



Advance Auto Parts Names Gilmore 2021 Vendor of the Year

Automotive aftermarket parts provider recognizes six additional brand partners during its annual Partner Growth Summit and helps raise \$1.5 million for Building Homes for Heroes

RALEIGH, N.C. (October 19, 2021) – [Advance Auto Parts, Inc.](#) (NYSE: AAP), a leading automotive aftermarket parts retailer, presented its 2021 Vendor of the Year awards during the company's annual Partner Growth Summit, held virtually in Raleigh, N.C. During the event, Advance honored numerous vendors for their partnership and performance and helped raise \$1.5 million for Building Homes for Heroes through vendor contributions. Since 2009, Advance has helped raise more than \$16 million for Building Homes for Heroes, which gifts mortgage-free homes to wounded service members.

The 2021 Vendor of the Year award was presented to Gilmore, a leader in the air conditioning aftermarket since 1973. A partner of Advance for over 20 years, Gilmore was recognized for its exemplary product quality standards, partnership on major company initiatives and consistently proven dedication and loyalty.

"Our vendor partners consistently show passion and dedication to provide DIYers and professional customers with the best parts selection in the industry," said Jason McDonell, Advance's executive vice president of merchandising, marketing and eCommerce. "These partnerships are crucial to our success and the ability to meet our customer's needs would not be possible without them. On behalf of Advance, we thank those that attended this year's Partner Growth Summit and congratulate Gilmore and all of our award winners."

Advance awarded the 2021 New Vendor of the Year to Solmark International Inc., and Action Sales & Marketing. Facing unprecedented demand, these partners delivered over 12 million masks for Advance team members at a time of critical need. Their partnership, speed and execution played a key role in providing PPE material to Advance's distribution centers and stores to keep team members and customers safe.

Amalie Oil Company was named Strategic Initiative Vendor of the Year for their high level of service, availability and contribution toward sales growth. As the lead supplier in a major company initiative transitioning private label fluids from Carquest to FRAM, their innovative solutions allowed Advance to become a leader in private label lubricants, achieving growth in sales and market share.

Clarios was named the co-winner of the Strategic Initiative Vendor of the Year award for taking on a large product changeover with no impact to supply. While creating a project strategy around the changeover, they provided dedicated customer support to Advance's store teams.

Anchor Industries was named the Superior Availability Vendor of the Year for providing excellent support to Advance and its customers. A partner for over 30 years, Anchor consistently sets the standard for order fill and on-time delivery.

The Professional Excellence Vendor of the Year was awarded to Motorcar Parts of America (MPA). A leader in the automotive aftermarket, MPA collaborated with several Advance teams and was a partner on major initiatives such as margin expansions and new store openings. Their partnership included a brand changeover to Carquest Premium, a product that provided Advance a distinct competitive position in the aftermarket industry.

About Advance Auto Parts

Advance Auto Parts, Inc. is a leading automotive aftermarket parts provider that serves both professional installer and do-it-yourself customers. As of July 17, 2021, Advance operated 4,748 stores and 215 Worldpac branches in the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The company also serves 1,306 independently owned Carquest branded stores across these locations in addition to Mexico and various Caribbean islands. Additional information about Advance, including employment opportunities, customer services, and online shopping for parts, accessories and other offerings can be found at www.AdvanceAutoParts.com.

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