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 Resists extreme heat

• Promotes smooth, confident shifts





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available in the convenient easy-pack, presenting a great opportunity to reach new and existing customers.





# **From the President**

I officially started working for AMSOIL in 1988. That's when our records show I started receiving a paycheck, but I remember being dropped off before I could drive, which was earlier than '85. I worked in the maintenance shop first, then I moved into Production. Things were very different then. Our facilities were smaller, more Dealers maintained home warehouses and the Internet didn't exist as we know it. Today it's one of the most dominant aspects of our daily lives. It has changed just about everything - how we shop, navigate, conduct research, listen to music the list goes on. Its impact is so great that younger people won't be able to imagine life without it. It will be one of those markers in time we can brag about when we get older - I was around before the Internet existed.

The Internet's importance to people's daily lives makes it important to businesses around the world. If you're going to remain relevant and capture online sales, you have to stay on top of online trends and they change quickly. We are continuing to increase our investment in digital marketing to accelerate business growth online. It's becoming more competitive and sophisticated every year. We are in the final stages of a long, intense project that will boost our

online marketing capabilities by a great deal. We're going to have more data and increased ability to target people who interact with us. With this increased ability we'll also increase our presence online. In the years ahead, we're going to attract and convert more people into buying customers than ever before.

So what should you do? We're going to be doing a majority of the work online, but you still need an online presence. Maintaining a website, actively posting on social media and participating in online groups are effective ways you can market your business and capture new customers. Next, you need to become Customer Certified promptly if you aren't already. Every time someone who isn't connected to an AMSOIL Dealer makes a purchase at amsoil. com, we assign that new customer to an existing Dealer and pay that Dealer commissions based on the new customer's purchase. That's free money, and only Customer-Certified Dealers are eligible to be assigned buying customers.

It gets better. Do you know about the Assigned-Customer Multiplier? We've advertised it frequently in this magazine the past several months. Basically, becoming Customer Certified puts your name into the pool of Dealers eligible to receive assigned customers once. Through the Assigned-Customer Multiplier, every eight additional qualified customers you bring in gives you another entry into the pool. The more customers you bring in, the more you are assigned.

We assigned more than 20,000 customers to Customer-Certified Dealers in the past 12 months. As we continue to improve our digital strategy and capture more traffic, that number will increase. If you want to take part in that opportunity, get Customer Certified. Then, increase your odds by bringing more qualified new customers to AMSOIL every year. Don't ignore business online, but don't overlook your local opportunities. Car shows, events and clubs are all opportunities to bring in more customers. Those compound into exponentially more customers for you through the Assigned-Customer Multiplier, which means more money in vour pocket.

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Alan Amatuzio President & CEO





# **AMSOIL OIL FILTERS UPDATED**

To reduce customer confusion, we are eliminating the "Ea®" name from our oil filter lines:

AMSOIL Ea Oil Filters — AMSOIL Oil Filters AMSOIL Ea Heavy-Duty Extended-Life Oil Filters — AMSOIL Heavy-Duty Extended-Life Oil Filters AMSOIL Ea Bypass Oil Filters — AMSOIL Bypass Oil Filters AMSOIL Ea Motorcycle Oil Filters — AMSOIL Motorcycle Oil Filters

#### UPDATED LABELS AND PACKAGING

Beginning with AMSOIL Oil Filters (EAO, EA15K), updated bilingual labels and packaging will begin appearing in distribution centers in the fall.

#### **99 PERCENT EFFICIENCY**

Because testing reveals AMSOIL Oil Filters are 99 percent efficient and higher at 20 microns, we updated our 98.7 percent efficiency claim to 99 percent. Some of our competitors also claim 99 percent efficiency, but measured at larger 30- and 40-micron sizes.

#### **EASY-GRIP COATING**

We added easy-grip coating to our spin-on Oil Filters (EAO, EA15K), easing the job of tightening and loosening filters.

**New product codes?** No, "EA" will not be removed from the product codes.

#### Media change? No

Pricing change? No

**Air filter change?** No, Ea Universal Air Induction Filters (EAAU), Ea Racing Air Filters (EAAR) and Ea Pre-Filters (EAPF) will maintain the "Ea" name for the immediate future.



