributor Sales Average" (or "NDSA"), or (b) \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_%) of the "District Distributor Sales Average" (or "DDSA") for the Distributor's district, whichever is lower. As part of this performance assessment, Matco will calculate the sales averages based on the Distributor's twelve (12) month rolling average, or, if the Distributor has been operating the Distributorship for less than twelve (12) months, based on the Distributor's year-to-date average. The sales averages shall be based on the sales of all Matco Products, as reported by the Distributor through the Matco Distributorship Business System, or the then-current required reporting system.
- 3.3.3. The Distributor must maintain a minimum of 60 percent (60%) ratio of a calculation of the Distributor's year-to-date purchases divided by the Distributor's year-to-date sales.

The parties acknowledge that the "\_\_\_\_%" requirement in Subsection 3.3.2 above was calculated as a percentage of 80% of the NDSA or DDSA as described in Exhibit A hereto.

4. Distributor Acknowledgments. The Distributor acknowledges and agrees that:

a. The ETD, with an expanded List of Calls, an increased number of Potential Customers, an increased New Distributor Starter Inventory requirement, higher Product sales requirement, and a Minimum Monthly Penetration Rate, is a relatively experimental business opportunity that was introduced in October 2013, and Matco has only offered a limited number of ETDs since October 2013.

b. The Distributor acknowledges and agrees that the increases to the New Distributor Starter Inventory and the minimum Product sales requirement are proportional to the increase in the number of Potential Customers the Distributor is authorized to solicit. By way of example only, if the List of Calls and Number of Potential Customers as of the execution of this Amendment contains 450 Potential Customers, and the standard List of Calls and Number of Potential Customers includes 325 Potential Customers, 450 is 38% greater than 325. Consequently, the New Distributor Starter Inventory amount would be 38% greater than the standard \$80,000 New Distributor Starter Inventory requirement, or \$110,400.

c. The Distributor, as an existing Matco Distributor who has requested and been granted an Amended Agreement, and its Principal Owner, have a full and complete understanding of the Matco distributorship business. The Distributor and Principal Owner have received and read Matco's FDD, the Distributorship Agreement, and this Amendment in its entirety. The Distributor and Principal Owner have had full and adequate opportunity to discuss the terms and conditions of this Amendment with legal counsel or other advisors of the Distributor and Principal Owner's own choosing; have had ample opportunity to investigate the ETD opportunity; and have had all questions relating to the ETD, including those of any advisor, answered to the Distributor's and Principal Owner's satisfaction, including the differences between the Enhanced Territory Distributorship and a standard Matco Tools distributorship.

d. The ETD opportunity differs from a standard Matco Tools distributorship in several significant ways, including, without limitation, a greater number of Potential Customers, more stops on the List of Calls, an increased New Distributor Starter Inventory requirement, additional Product sales requirements, and a minimum monthly market penetration requirement. These differences are likely to have a significant effect on the Distributorship business, and the Distributor and Principal Owner are prepared for these differences. Neither the Distributor nor the Principal Owner have relied on any financial performance data in the FDD, or obtained anywhere else, because the business is an existing Matco Tools distributorship that has been owned and operated by Distributor and Principal Owner prior to signing this Amendment.

## 5. Miscellaneous.

a. Counterparts. This Amendment may be executed in counterparts, and each copy so executed and delivered shall be deemed to be an original.

b. Captions. All captions in this Amendment are intended solely for the convenience of the parties, and none shall be deemed to affect the meaning or construction of any provision in this Amendment.

c. Recitals. The recitals and "Background" are an integral part of this Amendment and may be relied upon to interpret and/or enforce this Amendment.

d. No Other Changes; Ratification of Agreement. Except as specifically set forth herein, there are no other changes to the Agreement and all other terms and conditions of the Agreement are hereby ratified.

e. Effectiveness of Amendment. The Distributor acknowledges that this Amendment will become effective and binding only upon acceptance and execution by Matco in the State of Ohio.

f. Defined Terms. All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Agreement.



