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# **OEC**onnection<sup>®</sup> Messenger

A newsletter for professionals in the original equipment parts business.

### Online Sales to Fleets and Repair Shops



OEConnection has launched a new and exciting program for dealerships to help improve efficiency and build improved relationships with fleet and repair shop customers — RepairLink. Using the power of the Internet, and reducing dependence on phone and fax orders, RepairLink offers fleet and installer locations online parts ordering from their trusted dealerships. With RepairLink, dealerships can receive and fulfill parts orders for their customers — big and small.



Mike Hitmar, OEConnection Product Manager for RepairLink said, "OEConnection's mission is to help parts departments improve profitability and efficiency. With RepairLink, dealers can do just that. And vehicle repairing and parts ordering staff at fleet and repair shop locations like the ability to get their parts delivered faster, more accurately with fewer returns, and without needing to spend excess time on the phone."

RepairLink offers automatically-verified parts accuracy against VINs to help reduce returns, as well as accepts orders in bulk for facilities with countless vehicles.

To simplify dealership parts fulfillment processes, RepairLink orders appear on the same screen as all other OEConnection applications. Dealers can increase order accuracy, service customers faster and more efficiently, and sell more OE parts in the process.

CollisionLink Qualifies for Mopar Wholesale Rewards

The Chrysler Group of DaimlerChrysler just announced their inclusion of CollisionLink online parts order fulfillment as a qualifying reimbursement using dealers' earned





Mopar Wholesale Marketing Funds! Kathy Wideman, Senior Manager, Mopar Collision Portfolio said, "We're really excited about this online technology, and how it can help our dealerships sell more OE parts, process orders faster and improve parts department efficiency. We're also pleased to add this selling tool to the assortment of reimbursable products on www.moparwholesale.com."

For enrolled dealers, beginning with the November 2006 invoice, simply fax in a copy of your CollisionLink invoice to Mopar Headquarters at (248) 553-2138, and 50% of the subscription cost will be applied to your parts statement from your Mopar Wholesale Business Development Funds.

"RepairLink makes it easier for me to place orders. I no longer have to wait on hold at the dealership, and it's helped us reduce incorrect part orders. I use RepairLink to place almost all my GM parts orders."

Tim Lubbers Kalil Bottling, Phoenix, Arizona

RepairLink is currently available to GM dealerships, and will be available to other OE franchises in the future. To learn more, call 888-776-5792, x 1939. ◆

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# CollisionLink · CollisionLink



CollisionLink? There's never been a better time! Dan Hutton, Parts Manager at Tom O'Brien Chrysler Jeep in Greenfield, Indiana said, "CollisionLink makes our dealership more productive and helps us sell more OE parts. Orders are filled faster, more accurately, and parts are delivered faster than fax or phone orders. All Mopar dealers should use CollisionLink!"

Other benefits of CollisionLink include the visibility of aftermarket parts and the OE equivalent, to help dealers convert parts to OE, and that parts are automatically and instantly verified against the vehicle VIN number to speed order processing and help ensure the correct parts are ordered.

### **CollisionLink Qualifies for Mopar Wholesale** Rewards continued from page 1

Mark Tomasetti, OEConnection Vice President said, "Chrysler Group joins Ford and GM dealers in having their OEM recommend this application for their improved efficiencies and profitability. OEConnection is glad to have Chrysler Group dealers on board."

Check out the reimbursement announcement at www.moparwholesale.com. Also look for the announcement in Mopar's Collision Connection enewsletter just released — 2006 Year-End Edition.

more information, OEConnection representative 888-776-5792, x1891. ◆

## CollisionLink Counterperson Tips

OEConnection now offers a counterperson's guide to successfully using CollisionLink. Included in the booklet are steps to help get shop customers sending you online orders, hints and tips for the most effective order fulfillment using CollisionLink, and who to call at OEConnection when you have questions. Your counterstaff can keep this booklet

handy as a quick reference when processing parts orders. Would you like copies of this booklet? Give us a call at 888-776-5792, x1939, and we'll send you a complimentary copy for each salesperson!! •





Counterperson's Guide to Successful Online Parts Order Fulfillment

Seven Steps to Get Your Shops Started!

