

## Kent Automotive Announces Ford & General Motors OEM Approvals and Recommended Products

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CHICAGO, III. - August 13, 2018 - Kent Automotive, a brand of Lawson Products, Inc., (NASDAQ:LAWS) and a leading distributor of high-performance products and inventory management solutions to collision centers, automotive OEMs, and new and used car dealerships announced it has received additional OEM endorsements. Kent Automotive offers more than 80 Ford and General Motors OEM approved and OEM recommended parts and products for vehicle repair.

Kent Automotive products that are tested to confirm they meet the OEM's specifications and high performance standards receive endorsements that may appear in OEM repair procedures and in Service Bulletins issued by auto manufacturers. Kent Automotive OEM approved and recommended products include select adhesives, automotive coatings, cleaners, connectors, lubricants, rust preventatives, and sealers. Kent's newest OEM approved product by Ford is the Kent® Quick Seal MSP Seam Sealer, an MS polymer-based seam sealer designed for all automotive surfaces and paint systems. Other OEM approved sealers are Kent Automotive's Flex-E-6000<sup>TM</sup> and Flex-E-6001<sup>TM</sup>. Kent's Flex-E-6001<sup>TM</sup> is a high strength, fast curing self-leveling epoxy sealer developed with Ford Motor Company, for Ford SUVs and Mini Vans. Kent® DTM High Build Seam Sealer, a heavy-body, two-part seam sealer designed for exterior and interior applications, is General Motors recommended.

"Using OEM approved products is of the utmost importance to ensuring the safe, high-quality vehicle repair Certified Collision Center is known for," said Victor Lima, general operations manager/business development, Certified Collision Center. "Being able to source more of these and other materials from Kent will allow us to better serve our customers."

"We take great pride in working with automakers like General Motors and Ford on innovative, high-quality products used in off line repair and as listed in Service Bulletins," said Matt Brown, senior vice president, sales, Lawson Products. "We are dedicated to ensuring our customers benefit from access to more high-quality products including a vast selection of highly engineered, high-performance private-label and OEM approved products."

To aid in customer communication, OEM approved and OEM recommended icons will appear on Kent Automotive's website product pages, in the company's catalog supplement and other marketing materials, as well as on product labels.

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## About Lawson Products, Inc.

Founded in 1952, Lawson Products, Inc., headquartered in Chicago, IL, sells and distributes

specialty products to the industrial, commercial, institutional and government maintenance, repair and operations market (MRO). The company is dedicated to helping customers in the U.S. and Canada lower their total cost of operation by increasing productivity and efficiency. The combination of Lawson Managed Inventory and the company's problem-solving professionals ensures customers always have the right parts to handle the job. Through <a href="The Bolt Supply House">The Bolt Supply House</a>, customers in Western Canada have access to products at several retail branches. Under its <a href="Kent Automotive">Kent Automotive</a> brand, the company provides collision and mechanical repair products to the automotive aftermarket.

<u>Lawson Products</u> ships from several strategically located distribution centers to customers in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean.

For additional information, please visit <a href="https://www.lawsonproducts.com/">https://www.kent-automotive.com/</a> or <a href="https://www.kent-automotive.com/">https://www.kent-automotive.com/</a>.

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