 Superior protection for up to 15,000 miles or one year\*

 99% EFFICIENCY AT 20 MICRONS\*\*

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**New Filter Box** 

## **LETTERS TO THE EDITOR**

#### **DODGE\* CHALLENGER\***

I have a few customers with 2015 and up Dodge Challengers (a Hellcat\* and two Scat Packs\*). I have been checking the AMSOIL online application guides for a few years now, as well as emailing the tech line, but there is no AMSOILrecommended product. These customers have been on various internet forums where other owners report using Redline\* and Royal Purple\* 75W-90 gear lubes.

Is there any reason why SEVERE GEAR® 75W-90 would not be used in these applications? There is a pretty large market for these RWD Dodge vehicles that AMSOIL Dealers are losing out on.

Thanks and regards,

#### Tony Lanzillotti

**AMSOIL:** Thank you, Tony, for your letter and for assisting us with the field trial that helped us expand our recommendation of SEVERE GEAR 75W-90 to these high-performance Dodge vehicles. We initially didn't have enough information to make this recommendation, so we asked Tony if he was willing to help us conduct a field trial. It concluded with a successful demonstration of performance and protection, and our product guide has since been updated to reflect our recommendation of SEVERE GEAR 75W-90 in these vehicles.

#### CORRECTIONS

I've been an AMSOIL Dealer since 1984, and shortly thereafter became a Lifetime Dealer. There's an error in your president's letter on page 4 of the February 2019 *AMSOIL Magazine*. You stated: "Business is far different from what it was 45 years ago when AMSOIL began." AMSOIL began in 1972, which would make it 47 years in continuous business in February of 2019.

Mark Nyholm stated on page 7 of the same magazine issue: "The good news is, our line of Ea Oil Filters covers 92.5 percent of North American passenger cars and light trucks on the road today." Then twice again in the same article, Mark Nyholm states: "the remaining 6.5 percent" and mentions "WIX and MANN to cover the 6.5 percent of the North American vehicle market for which we don't offer an Ea Oil Filter." Those two percentage figures add up to 99 percent. What's up with the remaining one percent?

#### Cleveland Norton Jr.

AMSOIL: Thank you for your letter, Cleveland. We apologize for the error in the Tech Talk column; it should have said "the remaining 7.5 percent." Alan Amatuzio was speaking in generalities when he stated "45 years" in the President's Message. It's a nice round number. You are correct that our history extends back further. We commonly measure our origins back to two breakthrough moments: becoming the first synthetic motor oil in the world to meet American Petroleum Institute service requirements in 1972, and the founding of the Dealer network in 1973. However, our history can be traced back even further. Our founder, Al Amatuzio, was selling AMSOIL synthetic motor oil as far back as 1968. and the business became incorporated in 1969.

#### ZERO-TURN HYDROSTATIC TRANSMISSIONS

After reading a letter to the editor about zero-turn hydrostatic transmissions (September 2018 *AMSOIL Magazine*), I have a question. What changed from this letter to now? In your answer you felt that the 20W-50 Zero-Turn Synthetic Hydrostatic Transmission Fluid (AHF) would be an upgrade to the Kubota\* UDT\* or Super UDT\* that comes in most Kubota zero-turns.

After comparing some of the technical properties of the Kubota Super UDT and AMSOIL transmission products, I was still not convinced that Zero-Turn Synthetic Hydrostatic Transmission Fluid was comparable with the Super UDT.

I called Technical Services and was told that AMSOIL has no product recommended for replacing the Kubota UDT product. Looks to me like AMSOIL ISO 46 Synthetic Anti-Wear Hydraulic Oil (AWI) compares most favorably to the Super UDT.

Seems like a large market that is growing all the time. Can you give me some insight on this issue?

Thanks,

#### Paul Jones

**AMSOIL:** Thank you for your question, Paul. The previous letter on this topic

asked which AMSOIL product to use in an application specifying Kubota HST; our Zero-Turn Synthetic Hydrostatic Transmission Fluid is the best choice in these applications. Kubota UDT and Super UDT are different, however. Our Synthetic Tractor/Hydraulic Transmission Oil (ATH) is an excellent choice in applications specifying Kubota UDT, but we do not currently have a product that crosses directly to Kubota Super UDT or Super UDT2.

#### **VISION AND INTEGRITY**

I have been a Dealer for over 10 years. I have never seen another company with the vision and integrity that AMSOIL has. It is a true honor to be able to be a part of it.

Thank you to Alan for continuing the legacy.

#### Andy Jones

**AMSOIL:** Thank you for your kind words and loyalty to AMSOIL, Andy. We intend to maintain this track for decades to come.