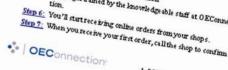
Step 1: Receive a fax or phone order.

Step 2: Tell the shop how your dealership is now accepting online

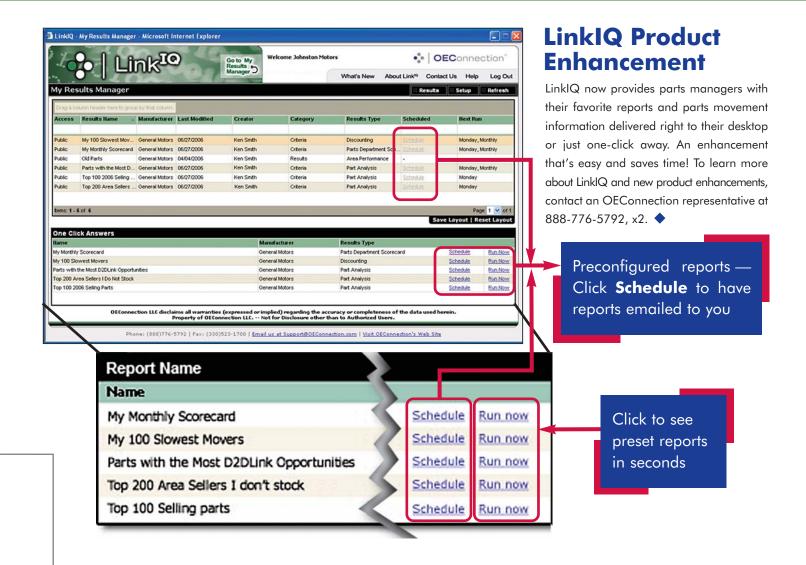
Step 3: Faxyour shop a dealership customized Collision Link flyer. Step 4: Contact O Econnection at 888-776-5792 ext. 2 with shop name and information. OEComection will:

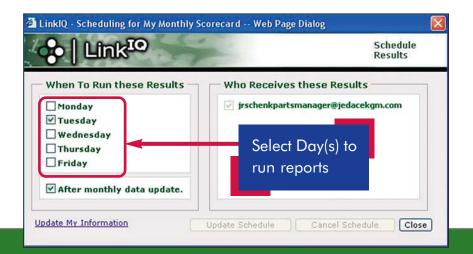
- · Register their shop
- Get them a username and password to use CollisionLink · Help them download the software · Send them a manual in the mail

Step 5: Shops get trained by the knowledgeable staff at OEConnec-



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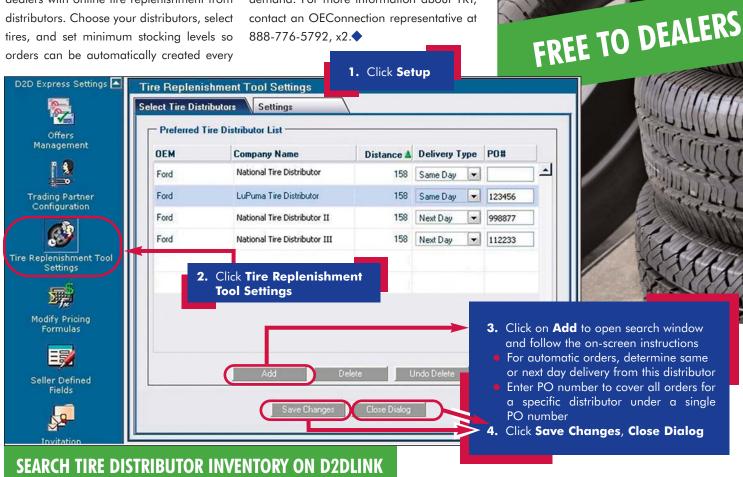
Have OEConnection set up your reports to be emailed to you!