6. Entire Agreement. The Agreement, this Amendment, and the documents referred to herein constitute the entire, full and complete agreement between the parties concerning the matters covered in the Agreement and supersede any and all prior or contemporaneous negotiations, discussions, understandings or agreements. There are no other representations, inducements, promises, agreements, arrangements or undertakings, oral or written, between the parties relating to the matters covered by the Agreement and this Amendment, other than those set forth in this Amendment. No obligations or duties that contradict or are inconsistent with the express terms of the Agreement and this Amendment may be implied into Agreement or this Amendment. Except as expressly set forth herein, no amendment, change or variance from this Amendment shall be binding on either party unless mutually agreed to by the parties and executed in writing.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the parties hereto have caused this Amendment to be signed on the date set forth above.

DISTRIBUTOR:

MATCO TOOLS CORPORATION

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Title: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Principal Owner Acknowledgment:**

\_\_\_\_\_, as the Principal Owner and guarantor of the Distributorship Agreement, acknowledges and agrees that he or she shall be personally bound by the Distributor's obligations identified in this Amendment.

Principal Owner Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Exhibit A  
to  
ETD Amendment

**List of Calls**

The specific List of Calls and Number of Prospective Customers is attached to this Exhibit A.

The number of Prospective Customers is: [REDACTED].

The New Distributor Starter Inventory shall consist of at least \$ [REDACTED] worth of Products, which shall include the amounts and types of Products Matco specifies.

The “[REDACTED]” percentage for NDSA and DDSA, in Paragraph 3 of this ETD Amendment, is [REDACTED]%. The parties acknowledge that this percentage was calculated as follows:

- The number of Potential Customers is [REDACTED], which is [REDACTED]% of 325. Therefore, the percentage above was calculated as [REDACTED]% of the 80% of the NDSA or DDSA, or [REDACTED]%.

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[See next page(s) for List of Calls.]

Exhibit B  
to  
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- d. The ETD Distributor must make sales to at least fifty five percent (55%) of the Potential Customers on ETD Distributor's List of Calls each month (the "Minimum Monthly Penetration Rate").
- e. Matco retains the right to conduct periodic reviews of the ETD Distributor's performance, to ensure that ETD Distributor adequately develops its enhanced market by meeting the Minimum Monthly Penetration Rate.
- f. If the average Minimum Monthly Market Penetration Rate during any 12 month period (the "Average Annual Market Penetration Rate") falls below 55%, Distributor shall have a period of 6 months within which to increase the Average Annual Market Penetration Rate to 55%, as measured by the trailing 12 months. Should Distributor fail to meet the Average Annual Market Penetration Rate, and cure

such default within 6 months, in addition to any other rights and remedies available to Matco under the Agreement and applicable law, Matco shall have the right to reduce the Potential Customers Distributor is authorized to solicit, and List of Calls Distributor is authorized to make under the Agreement.

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**APPENDIX R: DISTRIBUTOR EXPENSE WORKSHEET**

## **APPENDIX R**

### **Distributor Expense Worksheet**

This is a template worksheet that is intended to assist a prospective distributor in its evaluation of the Matco franchised Distributorship business opportunity. This is not required, and can be just one tool in the diligence process. As noted in Item 7 of the FDD, Matco recommends that all prospective distributors contact existing distributors to learn about their businesses. The references to Items in the FDD are included to assist you in your evaluation and due diligence of the business opportunity. If you contact, meet, and even ride with, existing distributors, please do not assume that your Matco Distributorship, your route, your prospective customer or actual customers, or the areas in which you will operate, will be the same as or similar to the current distributors with whom you meet or ride with. You should conduct your own investigation about the business and the proposed route that you might operate, and do so in conjunction with your personal business, financial, and legal advisors.

