

MAHLE Clevite Enjoys Nearly Unanimous Participation, Race Wins and Positive Response From NASCAR Sprint Cup Series Race Teams To Decal Transition

Ann Arbor, Michigan, July 22, 2008 – MAHLE Clevite announced earlier this year that the company would transition to the MAHLE white decal from its legendary blue Clevite decal throughout all of NASCAR®. At nearly the halfway point of the change, 52 of the 55 teams that have entered a NASCAR Sprint Cup Series event in 2008 have displayed the MAHLE decal.

Race wins with the MAHLE decal on the vehicle continue to increase. The latest win occurred at the LifeLock.com 400 at Chicagoland Speedway on July 12 with a victory by Kyle Busch of Joe Gibbs Racing.

Overall, the company has enjoyed a strong, positive response from NASCAR Sprint Cup race teams to the decal change.

“Clevite has been a valued sponsor and associate for Hendrick Motorsports for many years,” said Jeff Andrews, director of engine operations for Hendrick Motorsports. “From our perspective the decal change has been a positive. When you look at the history of Clevite with the addition of the MAHLE Corporation becoming involved and now being known as MAHLE Clevite, we feel we have doubled our capacity in terms of the technology and the things available to us.”

Mike Kasch of Roush Yates Racing Engines finished as the runner-up with partner Jim Snyder, in the 2008 MAHLE Engine Builder Showdown competition. Kasch says the decal change has had little effect on what he does.

“Even though the decal on the side is different,” explained Kasch, “inside the engine compartment we are still utilizing the same great technology from Clevite that we have used for so many years. It is just one more advantage for us to keep winning races in every series we build engines for.”

According to Spenny Clendenen, business financial director for Earnhardt-Childress Racing Engines (ECR), "With Clevite's heritage of providing us quality product through many years of racing and MAHLE's worldwide technological reputation it seems a technical powerhouse has been created to help us win races and championships."

Engine performance is a key aspect of winning NASCAR races, and more NASCAR races have been won with Clevite® engine bearings than any other brand. Clevite bearings and other performance engine products from MAHLE Clevite Inc. – including Perfect Circle® piston rings, Victor Reinz® gaskets, and MAHLE Original® engine parts – are exclusive NASCAR Performance Products.

MAHLE has a local presence in all important world markets. The Group has approximately 48,000 dedicated employees in 110 production plants and seven research and development centers. Worldwide, more than 2,500 development engineers and technicians work as partners for our customers on forward-thinking concepts, products and systems focused on the continuous development of the combustion engine. In 2007, the MAHLE Group generated sales in excess of EUR 5 billion (USD 7.5 billion), positioning the company among the top 30 automotive suppliers globally.

About NASCAR

The National Association for Stock Car Auto Racing, Inc. (NASCAR), celebrating 60 years in 2008, is the sanctioning body for one of North America's premier sports. NASCAR is the No. 1 spectator sport – holding 17 of the top 20 highest attended sporting events in the U.S., and is the No. 2 rated regular-season sport on television. NASCAR races are broadcast in more than 150 countries and in more than 30 languages. NASCAR fans are the most brand loyal in all of sports, and as a result more Fortune 500 companies participate in NASCAR than any other sport.

NASCAR consists of three national series (the NASCAR Sprint Cup Series, NASCAR Nationwide Series, and NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series), four regional series, and one local grassroots series, as well as two international series. NASCAR sanctions more than 1,200 races at 100 tracks in more than 30 U.S. states, Canada and Mexico. Based in Daytona Beach (Fla.), NASCAR has offices in New York, Los Angeles, Charlotte (N.C.), Concord (N.C.), Conover (N.C.), Bentonville (Ark.), Mexico City, and Toronto.

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