

**Work Begins On MAHLE Ford Mustang At Petty's Garage;  
Grand Prize In Technician Promotion**

Farmington Hills, Mich., April 17, 2017 – MAHLE Aftermarket Inc. announced that work has commenced at Petty's Garage building the grand prize in the MAHLE "Drive with the Original" Technician Promotion – a custom, twin-turbo MAHLE Ford Mustang. The one-of-a-kind vehicle will be finished and tested in time to be awarded as the grand prize at the 2017 Automotive Aftermarket Product Expo (AAPEX) in Las Vegas, taking place from October 31<sup>st</sup> to November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017.

The initial step in the modification of the 2017 Mustang at Petty's Garage in Randleman, NC, is the removal and disassembly of the 5.0-liter engine. All parts will be inspected and the engine will be reassembled with MAHLE Original parts, including MAHLE Original gaskets specifically constructed to handle the increased power. This rebuilt engine is expected to approach 1,000 horsepower in full competition mode. The high boost pressure from the twin turbocharger will require MAHLE to forge custom pistons for the engine.

"The MAHLE Ford Mustang will be a real showcase for MAHLE Original gaskets and other MAHLE parts," said Jon Douglas, General Manager, MAHLE Aftermarket North America. "With the kind of power Petty's Garage will be pulling from that engine, you want the race-bred technology of MAHLE parts inside."

In addition to using MAHLE Original gaskets throughout, the MAHLE Mustang will also feature other MAHLE Aftermarket parts including oil and air filters, thermal management components, turbochargers and Clevite engine bearings. Petty's Garage will apply a custom MAHLE blue paint scheme to the exterior and specially modify the suspension, spoiler and interior. Upgraded, high-performance wheels and tires will complete the package.

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The “Drive with the Original” promotion runs to October 1, 2017. Four finalists will be randomly selected from all entries to receive an all-expense paid trip for two to AAPEX in Las Vegas. The “Original”, Richard Petty, will be present when the finalists select a key fob – one of which will start the grand prize MAHLE Ford Mustang from Petty’s Garage.

In addition to the grand prize over 2,400 additional instant prizes will be awarded, including Richard Petty Driving Experiences, autographed Richard Petty signature Charlie 1 Horse cowboy hats and autographed #43 die-cast model cars.

Information on entering the “Drive With The Original” Promotion is available on specially marked MAHLE Original gasket boxes. Complete information about the “Drive with the Original” promotion, including official rules, terms and conditions, can be found at [www.drivewiththeoriginal.com](http://www.drivewiththeoriginal.com).

For more information about MAHLE Aftermarket and its brands, visit [www.mahle-aftermarket.com](http://www.mahle-aftermarket.com) or contact your local sales representative.

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**About MAHLE**

MAHLE is a leading international development partner and supplier to the automotive industry. With its products for combustion engines and their peripherals as well as solutions for electric vehicles, the group addresses all the crucial issues related to the powertrain and air conditioning technology—from engine systems and components to filtration to thermal management. In 2015, the group generated sales of approximately EUR 11.5 billion (12.8 billion USD) with around 76,000 employees and is represented in 34 countries with over 170 production locations.

**About MAHLE Aftermarket**

MAHLE Aftermarket, the business unit specializing in spare parts, uses the expertise from the series production of original equipment in its automotive aftermarket product range, and supplies trade, repair shop and engine repair partners. MAHLE Aftermarket is represented at 22 locations and other sales offices worldwide, with 1,582 employees. In 2015, the business unit achieved a global sales volume of EUR 835 million (929 million USD).

**About MAHLE Service Solutions**

MAHLE Aftermarket Inc., Service Solutions division specializes in the development, manufacturing and distribution of automotive services, tools and maintenance equipment, including vehicle diagnostics, air conditioning service, fluid exchange and nitrogen tire inflation systems. Formerly known as RTI Technologies, MAHLE Service Solutions continues its legacy of building shop equipment for the most stringent OEM and aftermarket needs. Along with this expertise, MAHLE Service Solutions combines the know-how of MAHLE Behr with automotive thermal management and MAHLE Powertrain with automotive test systems. Each of these three entities have more than 25 years of R&D and technology deployment experience providing advanced solutions for OE manufacturers.

In addition to the high-quality products offered through its Service Solutions division, MAHLE Aftermarket provides a comprehensive and well-developed service network to ensure quick and professional technical support and training for repair shops. For more information about MAHLE Aftermarket Service Solutions, visit [www.servicesolutions.mahle.com](http://www.servicesolutions.mahle.com).

**About Petty's Garage**

In June 2008 Petty's Garage, a Level Cross, N.C.-based

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company, was born to begin restorations on racecar chassis from owner Richard Petty's private collection. Petty's Garage is currently bringing "The King's" winning tradition to a wide variety of high-performance automobiles from production-based Richard Petty Signature Series to custom builds and restorations. Petty's Garage is a high performance speed shop focused on spectacular performance automobiles.

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