#### **SIX-GALLON BOXES**

One of my quick lubes uses large sixgallon boxes that pour into containers below. They would love it if AMSOIL would use them. Do you know if anyone has looked at this?

Thanks,

#### **Dave Green**

**AMSOIL:** Thanks for your suggestion, Dave. We have investigated these container systems and have surveyed some retail accounts. Based on our findings, we decided not to pursue these options. If these systems become more popular, it might be something we reconsider.

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## Ultra-low-sulfur diesel doesn't provide sufficient lubricity

Fortunately, we have a simple solution.

Mark Nyholm | TECHNICAL MANAGER, HEAVY DUTY AND MECHANICAL R&D

It feels like forever ago, but it's only been 13 years since the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) mandated reduced sulfur content in diesel fuel, in 2006. Boy, were people angry. They knew sulfur helped protect their fuel pump and injectors from failure. Change is scary, and the thought of replacing expensive components even more so.

Fast-forward to 2019, and I rarely hear anyone talking about this. But the problem is even more prevalent now than it was then. Modern diesels demand even more from the fuel pump and injectors than before, increasing the potential for failure. So, why aren't people still up in arms? My hunch is they have accepted the new reality. Or, they just don't know what they don't know when they buy a new truck today.

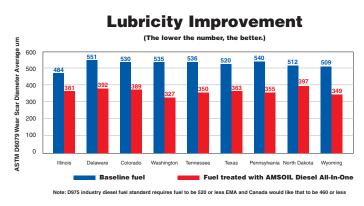
Today's ultra-low-sulfur diesel fuel (ULSD) provides significantly reduced lubricity - a critical property in controlling fuel-pump and injector wear. While diesel fuel has traditionally had high lubrication properties, the desulfurization process used to strip the diesel fuel of the sulfur content to meet ULSD requirements also strips the fuel of some of its organic compounds responsible for lubrication. The ASTM D975 diesel-fuel standard mandates a minimum lubricity level. However, the Engine Manufacturers Association (EMA) wants the standard to provide for increased lubricity, but lost out on the control of the specification. While the EMA claims there's a problem, it doesn't carry enough clout to change the specification.

Since 2006, ULSD has accounted for nearly all diesel available in North America because the EPA mandated reduced sulfur to curb harmful emissions. ULSD now contains a maximum of just 15 ppm sulfur, compared to fuel that had up to 5,000 ppm sulfur prior to EPA regulations.

Waxes in diesel fuel lubricate the fuel pump and injectors, helping fight wear. Without them, the highly engineered

components in modern diesels, particularly high-pressure commonrail (HPCR) engines, can wear out and cost thousands in repairs. They can also develop deposits that interfere with an optimum spray pattern, reducing power and fuel economy. The editors of Diesel Power Magazine covered the problem of ULSD in the April and May 2019 issues. As reported, the Bosch\* CP4.2 fuel pump that comes stock on 2011-2016 Duramax\* engines has led to thousands of catastrophic failures. It's culminated in class-action lawsuits in Texas and California against Bosch, GM\*, Ford\* and other vehicle manufacturers on behalf of individual diesel owners whose vehicles use that pump. When the CP4.2 fuel pump fails, it instantly contaminates the entire fuel system with metal particulates, costing \$8,000 to \$12,000 in repairs. The magazine reiterates what AMSOIL has been saying for years: "The way to be proactive in protecting a CP4.2 equipped diesel from an early demise is being diligent about using fuel additives that add lubricity with every fill-up."

The CP4.2 pump is said to fail because of two reasons: 1) It's designed with about 20 percent reduced flow volume



than the previous generation pump, requiring it to work even harder. 2) ULSD isn't providing enough lubricity.

Our testing of base fuels across the U.S. confirms the second point. ASTM D975 requires diesel fuel to limit the wear scar in lubricity testing to 520 microns. The EMA, meanwhile, sets its own, stricter requirement of 460 microns. As the chart shows, many of the fuels (blue bars) failed to limit wear to 520 microns. And none of them met the EMA's 460-micron limit.

Fuel treated with AMSOIL Diesel All-In-One (ADB) performed far better (red bars). It not only met the ASTM D975 standard, it also met the stricter EMA lubricity requirement. You can find the same technology in Diesel Injector Clean (ADF) and Diesel Injector Clean + Cetane Boost (ADS). Our diesel additives deliver a healthy boost in lubricity to help lubricate diesel fuel pumps and injectors. The extra lubrication helps prevent wear in fuel pumps and injectors. I strongly recommend that all diesel owners use AMSOIL diesel fuel additives with every tank of fuel.



