

FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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The franchise offered is for an Express Oil Change/Tire Engineers Center (“Center”) specializing in quick oil change and lubrication, transmission service, air conditioning service, brake repair, tune-ups, and tire sales and service.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of a Center is \$1,863,000 - \$2,296,000. This includes \$35,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or affiliate. If you sign an Area Development Agreement to develop a number of Centers, you must pay us a development fee of \$35,000 for your first Center, and a non-refundable deposit of \$7,500 for each additional Center to be developed. The initial franchise fee for subsequent Centers developed under the Area Development Agreement is \$17,500.

This disclosure document summarizes certain provisions of your franchise agreement and other information in plain English. Read this disclosure document and all 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 government agency has verified the information contained in this document.**

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Do not 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-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 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.

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Non-Registration States

STATE COVER PAGE

Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchise 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 RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state administrator listed in Exhibit D 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. YOU 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 AND AREA DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT REQUIRE YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US BY ARBITRATION ONLY IN ALABAMA. 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 ALABAMA THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.
2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT AND AREA DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT STATE THAT ALABAMA LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENTS, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE LAWS.
3. PLEASE NOTE THAT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2016, 73.1% OF THE SOUTHEASTERN AUTOMOTIVE AFTERMARKET SERVICE HOLDINGS, LLC AND SUBSIDIARIES TOTAL ASSETS ARE INTANGIBLE. YOU MAY WANT TO CONSIDER THIS WHEN MAKING A DECISION TO PURCHASE THIS FRANCHISE OPPORTUNITY.
4. THE FRANCHISOR IS CONSIDERING CERTAIN STRATEGIC TRANSACTIONS THAT MAY AFFECT THE OWNERSHIP OF THE FRANCHISOR. IF THE FRANCHISOR DECIDES TO PROCEED WITH A STRATEGIC TRANSACTION, THE FRANCHISOR WILL EXECUTE VARIOUS AGREEMENTS TO CONSUMMATE THE STRATEGIC TRANSACTION. HOWEVER, THE FRANCHISEE'S RIGHT UNDER THE EXISTING FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, AREA DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT, OR ANY FORM OF FRANCHISE OR DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WILL NOT BE ALTERED BY THE STRATEGIC TRANSACTION.
5. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS 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:

Illinois:	Exempt
Indiana:	August 5, 2016
Virginia:	June 9, 2016

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