Call 888.776.5792, x1946



### TRT User Tip — Select Tire Distributors

The Tire Replenishment Tool (TRT), provides dealers with online tire replenishment from distributors. Choose your distributors, select tires, and set minimum stocking levels so orders can be automatically created every morning, or can be manually created on demand. For more information about TRT. contact an OEConnection representative at 888-776-5792, x2.





### **NEW!** For Mazda Dealers — **D2D Express with UPS Integration**

Mazda North America is implementing OEConnection's D2D Express technology to fill Mazda's emergency backordered parts requests through dealer inventories. This process enables Mazda to serve customers better by minimizing the wait time for backordered parts. Currently, OEConnection is working closely with selected Mazda dealers in the pilot phase of the program.

D2D Express is a natural complement to the current D2DLink parts locator and ordering system, offering incremental sales opportunities. Provided at no additional charge to Mazda dealers, D2D Express enables dealers to:

- Receive requests for emergency backordered parts from other dealers
- Decline or commit to each request and fill from parts inventory
- Set up a UPS shipment for the part and print the shipping labels.

There is **NO** change to the current dealer process for creating and sending backorder requests to Mazda. Using the D2D Express sourcing engine, each request is sent to the closest stocking dealers. Dealers are alerted and the first one to reply gets to fill the order. Mazda will pay the selling dealers cost plus a percentage for each part they agree to sell. There is no minimum and/or maximum for the cost formula.

### **NEW!** For Mazda Dealers — D2D Express with UPS Integration continued from page 4

D2D Express is integrated with UPS. Mazda dealers set up shipments within the product and ship the part for delivery the next day! To help increase sales opportunities, an alert can be sent to a text pager or PC email system when potential D2D Express orders await. Mazda pays the UPS shipping charges for parts shipments under this program. However, all Mazda dealers must have an active UPS account number. If Mazda dealers don't have an existing UPS account, follow these instructions to get set up.

- Call UPS New Accounts at 1-800-877-1509
- State that you are a Mazda dealership and want to establish a new account as an "Occasional Shipper"
- Be ready to provide address and contact information. (NOTE: Credit check will be performed while on the phone. Additional charges may apply if a daily pick up account is requested)
- You will be assigned a 6-digit UPS account number needed during initial login to the Mazda parts shipping site.



OEConnection looks forward to helping Mazda get drivers back on the road faster than before. Questions? Call OEConnection at 888-776-5792, x1823, Monday through Friday from 8am – 8pm EST.

### Tire Distributors Who's Who

Hundreds of tire distributor locations across America are now posting their authorized tires on D2DLink, helping auto dealership parts departments find, restock, and sell tires faster, easier and more efficiently, all included in a dealership D2DLink subscription.

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**Albert Tire** 

**All Tires Direct** (Coming Soon!)

**America's Best Tires-Ken Towery** 

**American Tire Distributors** 

**Am-Pac Tire Distributors** 

**Antioch Tire** (Coming Soon!)

**Black's Tire Service** (New!)

**Blagg Tire** 

**Capital Tire** 

**C&L Tire** (Coming Soon!)

**C&R Tire** (New!)

**Clay Dooley** 

Conrad's

**Consumer Tire** 

**Dale's Auto Service** 

Center, Inc. (New!)

**Dapper Tire** 

**Discount Tire Express** (New!)

**Dobb's Tire** 

**Eastern States Tire** 

**Exxpress Tire** 

Flynn's Tire

**Friend Tire** 

**Goodyear Wholesale Tire Centers** 

**K&M Tire** 

**Kauffman Tire** 

**Kramer Tire** 

**Levin Tire** (Coming Soon!)

**Macarthur-121 Tire** 

**Martino Tire** (New!)

**North Central Tire** 

**Parrish-McIntyre Tire** 

**Pomp's Tire** 

**Premier Tire Terminal** 

**Purcell Tires @ Wholesale** 

**Raben Tire** 

**RHD Tire, Inc.** 

**Green Acres Goodyear** (Coming Soon!)

**Hogan Tire Centers** (Coming Soon!)

**McGee Tire** 

Motostar

**O'Brien Tire Distributors** 

**Prestige Tire** 

**S&S Tire** 



S.D.A. Tire **Scher Tire** 

**Schierl Tire** 

**Shore Tire Company, Inc.** (New!)

**Sullivan Tire** 

**Summit Tire (TDW)** 

Tire Centers, LLC (New!)