## SIX WAYS TO **BUILD SALES** WITH THE NEW AMSOIL EASY-PACK

The AMSOIL easy-pack is a great ice breaker with the potential to pique the interest of prospective and existing customers. Here are a few ways the latest AMSOIL innovation can make getting your foot in the door a little easier.

#### **TOUCHY-FEELY**

Seeing (and feeling) is believing. It can be intimidating to approach a prospective customer, or someone who has declined your help in the past. The easy-pack is a tangible way to show AMSOIL innovation. Our experience and Dealers' reports from the field show that people react much more strongly when they are able to touch an easy-pack. Get this durable, easy-to-use packaging in your customers' hands and see where the conversation goes.

#### **SOLVE THEIR PROBLEM**

The AMSOIL easy-pack is unique – and that's not just marketing hype. Flexible packaging options for gear lube and transmission fluid don't currently exist outside our product line. Prospective customers that employ field technicians could benefit from using the easy-pack. Its efficient, use-anywhere quality makes the easy-pack a great choice for these types of accounts.

#### THE PERFECT ANSWER

t's a common situation – you enter a customer's busy shop to touch base. He looks up from his pile of work and asks, "What's new?" Sometimes a compelling answer is difficult to find. The easy-pack, with its multitude of new applications, is a great piece of AMSOIL news to share.

#### LEAVE IT BEHIND

When calling on a potential customer, the boss may be unavailable. The easy-pack is a wonderful "leave behind" item. Simply getting a sample of this innovative new packaging in someone's hands can be half the battle.

#### **MAKE A LIST**

Take a look at existing customers who have bought gear lube in the past and consider contacting them with news of the new packaging. Use the Enhanced Reports function in the Dealer Zone for a full readout of customers' past purchases.

#### **RE-ENGAGE WITH YOUR CUSTOMERS**

This is the perfect opportunity to re-engage with an existing account. Break the ice by tossing your customer a sample of SEVERE GEAR<sup>®</sup> Gear Lube or Signature Series Automatic Transmission Fluid. Use the convenient new packaging as a jumping-off point and continue to build your relationship.



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### **Cleaner. Faster. Easier.**

The new easy-pack helps you access tough-toreach fill holes. The flexible packaging makes changing fluid cleaner and faster, and eliminates the need for a pump.

Stay ahead of the curve with this revolutionary solution to challenging installations. Take advantage of the moment and introduce your customers to the unique AMSOIL easy-pack before the competition introduces their own versions.



## A **SIMPLE WAY** TO DELIVER ADVANCED CUSTOMER SERVICE

There's a proven saying in business: "If you don't take care of your customers, someone else will." With retail outlets in every town and the ease of online ordering, your customers can easily find another brand of oil if your service leaves something to be desired.

Fortunately, we provide a simple, free tool to help you improve your service. As Customer Service Manager Shannon Grayson explained in the May AMSOIL Magazine Insight on Sales column, your enhanced reports in the Dealer Zone provide a wealth of information that helps you reach out to customers with personalized messages. You can thank customers for a recent purchase, remind them to renew their account that's about to expire, encourage them to use their co-op credit, recommend they change their account status to save money and more. The possibilities are endless. Reaching out in this way shows people you value their business and have their best interests in mind. Here, we provide a handful of ways to use your enhanced reports in a variety of situations. Spend time mining the data in the Dealer Zone for even more ideas.

#### **STEP ONE**

Log in to the Dealer Zone and click Reports>Enhanced Reports in the lefthand navigation menu.

This opens a screen with several reports that provide customer data. Find your "Active Personal Customers" report. It shows 12-month sales by all account types. Mining your Preferred Customer (P.C.) data is a great place to start. Click "PC" to view your Preferred Customers.

Here, you can see all your active Preferred Customers, their individual 12-month sales, their registration type, the P.C. points they've accumulated and more. If you're unsure what something means, hovering over the field typically opens a pop-up with more information.

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For this example, we'll focus on the P.C. points column. Your P.C.s earn points with each purchase. Every 50 points earned is redeemable for \$1 off a future order. Click the arrow next to the "P.C. Points" column header to sort from greatest to least. The first P.C. has earned 1,474 P.C. points worth \$29.48. It's a great idea to send customers a message reminding them to redeem their P.C. points. Click the customer's account number to view past orders to help tailor your message. In this example, let's say the customer frequently orders diesel oil.

