

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT

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This Disclosure Document describes an Auto-Lab single unit franchise and a master franchise. The single unit franchise will operate a business offering automotive and engine diagnostics, electrical system repair, air conditioning repair, engine repair and other related automotive repair services under the name "Auto-Lab Complete Car Care Centers<sup>®</sup>". The master franchise will operate at least one single unit franchise and will recruit franchisees to develop Auto-Lab stores within a geographic region and will provide services to those franchisees in exchange for a portion of the fees paid by the franchisees.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a single unit Auto-Lab franchise is from \$139,500 to \$306,000. This includes \$30,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliates. If you convert an existing auto care facility to an Auto-Lab single unit franchise, the total investment necessary is from \$27,500 to \$271,000, which includes \$25,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliates. The total investment necessary to begin operation of a master franchise is from \$246,500 to \$876,000. This includes \$100,000 to \$500,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or its affiliates.

This disclosure document summarizes certain provision of your franchise 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. **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 to you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact the Franchise Sales Department at the address and phone number listed above.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don't rely on the disclosure document alone to understand your contract. Read your entire contract carefully. Show our 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-FTC-HELP 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 <u>www.ftc.gov</u> for additional information. Call you 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.

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## **STATE COVER PAGE**

Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchisor to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in your state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECEOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise administrator listed in Exhibit J for information about the franchisor, or about franchising in your state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. YOUR MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOUR BUSINESS. BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE TO RENEW YOUR FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RENEW.

Please consider the following RISK FACTORS before you buy this franchise:

- 1. \*THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY ARBITRTION ONLY IN MICHIGAN. OUT-OF-STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH US IN MICHIGAN THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
- 2. <u>\*THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT MICHIGAN LAW GOVERNS THE</u> <u>AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND</u> <u>BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.</u>
- 3. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISK FACTORS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

\*LOCAL LAW MAY SUPERSEDE THESE AND OTHER FRANCHISE AGREEMENT PROVISIONS. CERTAIN STATES REQUIRE THE SUPERSEDING PROVISIONS TO APPEAR IN AN ADDENDUM IN THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT, WHICH, IF APPLICABLE, IS ATTACHED AS EXHIBIT R TO THIS FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

We use the services of one of more franchise brokers or referral sources to assist us in selling our franchise. A franchise broker or referral source represents us, not you. We pay this person a fee for selling our franchise or referring you to us. You should make sure to do your own investigation of the franchise.

Effective Date: See the next page for state effective dates.



## STATE EFFECTIVE DATES

The following states 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 Franchise Disclosure Document is registered, on file or exempt from registration in the following states having franchise registration and disclosure laws, with the following effective dates:

California	Effective Date:	
Connecticut	Effective Date:	
Florida	Effective Date:	December 20, 2013
Hawaii	Effective Date:	
Illinois	Effective Date:	April 20, 2013
Indiana	Effective Date:	April 17, 2013
Kentucky	Effective Date:	
Maine	Effective Date:	
Maryland	Effective Date:	
Michigan	Effective Date:	December 9, 2013
Minnesota	Effective Date:	
Nebraska	Effective Date:	
New York	Effective Date:	
North Carolina	Effective Date:	
North Dakota	Effective Date:	
Rhode Island	Effective Date:	
Oregon	Effective Date:	
South Carolina	Effective Date:	
South Dakota	Effective Date:	
Texas	Effective Date:	March 18, 2013 (one time filing)
Utah	Effective Date:	
Virginia	Effective Date:	
Washington	Effective Date:	
Wisconsin	Effective Date:	

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