**Tire Kingdom/NTB** 

**Tire Partners** 

**Terry's Tire Town** 

**Thompson Tire** (Coming Soon!)

**Tire Distributors** 

**Tire Distributor Warehouse** 

(Coming Soon!)

**Tire Source** 

Tire Tracks (PR Walker)

**Tireman USA** 

**Tire Wholesalers, Inc.** (New!)

**Town Fair Tire Centers of** 

**Connecticut** (Coming Soon!)

**U.S. Tire and Exhaust** (New!)

**Waukeaan Tire** 

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### **FAD Technology Best Practice Benefits Ford Dealers**

Selling auto parts to Ford dealers is ASCO's business. Expanding the area, the customer base and serving dealerships better and faster is a never-ending goal.

Based in Charlotte, NC, ASCO began posting their Motorcraft parts on OEConnection's D2DLink Ford and Lincoln/Mercury parts locator in mid-2003. Immediately, their inventory began appearing on dealership part searches — over 3,000 times each month. Dealerships began calling ASCO more frequently as parts were needed for vehicle repairs.



In June 2006, ASCO began using OEConnection's D2D Plus – StoreFront, a website where dealers can shop for Motorcraft or other dealers' parts. When ASCO—and other FADs—appears on a dealer's part search, the link to the FAD's web page is visible. ASCO also communicates this additional web-ordering functionality when visiting dealerships.



Brian Coller, ASCO Motorcraft Specialist visits dealerships daily. He said, "Ford has transitioned parts departments to the DOES II online system, and now OEConnection's StoreFront offers a natural progression to order FAD parts online. This helps us promote our parts, so our customers – and potential new customers – can send us stock orders and single part orders online, 24/7."

ASCO customer Jim Cummins, Parts Manager at Huntersville Ford said, "StoreFront is a time-saving tool that is very easy to use. It creates a win-win situation between our dealership and our FAD. I can buy the parts I need online faster and easier. D2D Plus – StoreFront is a 'great tool'."

#### StoreFront benefits include:

- Easy-to-use online parts ordering and fulfillment
- Faster order-processing
- More accurate parts ordering with reduced fax and phone calls — and reduced parts returns
- •Order status on one screen
- Shopping cart ordering
- Parts ordering one at a time or complete stock orders.

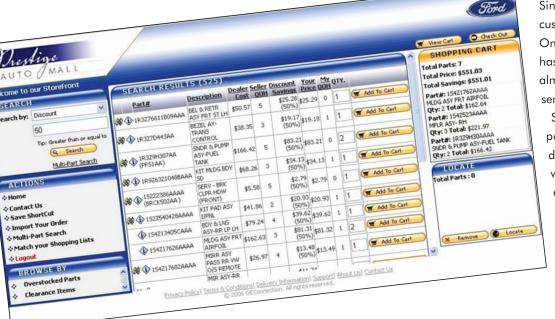
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Jim Cummins, Parts Manager Huntersville Ford, Huntersville, North Carolina

Brian continued, "StoreFront has become ASCO's standard operating procedure. Since starting with StoreFront, percustomer transaction volume has increased. One target customer's business with ASCO has tripled. Another customer who did almost no business with us before is now sending us regular, daily stock orders."

StoreFront is a customizable web page available to any FAD or dealership who wants an additional way to sell parts. StoreFront websites are preconfigured so it's easily tailored by choosing page design, color scheme, and adding your company name, contact information and logos.

For StoreFront information, call 888-776-5792, ext. 1803.