#### Hi Rudolf,

I wanted to drop you a line to remind you that you've earned 1,474 P.C. points with AMSOIL, which is worth \$29.48 toward a future order. Make sure to redeem them next time you buy products or renew your P.C. membership. A great option is to pick-up a few bottles of AMSOIL Diesel All-in-One next time you need products for your diesel. Thanks.

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Another great option is to fix problems with your customers' accounts. Notice the "Auto!" in the "Reg Type" column. This means the customer has elected to auto-renew his account, but certain information is missing to complete the action. Typically, the person's credit card has expired. Click "Auto!" to dig into the data. The ensuing information will identify the problem, allowing you to send a targeted message to ensure the customer doesn't run into delays with his next order or lose his P.C. points if his account expires.

#### Hi Pete,

You've elected to automatically renew your AMSOIL Preferred Customer membership, but your credit card has expired. Please contact AMSOIL Customer Service at 1-800-777-7094 to update your information. This will ensure you don't run into delays with your next order or forfeit your P.C. points. Thanks.

Next, we'll look at retail accounts. Return to the Active Personal Customers report and select your retail accounts.

For this example, we'll focus on the "Locator" column. Dealers frequently ask why their retail account doesn't appear on the AMSOIL Locator on amsoil.com. A "Yes" in this column indicates the account has made sufficient qualifying purchases to appear on the Locator. However, "Not Qualified" likely means the account hasn't purchased the minimum dollar amount of products to qualify. Find minimum purchase amounts for qualification in the Dealer Zone by navigating to Retail Business Tools>Retail Account Admin. As you can see in the screenshot, several accounts qualify for the Locator, but many require updates to their Locator profiles. Navigate to Retail Business Tools>Retail Account Admin to update the information. Click the yellow triangle by the account's name.



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This opens the account's Locator profile page. This account's page is missing its hours of operation.

It's also a good idea to upload an image of the business. This helps legitimize the business for potential customers who view the account's Locator profile. Gathering this info is a great opportunity to reach out to your accounts and grow sales.

Hi Bucket Motorcycle Supply,

I'd like to complete your profile page on the AMSOIL Locator at amsoil.com with updated information and an image to help people searching for AMSOIL products find your business. Can I stop in for a few minutes to take a picture of your storefront and gather a few details? Thanks.

We'll look at commercial accounts next. Return to the Active Personal Customers report and select your commercial accounts. Many commercial accounts apply for tax-exempt status, which requires periodic renewal. Failing to renew tax-exempt status leads to frustrating administrative delays that cost customers time.

Notice the red "E" next to the second account's name. This means the account's tax-exempt status has expired. It offers a perfect opportunity to act in your customer's best interest and start a conversation that can lead to a product order. Arranging a brief visit offers a prime opportunity to see if your account needs assistance or tell them about a new product.

You can also remind your accounts to redeem their co-op credit before it expires. Offer to stop by for a few minutes to show them some of the promotional items toward which they can redeem co-op credit. Have a copy of the Clothing and Promotional Items Catalog (G1650) handy. Or be prepared to show them the Merchandising Center in the Dealer Zone (Retail Business Tools>Merchandising Center).

You can encourage your accounts that don't yet qualify for the AMSOIL Locator to make a qualifying purchase. On the Retail Account Admin page, hover over the red X in the "Eligible" column to find out why the account isn't eligible. Use the information to tailor your message.

#### Hi Frank's Farm & Fleet,

Having your business appear on the AMSOIL Locator at amsoil.com is a great way to attract new customers. You only need to make a \$350 (\$450 Can.) qualifying purchase. I'd love to stop in and explain further if you have a couple minutes. Thanks.

Dig into your data to find additional ways to reach out to your retail accounts to keep the line of communication open and create opportunities for additional sales.

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#### Hi Stuart Sutcliffe Trucking,

It looks like your tax-exempt status with AMSOIL has expired. To avoid inconvenience, make sure to update that information. Give me a call or contact AMSOIL Customer Service (800-777-7094) to take care of it. Thanks. This provides the perfect opening to provide your accounts value and remind them of free shipping or show them new products.



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Finally, let's look at an example that involves your Dealers. Find your Account Expiration report in the Dashboard and click "Dealers."

The red value in the "Reg Type" column indicates these Dealers' accounts are set to expire at the end of the month. Reach out and encourage all of them to renew before the end of the month. It's a great idea to do this every month.