<b><u>Worksheet Item</u></b>	<b><u>Notes/Explanation</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>
<b>Completed Business</b>	See Note 1.		\$ _____
<b>Weighted Average Discount</b>	See FDD Item 8, and Note 2 below.		_____ %
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<i>(Completed Business less Weighted Average Discount)</i>		\$ _____
<b><u>Operating Expenses:</u>*</b>			
Computer Software	See Note 3 below.	\$ _____	
Franchise Finance Program:	See Note 4 below.	\$ _____	
Loan Payment	See Note 3 below.	\$ _____	
Time Payment Line of Credit	See Note 3 below.	\$ _____	
Mobile Store Lease Payments	See Note 3 below.	\$ _____	
Insurance	See Note 3 below.	\$ _____	
Mobile Store Maintenance	See Note 5 below.	\$ _____	
Fuel	See Note 5 below.	\$ _____	
Utilities – cell phone, internet	See Note 5 below.	\$ _____	
Legal Professional Fees	See Note 5 below.	\$ _____	
Office Supplies	See Note 5 below.	\$ _____	
Freight Charges	See Note 5 below.	\$ _____	

<u>Worksheet Item</u>	<u>Notes/Explanation</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Bank/credit card fees	See Note 5 below.	\$ _____	
Promotional expenses	See Note 5 below.	\$ _____	
Miscellaneous Expenses	Such as travel, uniforms, bad debt allowance	\$ _____	
<b>Estimated Operating Expense</b>	<i>(Total of Operating Expenses Above)</i>		\$ _____
<b>Owner's Operating Profit</b>	<i>(Gross Profit less Estimated Operating Expenses) This amount is before taxes.</i>		\$ _____

\* The list of expenses is not, or may not be, an exhaustive list of all expenses that you may incur. Each franchisee's experience and situation may be different.

Additional Notes and Explanations:

1. You should estimate this number based on your evaluation of the Matco Distributorship business. Matco will not provide this figure, nor any estimate or range. We recommend that you speak with existing Matco distributors, and investigate the mobile tool business industry. You may wish to review Item 19 of the FDD, however, those figures are not, and should not be treated as, estimates or predictions of revenue or Completed Business for you or any other distributor. Also, if you discuss Completed Business with a Matco distributor, or you review Item 19, please remember that any estimate of your Completed Business is a gross sales or revenue figure, and you should deduct sales tax – which varies from state to state – to help you arrive at a more appropriate figure.
2. As discussed in Item 8, Matco sells inventory to distributors at a discount from the recommended list price. (Distributors may sell products to customer at any retail prices they choose.) The Weighted Average Discount can be used to estimate the wholesale cost of products sold that comprise Completed Business.
3. Item 7 of the FDD identifies various categories of expenses that a new Matco distributor is likely to incur, and most of them are expressed as a range. Many of the expense items in this Worksheet can also be found in Item 7. Please review the Item 7 notes carefully. In addition, most of the expense items in Item 7 are expressed as costs for the first three months of operations. Therefore, if you are evaluating the Matco business opportunity on an annual basis, you should annualize whatever figures you use in this worksheet.
4. Matco may finance your purchase of inventory. Matco financing is discussed in Item 10 of the FDD, as well as in Items 5 and 7. Financing, including the amount and the weekly, monthly, and annual costs, will vary based on many factors that are specific to a distributor's situation. Please consult with your financial advisor in developing an appropriate estimate for financing costs.
5. Item 7 includes an "Additional Funds" category, along with explanatory notes. Please review the Additional Funds description and notes as you estimate these various expense items.

### **State Effective Dates**

The following states have franchise laws that require that the Franchise Disclosure Document be registered or filed with the state, or be exempt from registration: California, Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Michigan, Minnesota, New York, North Dakota, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Virginia, Washington, and Wisconsin.

This document is effective and may be used in the following states, where the document is filed, registered or exempt from registration, as of the Effective Date stated below:

<b>State</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
California	See Separate FDD
Florida	January 28, 2025
Hawaii	April 3, 2025, <a href="#">as amended</a> _____, 2025
Illinois	March 6, 2025, <a href="#">as amended May 7, 2025</a>
Indiana	March 6, 2025, <a href="#">as amended May 7, 2025</a>
Maryland	March 7, 2025, <a href="#">as amended</a> _____, 2025
Michigan	March 6, 2025
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Rhode Island	March 20, 2025
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Other states may require registration, filing, or exemption of a franchise under other laws, such as those that regulate the offer and sale of business opportunities or seller-assisted marketing plans.



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**(23) ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT**

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If Matco offers you a franchise, it must provide this Disclosure Document to you:

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