

# Press Release

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## **MAHLE Aftermarket elevates delivery performance**

- New highly-automated warehouse in Olive Branch (USA) is opened
- Automation increases delivery speed, reduces the likelihood of returns, and allows an order to be completed in 30 minutes
- EUR 6 million investment
- Conversion of additional warehouse locations in Europe planned for 2023
- Digitization is an important tool for all MAHLE group divisions, enabling higher efficiency and better quality assurance

**MAHLE Aftermarket has opened a highly-automated warehouse in Olive Branch, Mississippi (USA). The warehouse speeds up deliveries to workshops and distributors, reduces the frequency of returns, and enables an order to be commissioned within 30 minutes. MAHLE has invested approximately EUR 6 million in the 1,200 m<sup>2</sup> fully automated facility. Additional warehouse locations in Europe will be similarly outfitted beginning in 2023. Digitization is an important tool for all MAHLE group divisions, enabling higher efficiency and better quality assurance.**

“MAHLE Aftermarket has been operating digitally in many areas for a long time now. We’re building upon that with automated order-picking, to better serve our customers,” says Olaf Henning, member of the MAHLE Management Committee and Director of the Aftermarket business unit.

Scalable, automated warehouses allow MAHLE Aftermarket to react flexibly to fluctuating stock and shipments, ensuring reliability for its customers. In these times of increasingly tighter global supply chains, this is especially important. Highly-automated warehouses are also more sustainable and resource-efficient. The system MAHLE choose uses only about one quarter of the area of a conventional warehouse. This reduces costs and decreases the amount of land needed for logistics locations. In addition, automated warehouses are extremely efficient: ten of their robotic shuttles use only as much electricity as a vacuum cleaner.

At the Olive Branch location, which encompasses about 30,000 m<sup>2</sup> of production and logistics operations, 22,000 different filtration and thermal management products and engine components are currently stocked. Additionally, the logistics center serves as a flexible and scalable way to organize consumables for the on-site production of engine gaskets. In 2023, the next logistics location to be converted will be Décines in France.

MAHLE is driving forward the expansion of its digital offerings for independent workshops and retailers at a rapid pace—ranging from e-commerce solutions, information, technical support and training, all the way to virtual trade shows.



Accurate, fast, efficient—robot shuttles elevate delivery performance.

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The backbone of this automated warehouse is the "Autostore" system from integrator Kardex.

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After the Olive Branch/USA location, MAHLE Aftermarket will automate additional locations in 2023.

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## **About MAHLE**

MAHLE is a leading international development partner and supplier to the automotive industry with customers in both passenger car and commercial vehicle sectors. Founded in 1920, the technology group is working on the climate-neutral mobility of tomorrow, with a focus on the strategic areas of e-mobility and thermal management as well as further technology fields to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, such as fuel cells or highly efficient combustion engines that also run on e-fuels or hydrogen. MAHLE already generates over 60 percent of its sales independently of the passenger car combustion engine. This should increase to 75 percent by 2030. Today, one in every two vehicles globally is equipped with MAHLE components.

MAHLE generated sales of around EUR 11 billion in 2021. The company is represented with over 71,000 employees at 160 production locations and 12 major research and development centers in more than 30 countries. (Last revised: 12/31/2021)

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## **About MAHLE Aftermarket**

MAHLE Aftermarket, the business unit specializing in spare parts, uses the expertise from original equipment series production for its product range and supplies partners in trade, workshops, and engine repair shops. The products developed by the MAHLE Service Solutions business segment for workshop equipment, as well as comprehensive services and individual training offers, round out the offer. MAHLE Aftermarket operates out of 25 locations around the world and has additional sales offices with around 1,700 employees. In 2021, the business unit recorded a sales volume of around EUR 1.1 billion globally.