Check your enhanced reports frequently to maximize their value. Here are a few guidelines.

#### DAILY:

Check your New Customer Report to ensure you receive credit for registered customers expected to make a purchase.

#### **1ST OF MONTH:**

Check your Account Expiration Report. Contact P.C.s and Dealers due to renew and encourage renewal before their account expires.

#### **15TH OF MONTH:**

Check your personal group Dealers' earnings and recognition. Congratulate those who achieve milestones.

#### END OF MONTH:

Look for catalog customers who've purchased more than \$150 and encourage them to upgrade to a P.C. membership to save.

#### Hi Everson,

Don't forget to renew your AMSOIL Dealership before the end of the month. Remember – you'll lose all your customers and their potential earnings if you let your Dealership expire. Call me with any questions. Thanks.



#### TAKE YOUR ENHANCED REPORTS TO THE NEXT LEVEL WITH SPREADSHEETS

While these ideas are a great start, exporting the data in your enhanced reports to a spreadsheet unlocks more potential. You need Microsoft Excel. or similar software. installed on your device. Just click the download icon on any of your reports (circled below). Then you can apply filters and sort data to uncover additional ways to reach customers. You can also perform an email merge, which allows you to send a single message to multiple recipients so the information (name, P.C. points, co-op credit, etc.) is customized to each person. For tips, Google "How to create an email merge in Excel" to find tutorials.



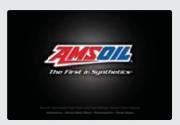




Retail Merchandising Kit Shelf not included



Two-Sided 2' x 3' AMSOIL Aluminum Sign



Mouse Pad

## RETAIL PROGRAM CHANGES HELP YOU BETTER SERVE YOUR ACCOUNTS

Retail accounts play a vital role in AMSOIL businesses. We've made some changes to the AMSOIL Retail Program over the past year to increase business for you and your retail accounts, and we've got even more changes rolling out this month.

#### New Merchandising Kits

Starting in July, we're updating the merchandising kits with new items to get retail accounts started with selling AMSOIL products. In the new kits, they'll receive an introductory letter with a 9" x 12" window decal and AMSOIL mouse pad included. They'll then have the option to pick one of three free merchandising items: a two-sided 2' x 3' AMSOIL Aluminum Sign, an AMSOIL Retail Merchandising Kit or a 3' x 8' AMSOIL Vinyl Banner. We're allowing accounts to choose their own free merchandising item so they receive one that best suits their retail outlet. Promoting more AMSOIL branding in their retail shops will help them attract AMSOIL customers, and we want to help them with that as much as we can.

#### New Retail Co-op Program

With the new Retail Co-op Program, retail accounts will be awarded co-op credit based on the total amount of their purchases in the previous year. Instead of earning and losing credit every month, your accounts will have the full lump sum to use each year right off the bat, and they'll have the whole year





#### **Repair-Shop Website Program**

We partnered with Repair Shop Websites, a business dedicated to creating professional, modern-designed websites specifically for automotive repair shops. With the new AMSOIL Repair-Shop Program, your repair shop accounts can get a professionally designed website personally tailored for their business at only a fraction of the cost. This new program is an excellent opportunity for Dealers to promote to retail accounts. By building their online web presence, you'll help drive customers through their doors and provide value other suppliers don't.

These changes to the AMSOIL Retail Program are all part of an investment we're making to help you sign and retain more accounts and help your accounts sell more AMSOIL products. The new features are easier to use and provide even greater value for both potential and existing accounts. By making these changes, we're making it easier for you to generate more customers and build loyalty among retail outlets everywhere.



3' x 8' AMSOIL Vinyl Banner



## UPGRADED AMSOIL POWERSPORTS PRODUCT GUIDES OFFER IMPROVED COVERAGE

The product guides at amsoil.com allow you to provide quick, accurate product recommendations for customers and prospects. To help ensure your customers have a great experience at amsoil.com, we recently made a large investment in expanding the powersports product guides to provide recommendations for more applications.

The AMSOIL powersports product guides make up one of just two such guides in the industry. Most lubricant and filter companies don't offer a powersports product guide due to the increased cost and sheer amount of work required.

