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FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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TREAD CONNECTION INTERNATIONAL, LLC a North Carolina Limited Liability Company

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The Franchise we offer is for the operation of a mobile tire service business under the name Tread ConnectionTM, featuring services and products that we authorize or develop from time to time.

The total estimated investment necessary to begin operation of a single Tread Connection franchise ranges from \$98,600 to \$162,200. This includes the Initial Franchise Fee of \$37,500 that must be paid to us. (See Items 5 and 7 for additional information). At the time of signing, and with our approval, you may purchase an additional contiguous territory containing a population of 100,000 people for an additional fee of \$20,000, and possible future additional contiguous territory as approved by franchisor for a further additional fee of \$0.15 per person.

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 payments, 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. You may wish to receive your Disclosure Document in another format that is more convenient for you. To discuss availability of disclosures in different formats, contact our President and Chief Executive Officer, Paul Hosage, at 10924 Granite Street, Suite 700, Charlotte, North Carolina 28273, 888-359-7289.

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 "<u>A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise</u>", which can help you understand how to use this Disclosure Document, is available from the Federal Trade Commission ("FTC"). You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at <u>www.ftc.gov</u> for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

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 accountant.

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 us 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 "F" 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 REQUIRES YOU TO RESOLVE DISPUTES WITH US FIRST BY MEDIATION IN NORTH CAROLINA, AND IF THE DISPUTE REMAINS UNRESOLVED AFTER MEDIATION THEN THE DISPUTE MUST BE RESOLVED WITH US BY ARBITRATION ONLY IN NORTH CAROLINA. OUT-OF-STATE MEDIATION OR ARBITRATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST YOU MORE TO MEDIATE AND ARBITRATE WITH US IN NORTH CAROLINA THAN IN YOUR OWN STATE.

2. THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT NORTH CAROLINA LAW GOVERNS THE AGREEMENT, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.

3. YOUR SPOUSE MUST SIGN A DOCUMENT THAT MAKES YOUR SPOUSE LIABLE FOR YOUR FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT, EVEN THOUGH YOUR SPOUSE HAS NO OWNERSHIP INTEREST IN THE BUSINESS. THIS GUARANTEE WILL PLACE BOTH YOUR AND YOUR SPOUSE'S MARITAL AND PERSONAL ASSETS, INCLUDING YOUR HOUSE, AT RISK IF YOUR FRANCHISE FAILS.

4. THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

5. WE MAY USE THE SERVICES OF ONE OR 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 BE SURE TO DO YOUR OWN INVESTIGATION OF THE FRANCHISE.

A chart of State Effective Dates is located on the following page:



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:

State	Effective Date
California	
Hawaii	
Florida	
Illinois	
Indiana	
Kentucky	
Maryland	
Michigan	
Minnesota	
New York	
Nebraska	
North Dakota	
Rhode Island	
South Dakota	
Texas	
Utah	
Virginia	- <u>-</u>
Washington	
Wisconsin	

In all other states, the effective date of this Franchise Disclosure Document is September 6, 2018 as Amended September 13, 2018.

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