



Progressive Automotive Systems, Inc. Expands e-Commerce Offerings By Integrating its R.O. Writer® Software with DST TurboParts™

Itasca, IL – January 10, 2012 – R.O. Writer® Shop Management Software for automotive repair, quick lube and tire shops, used by thousands of shops across the United States, is being integrated with DST TurboParts, a leading aftermarket e-Commerce engine.

According to Rick Stermole, Director of R.O. Writer, one of the advantages of using R.O. Writer with the DST TurboParts e-Commerce engine is how easy it will be for customers to update their Smart eCat™ catalog configuration to help them get fast, accurate results.

“TurboParts is a bolt-on custom solution that is already compatible with the computer systems and software our customers’ parts distributors are running,” Stermole said. “Integrating our Smart eCat application with TurboParts was a natural next step. Our customers rely on us for practical solutions that help them maximize shop efficiency and profitability. With TurboParts, we will make it possible for those customers whose parts distributors are also compatible with DST’s software to further automate their businesses by offering advanced e-Commerce functionality whether they handle fewer than 10 work orders a day or more than a hundred.”

Stan Gowisnock, President and Chief Executive Officer, DST, noted that the fact that both TurboParts and R.O. Writer are built around industry leading data from Epicor (formerly Activant), will be great news for the marketplace.

“Integrating the TurboParts suite of products, including its private labeled versions, with R.O. Writer will make it possible for shops using Epicor data to connect to our e-Commerce engine directly from repair orders, allowing them to interact with the Electronic Catalog, Buyer’s Guide and Interchange to perform stock checks and order parts at their specific pricing from parts distributors who also use our e-Commerce engines. The fact that product orders will seamlessly transfer onto customer repair orders will enhance shop operations by helping to reduce costs and improve accuracy,” Gowisnock said.”

“Suppliers who already use Epicor data can also use the TurboParts – R.O. Writer integration to continue managing their distribution systems and take full advantage of the set-up work they are already doing to properly display catalog data within their in-house point of sale, while enjoying the additional benefit of an easy to use e-Commerce engine,” Gowisnock added.

About DST:

Lake Forest, CA-based DST, Inc. has been providing proven eCommerce and Supply Chain technology solutions for over 20 years. DST's offerings include a full suite of Internet-based eBusiness solutions, Supply chain analytics and decision support planning, and Business Management Systems handling complex distribution environments.

DST is a Certified IBM Partner and its products are based on open technologies to allow companies to maximize their existing infrastructure while still taking advantage of the latest in eBusiness tools. For more information, please visit www.dstinc.com.

About Progressive Automotive Systems, Inc.:

Progressive Automotive Systems, Inc. –developers of the R.O. Writer Shop Management Software– has been providing software solutions to the automotive aftermarket since 1978. As early as 1977, PAS provided consulting services for franchise automobile dealers. In the decades that followed, PAS has helped thousands of shop owners reach their true potential. R.O. Writer is currently used by almost 5,000 repair facilities in the U.S.

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