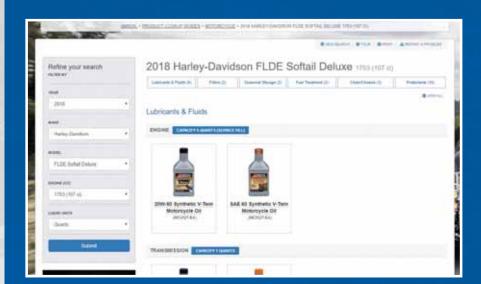
As part of our commitment to Dealers, we made a significant investment in customized data and programming to maintain product guides that cover thousands of different makes and models of powersports applications.

Our improved powersports product guides now provide recommendations for 225 different equipment brands and nearly 180,000 different components, including the following:

- Motorcycles
- ATVs
- UTVs
- Outboard motors
- Snowmobiles
- Personal watercraft

The powersports lookups deliver improved coverage for several makes of equipment. For example, we now offer recommendations for most Honda\* motorcycles. While the expansive nature of the powersports industry makes it nearly impossible to cover every single make and model of equipment, these improvements enhance our coverage, and we'll continue to work on closing the few gaps that remain. In addition to lubricant recommendations, the powersports product guides offer a more userfriendly interface than the only other guide in the industry. And ours are the only powersports lookups to integrate filters, reducing the amount of input required of the user, improving the user experience.

Visit amsoil.com and familiarize yourself with the AMSOIL powersports product guides. Notify your customers and prospects about the guides and encourage them to explore their contents.



#### ACCESS THE POWERSPORTS PRODUCT GUIDES AT AMSOIL.COM.

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### MONTHLY LEADERS

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Dave M. Mann Michigan 7-STAR REGENCY PLATINUM DIRECT JOBBER

FIRST Total Organization FIRST Personal Group Sales

FOURTH New Qualified Customers EIGHTH New Customer Sales



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Ches & Natasha Cain South Dakota 3-STAR REGENCY PLATINUM DIRECT JOBBERS

THIRD Total Organization

SECOND Personal Group Sales SEVENTH

New Customer Sales

Vijay Parany Ontario



Sherree E. Schell Idaho 4-STAR REGENCY PLATINUM DIRECT JOBBER SEVENTH Total Organization



Leonard & Marcie Pearson Washington 5-STAR REGENCY PLATINUM DIRECT JOBBERS EIGHTH Total Organization



1-STAR REGENCY PLATINUM DIRECT JOBBER NINTH Total Organization FIFTH Personal Group Sales SEVENTH Commercial Account Sales THIRD New Qualified Customers NINTH New Customer Sales



Thomas Weiss North Dakota REGENCY PLATINUM DIRECT JOBBER FIRST Commercial Account Sales TENTH Retail Account Sales



Doyle & Diana Vaughan Wyoming REGENCY GOLD DIRECT JOBBERS SECOND Commercial Account Sales



David B. Richardson Ohio EXECUTIVE DIRECT JOBBER THIRD Commercial Account Sales



**David & Linda Trekell** Texas EXECUTIVE DIRECT JOBBERS NINTH Commercial Account Sales



John O. Brown Arizona DIRECT JOBBER TENTH Commercial Account Sales



**David & Tracey** Cottrell Ontario DIRECT DEALERS SECOND Retail Account Sales



Lisa Greenwood & John Mcintosh Oregon PREMIER DIRECT JOBBERS SEVENTH Retail Account Sales



David G. Douglas Michigan EXECUTIVE DIRECT JOBBER EIGHTH Retail Account Sales



**David & Robin Huff** North Carolina REGENCY DIRECT JOBBERS FIRST New Qualified Customers FIFTH New Customer Sales



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Tom & Sheila Shalin Georgia 4-STAR REGENCY PLATINUM DIRECT JOBBERS FOURTH Total Organization FOURTH Personal Group Sales SIXTH New Qualified Customers FOURTH New Customer Sales



**George & Shirley** Douglas Tennessee 4-STAR REGENCY PLATINUM DIRECT JOBBERS FIFTH Total Organization TENTH Personal Group Sales



Carol H. Bell Texas

5-STAR REGENCY PLATINUM DIRECT JOBBER SIXTH

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EIGHTH Commercial Account Sales NINTH Retail Account Sales



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Daniel & Judy Watson Florida 2-STAR REGENCY PLATINUM DIRECT JOBBERS EIGHTH Personal Group Sales FOURTH Retail Account Sales



Kent & Trudy Whiteman Utah 7-STAR REGENCY PLATINUM DIRECT JOBBERS NINTH Personal Group Sales FIRST New Customer Sales



