

FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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The franchisee will own and operate a Hawkinson® tire retreading business from which the franchisee will offer high quality tire retreading services.

The total investment necessary to begin operation of an authorized Hawkinson® Tread Service business is from \$243,600 to \$865,000. This includes an Initial Service Fee of \$15,000, which must be paid to the franchisor, Hawkinson Treading, Inc. (“HTI”).

This disclosure document summarizes certain provisions 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 for you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different formats, contact Cal Sperr at Hawkinson Treading, Inc., 12155 43rd Street NE, Suite A, St. Michael, Minnesota 55376, (763) 424-5098 or at crs@hawkinson.com.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Don’t 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 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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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 RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state franchise 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 LICENSE AGREEMENT REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH HTI BY ARBITRATION ONLY IN MINNESOTA. OUT-OF-STATE ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST MORE TO ARBITRATE WITH HTI IN MINNESOTA THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
2. THE LICENSE AGREEMENT STATES THAT THE LAWS OF THE STATE IN WHICH YOUR LICENSED LOCATION IS LOCATED GOVERN THE AGREEMENT. THE EQUIPMENT SALES AGREEMENT STATES THAT MINNESOTA LAW GOVERNS THAT AGREEMENT. FOR DISPUTES THAT ARE NOT SUBJECT TO ARBITRATION, LITIGATION MUST BE CONDUCTED ONLY IN MINNESOTA. IT MAY COST MORE TO LITIGATE WITH HTI IN MINNESOTA THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.
3. HTI IS NOT OBLIGATED UNDER THE LICENSE AGREEMENT TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS TO USE HTI'S TRADEMARK.
4. THE FRANCHISOR MAY, IF IT CHOOSES, NEGOTIATE WITH YOU ABOUT ITEMS COVERED IN THE PROSPECTUS. HOWEVER, THE FRANCHISOR CANNOT USE THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS TO PREVAIL UPON A PROSPECTIVE FRANCHISEE TO ACCEPT TERMS WHICH ARE LESS FAVORABLE THAN THOSE SET FORTH IN THIS PROSPECTUS.
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 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 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:

State	Effective Date
Illinois	
Minnesota	Pending
New York	Pending

In the states listed below, the effective date (and issuance date) of this disclosure document is April 16, 2015.

Alabama	Kentucky	North Carolina
Alaska	Louisiana	Ohio
Arizona	Maine	Oklahoma
Arkansas	Massachusetts	Oregon
Colorado	Mississippi	Pennsylvania
Connecticut	Missouri	South Carolina
Delaware	Montana	Tennessee
District of Columbia	Nebraska	Texas
Georgia	Nevada	Vermont
Idaho	New Hampshire	West Virginia
Iowa	New Jersey	Wyoming
Kansas	New Mexico	

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