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Harbor Freight Tools Now Open in Former Staples Building

(BRISTOL, CT: July 24, 2020) – The newest Harbor Freight Tools store, located in the former Staples building at 871 Farmington Avenue is now open.

The Bristol store is the 10th Harbor Freight Tools store in Connecticut. The new store brings approximately 35 new jobs to the community. As a designated essential service, the store will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. It will resume its regular hours of 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday after the COVID-19 crisis has passed.

“We’re ready to serve and deliver value to customers in Bristol and all of Hartford County,” said Jeff Davila, district manager. “At Harbor Freight, we recognize that now, more than ever, our customers depend on Harbor Freight for the tools they need to get the job done at an affordable price. We are the place for quality tools at the lowest prices for mechanics, contractors, homeowners and hobbyists – any tool user who cares about value.”

The store will stock a full selection of tools and accessories in categories including automotive, air and power tools, storage, outdoor power equipment, generators, welding supplies, shop equipment, hand tools (which come with a lifetime warranty) and much more. At 24,000-square-feet, the stores are much easier to shop than the huge home centers.

During the COVID-19 crisis, all Harbor Freight stores have implemented more frequent cleaning and are following the guidelines from the Center for Disease Control, including social distancing to protect the health and safety of our customers and associates. Any individual who has any COVID-19 symptoms is asked to shop on our website, www.harborfreight.com rather than in our stores.

“The City of Bristol is pleased that Harbor Freight has chosen Bristol as the location for their 10th store here in Connecticut. Working with them for the last several months to finalize site specific issues and their participation in the City’s tax abatement program was an important component in filling this retail space,” said Mayor Ellen Zoppo-Sassu. “It has allowed them to invest in some much-needed infrastructure improvements that were needed for their specific build-out.”

“As a family-owned business with over 1,000 stores throughout the country, offering homeowners, businesses, and contractors a new affordable option for purchasing tools as well as providing a number of people an opportunity to work for them is a win-win for Bristol,” stated Justin Malley, the City’s Economic & Community Development Director.

About Harbor Freight Tools

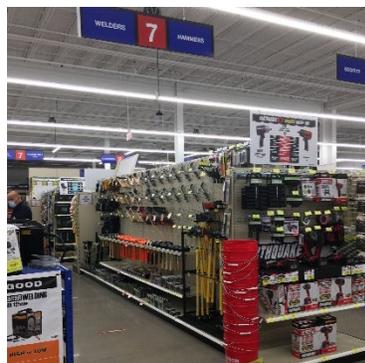
Harbor Freight Tools was founded in Southern California in 1977, when 17-year-old Eric Smidt began transforming his father’s small sales business into a successful mail order company. That first year, Eric cut out the middlemen and sourced tools directly from the factories, realizing that if he could buy tools directly for less, he could pass the savings on to the customer.

Today, Harbor Freight has over 1,000 stores across the country with over 20,000 employees. The company is still family owned and remains true to its humble beginnings while serving more than 40 million customers who depend on Harbor Freight’s quality and value to earn a living, repair their homes and cars, and pursue their hobbies.

With core values of excellence, continuous improvement and doing the right thing, Harbor Freight Tools is working to constantly improve the quality of its products and is introducing hundreds of new tools and accessories each year with the features, performance and durability of the best brands on the market—but at a fraction of the price.

Harbor Freight Tools offers customers even deeper discounts with special coupon pricing. Customers can sign up to receive a monthly coupon book by mail with dozens of product coupons and additional discounts. Customers can also receive additional discounts by email. To sign up, visit HarborFreightSignUp.com.

Photos of the New Store:



Giving Back

Another of the company’s core values is giving back to the communities it serves. In order to help protect healthcare workers caring for COVID-19 patients, Harbor Freight recently donated its entire stock of nitrile gloves, N-95 masks and face shields to hospitals in every community served by a Harbor Freight Tools store.

Harbor Freight Tools is also a major supporter of Harbor Freight Tools for Schools, an initiative of The Smidt Foundation, established by company's founder Eric Smidt, to advance excellent skilled trades education in public high schools in America. The program's flagship initiative is the annual **Harbor Freight Tools for Schools Prize for Teaching Excellence**, which honors 18 public high school skilled trades teachers and their programs with \$1 million in cash awards.

This year's winners will be announced in October 2020. For more information, visit harborfreighttoolsforschools.org.

Harbor Freight Tools also supports non-profit organizations that serve K-12 public education, first responders and veterans. For more information on the gift card donations program, visit harborfreightgivingback.org.

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