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iATN MEMBERSHIP EXCEEDS 40,000

Brea, CA — The International Automotive Technicians' Network (iATN), the world's largest community of automotive technicians, repair shop owners and other allied automotive service professionals, recently accepted its 40,000th active member. iATN membership now spans 126 countries and collectively, members have more than 820,000 combined years of experience.

iATN (www.iatn.net) has experienced consistently strong membership growth since its inception in 1995 when the network had 50 members. "This consistent growth reflects how valuable iATN is to technicians around the world," said Brent Black, iATN founder and president.

Automotive service professionals join iATN because of its technical resources, as well as to participate in the camaraderie unique to this close-knit group. TechMail, the heart of the network, is one of iATN's most valuable features and lets technicians initiate help requests for their repair problems, as well as help other members with their repairs.

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Members also have access to more than 20 different web forums, live conferencing TechNight events held every Tuesday, and other technical resources ranging from manufacturer-specific information to government regulations. Sponsoring members gain additional benefits including access to the iATN Knowledge Base, which includes the FIX Database — an archive of TechMail messages, searchable by make, model, system, VIN and symptoms — forum archives, a waveform library and TechNight transcripts.

In addition to the online resources, iATN regularly hosts a convention and other group events that give members an opportunity to meet face-to-face and network off-line.

“iATN members are a very diverse, professional community working toward a common goal of providing the best repair service to their customers. With its size and commitment to the profession, this group also has tremendous strength and ability to impact and shape the future of automotive repair,” adds Black.

For additional information about iATN, including the latest membership statistics and how to join the network, visit iATN at www.iatn.net.

iATN is supported by the automotive industry’s top manufacturers, information providers, suppliers, associations and publications. These industry sponsors, along with sponsoring shop and technician members, make iATN possible.

The iATN Mission of Excellence: To promote the continued growth, success and image of the professional automotive technician by providing a forum for the exchange of knowledge and the promotion of education, professionalism and integrity.