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HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS NAMED TO FORBES LIST OF THE BEST LARGE EMPLOYERS FOR THIRD CONSECUTIVE YEAR

(February 15, 2023; Calabasas, CA) Harbor Freight has been named to the 2023 list of Forbes Magazine's Best Large Employers, and one of the top 20 in the retail category, the third consecutive year the company has earned that distinction.

Harbor Freight Tools is committed to putting people first and helping build careers. The company has previously also been recognized by Forbes as the Best Employer for Veterans in retail for the past three years, a Best Employer for Women and a Best Employer for Diversity and Inclusion.

Forbes and their partner Statista selected America's Best Large Employers 2023 based on independent surveys of roughly 45,000 workers at American companies and institutions with more than 5,000 employees.

The evaluation was based on direct and indirect recommendations from employees that were asked to rate their willingness to recommend their own employers to friends and family.



About Harbor Freight Tools

For 45 years, Harbor Freight Tools has been America's go-to source for affordable quality tools. The family-owned company started in Southern California in 1977, when 17-year-old Eric Smidt began transforming his father's small phone sales business into a successful mail order company, bypassing the resellers, dealing directly with factories, and passing the savings on to customer. Today more than 40 million customers depend on Harbor Freight's quality and value to earn a living, repair their homes and cars and pursue their hobbies.

The company opened its first store in 1980. Harbor Freight Tools is one of the nation's fastest growing retailers, with more than 1300 stores across the country and opening two new stores every week. With 25,000 Associates, the company was recognized two years in a row by *Forbes* as one of the 20 best large companies to work for in retail. Harbor Freight Tools was recently named as one of the nation's Best Employers for Veterans, the third consecutive year the company has earned that distinction. Forbes has also recognized Harbor Freight Tools as one of 20 best large companies for women to work for in retail, and one of the best large companies for diversity. The company has also been recognized as one of the country's top employers in terms of diversity and inclusion by DiversityJobs.com.

With core values of excellence and continuous improvement, Harbor Freight Tools works to constantly improve the quality of its products and this year will introduce more than 800 new tools and accessories. Harbor Freight Tools locations are open 7 days a week, Mondays through Saturdays from 8 am to 8 pm and on Sundays from 9 am to 6 pm.

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