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### Dealer Profile - Fuller Ford



John Book, Parts Manager Fuller Ford, Inc., Cincinnati, Ohio

#### CollisionLink

#### "CollisionLink is a great program!

It's easy-to-use and efficient – phone calls are nearly eliminated. Orders are processed faster with its VIN scrubbing feature. CollisionLink helps us get the right parts to our shops the first time. I highly recommend CollisionLink!"

#### D2DLink

"Customer satisfaction is our goal and D2DLink helps us achieve that. It's easy-to-use and saves our dealership a lot of time. It lets us see the different PDC inventories so we are confident customers will have needed parts when promised."

Fuller Ford, a major redistributing dealer (MRD) located in Cincinnati, Ohio stocks over 17,500 part lines and carries over \$1.2 million in inventory.

## **Tuesdays with OEConnection**

Let OEConnection teach you about our products! On the second Tuesday of each month at 2pm EST, OEConnection holds free online training to dealership staff. On training day, sit at your computer, listen on your phone, and learn how OEConnection's online products can help your business.

For more information, contact OEConnection at 888-776-5792, x1939. ◆

### Free Web Training

#### To register

Visit OEConnection's Virtual Training web page

http://www.OEConnection.com/Training

#### LinkIQ

"Our dealership makes better stocking decisions with the information LinkIQ provides. We can track top-selling part numbers regionally or nationally and can compare our inventory with groups of other similarly-sized dealerships in our area to see sales opportunities. LinkIQ helps us sell more parts because we stock the parts our customers want."

#### **D2D Express**

#### "D2D Express is a useful tool for our dealership.

It offers us the opportunity for additional part sales. The program lets us act as a "warehouse" for Ford so we are helping Ford and helping to achieve better customer satisfaction."

#### **D2D Plus**

"D2D Plus – Idle & Reporting is a great program. We've reduced obsolescence and it's useful in managing our idle and keeping it low. Plus, it reduces our Ford PIP program shipping costs because we now can sell our idle inventory instead of returning it to Ford!"



### Tuesdays, 2 pm EST

### Date Topic

March 13, 2007

April 10, 2007

May 8, 2007

June 12, 2007

Sell parts to collision shops? Learn how to accept parts orders on your computer screen using CollisionLink. No more faxes! See aftermarket parts on orders to help sell more OE parts.

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The Tire Replenishment Tool provides dealers with online tire replenishment from distributors. Learn how to choose your distributors, select tires, and set minimum stocking levels so orders are created every business morning.

Are you using D2DLink just for locating parts? This session will teach you D2DLink bells and whistles. Set favorite dealers to appear at the top of searches, create an advertising message, search for parts that are discounted, find tires by size, get discount part offers from selling dealers, and more.

### **OEConnection Products**



Fast, easy, and accurate online parts locating and fulfillment to help dealerships buy and sell more OE and alternate parts, accessories, and authorized tires.

• Rapid Parts Search – locates from within a DMS.



Dealerships help fill a manufacturer's emergency-needed backordered parts.



Products and services to enhance D2DLink.

- Idle & Reporting: Online tools to help reduce idle inventory.
- Parts Matching: Sellers and buyers find bulk parts at a discount.
- Advanced Selling: Automatic idle inventory sales offers to potential shoppers.
- StoreFront: Dealership-customizable web page showcasing complete parts inventory to D2DLink dealers.
- Inventory Updating: Mid-day and Saturday updating.
- Bin Labels: Receive bin labels monthly for D2DLink parts.



Fast, easy, and accurate online fulfillment of collision shop wholesale parts orders.



Internet-based data analysis tools to help dealerships and auto manufacturers drive increased sales.



Fast, easy, and accurate online fulfillment of fleet and repair shop parts orders.

### **Congratulations** Bald Hill Dodge, Chrysler, Subaru in Warwick, RI

Their dealership was randomly selected from all dealership representatives who visited OEConnection's NADA 2007 booth in Las Vegas! Bald Hill won a new vehicle promotion of an appearance/exhibition by World Champion Billiards Hall of Fame player Ewa Mataya Laurance.

Ernie Wennerstrom, Parts Manager at Bald Hill, is shown here with Ewa at the OEConnection booth.



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