



AutoZone Announces NASCAR Busch Series Sponsorship; Kenny Wallace's No. 22 Car Makes Its Debut in Memphis

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MEMPHIS, Tenn., Aug. 4 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- AutoZone, Inc. (NYSE: AZO) will unveil the new AutoZone No. 22 car that will be driven in the NASCAR Busch Series by Kenny Wallace. The new AutoZone No. 22 car will be presented at the company's Store Support Center in Memphis at 3:45 PM (CDT) Thursday, August 4. Kenny Wallace will be in attendance for the unveiling. AutoZone's sponsorship of the No. 22 ppc Racing Ford Taurus begins with the Busch race this Saturday, August 6, at Indianapolis Raceway Park.

"This is an exciting day in the history of our great company," said Bill Rhodes, President and CEO of AutoZone. "The Wallace family is legendary in NASCAR and Kenny is a great spokesman for racing. I am confident NASCAR fans will support this team and AutoZone in this new partnership."

AutoZone began its partnership with NASCAR two years ago when the company became the title sponsor of the NASCAR AutoZone Elite Division Series which is where the future stars of NASCAR train. "The Elite Division was a good first step for AutoZone," said Rhodes. "Now we are ready to move to the front of the pack with ppc Racing and Kenny Wallace."

"Our team is thrilled and honored to create this alliance with AutoZone," said Greg Pollex, owner of ppc Racing. "We have a lot of exciting things planned that will educate fans and consumers about vehicle maintenance, safety and equipment that you will see during the next four months as we contend for the Busch series championship."

"I am extremely grateful to AutoZone for the confidence it has placed in ppc Racing and myself," said Kenny Wallace. "I cannot think of a better way to launch this new partnership than winning our first race Saturday night in the AutoZone No. 22."

Media Advisory

The AutoZone No. 22 show car will be unveiled at AutoZone's Store Support Center, 123 S. Front Street in Memphis at 3:45 PM (CDT), Thursday, August 4. Kenny Wallace will be in attendance and available to the media immediately following the unveiling ceremony.

About AutoZone:

As of May 7, 2005, AutoZone sells auto and light truck parts, chemicals and accessories through 3,505 AutoZone stores in the United States and 73 AutoZone stores in Mexico and also sells the ALLDATA brand automotive diagnostic and repair software. On the web, AutoZone sells diagnostic and repair information and auto and light truck parts through <http://www.autozone.com>.

About ppc Racing LLC and Greg Pollex

ppc Racing enters its sixth year of competition in 2005 under the ownership from Greg Pollex. His NASCAR Busch Series teams alone have amassed 32 wins and more than 150 top-five and 250 top-ten finishes in just five seasons. In its inaugural year, ppc Racing won the 2000 NASCAR Busch Series driver and owner's championship, finishing 1-2 in the standings. This year ppc Racing fields full-time entries in NASCAR's Busch and Craftsman Truck Series, and runs a limited schedule in the NEXTEL Cup Series. Pollex has hired recognizable and successful drivers Kenny Wallace, Michel Jourdain Jr., and Terry Cook to compete for the series' championships, and recently added Brent Sherman for a limited series in 2005 and a full season in 2006. For sponsorship information, please contact, Andy O'Hara at (704) 799-9011. For more information, please visit <http://www.ppcracing.com>.

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