**Merv Nolt** Ohio DIRECT JOBBER FOURTH **Commercial Account Sales** 



Michael H. Ellis Michigan 5-STAR REGENCY PLATINUM DIRECT JOBBER FIFTH Commercial Account Sales



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Eben Rockmaker Nevada DIRECT JOBBER TENTH New Qualified Customers



Don & Mary Smith Iowa MASTER DIRECT JOBBERS TENTH New Customer Sales



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### Protect Your Time on the Water

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- Maximum engine cleanliness

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#### July Close-Out

The last day to process July orders in the U.S. and Canada is the close of business on Wednesday, July 31. Individual telephone and walk-in orders will be processed if initiated by the close of business. Internet and fax orders will be accepted until 3 p.m. Central Time on that day. All orders received after these times will be processed for the following month. Volume transfers for July business will be accepted until 3 p.m. Central Time on Tuesday, Aug. 6. All transfers received after this time will be returned.

#### **Holiday Closings**

The Toronto Distribution Center will be closed Monday, Aug. 5 for Civic Day. The Edmonton Distribution Center will be closed Monday, Aug. 5 for Heritage Day.

#### **Can Coolie**

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Stock #	U.S.	Can.
G3282	2.00	3.00





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### Get to know your customers before the competition does

Ask questions to build trust and uncover new opportunities.

#### Eric Brandenburg | COMMERCIAL PROGRAM MANAGER

Have you ever pulled into a McDonald's drive-thru only to immediately hear, "Would you like to try the McRib?" If you're like me, it feels like an awkward way to greet someone. I can't remember ever taking the offer. That specific question asked at that point in the ordering process seems focused on helping McDonald's reach its goal to sell more McRib sandwiches and make more money. It does not consider my goal, which is to order a Big Mac. More effective and appropriate questions include...

- Can I please take your order?
- Do you have any questions about the menu?
- Are you interested in hearing about today's special deals?

When we don't take time to get to know our commercial and retail customers, we give the impression that we're focused on our goals instead of their best interests. If you don't know and understand their businesses, you may simply be the person with whom they place their orders rather than a valuable resource. This may work with some customers. but in general it decreases your value as their Dealer. When the competition swoops in with a lower-priced product. the customer is much more likely to leave AMSOIL. When you don't know your customers, it makes it difficult to help them reach their goals, solve problems and help them save money.

My colleagues and I have spent considerable time working in the field with Dealers to better know some of our largest commercial customers. We've found plenty of opportunities to improve relationships and ultimately gain additional trust and business.

We often find that AMSOIL products account for just a small percentage of a customer's lubricant needs. We may provide motor oil, but we are missing out on transmission fluid, gear lube, coolant, filters, grease and other opportunities. The customer may operate additional machinery that requires other lubricants or fuel additives. However, we can't simply expect this business to fall into our laps – we need to earn it. But it's difficult to earn that business if we haven't invested time getting to know the customer.

Sometimes you may derive a feeling of comfort in not knowing your customer. You see the customer's name on your Dealer Zone reports. They call you periodically to place an order. Things must be going well. Why rock the boat?

If you have a good customer, but you're not taking time to understand his or her business, it's often a matter of time before your competition steps in to fill the void. Your customer may have concerns about pricing, require bulk dispensing equipment or need updated promotional items. Dealing with such questions or requests may be a challenge, but these issues don't go away on their own. And, if they do, it's probably because your competition did something about them. Knowing your customers' needs provides a chance to provide value, which in turn increases your chances of keeping your customers. Uncovering your customers' needs after they've stopped ordering is too late.

#### So, how do you get to know customers? It's simple: invest time with them to ask questions and have conversations.

Tell them you want to better understand their business and determine if there are ways you can help them solve problems or reach goals. Having this conversation in person is always best. That's easy if the business is local, but out-of-town accounts present more challenges. Email your contact and ask to setup a phone conversation. Skype or Facetime are also great options. Again, just let them know that you'd like a few minutes of their time to better understand their business and help uncover ways you can help them save money. Conduct Internet research to learn about each customer. In some cases, you can use your research plus periodic phone calls to build a solid relationship. If the customer has been paying you hefty commissions for some time, however, consider investing in a yearly visit, even if they aren't local. Doing so can pay great dividends.

Getting to know your customers is an important part of developing a longterm relationship. Doing so makes it much easier for that customer to tell the competition, "No thanks." While any McDonald's will do when you're looking for a Big Mac, as a Dealer, you want to be like the restaurant people drive across town to visit due to great service – the place where the servers know your name and remember your order.



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