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HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS NAMED TO FORBES 2023 LIST OF THE BEST EMPLOYERS FOR WOMEN

(July 27, 2023; Calabasas, CA) Harbor Freight Tools has been named to the 2023 list of Forbes Magazine's Best Employers for Women, and one of the top 20 best employers for women in the retail category.

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

Forbes and their partner Statista selected America's Best Employers for Women 2023 based on independent surveys of roughly 60,000 workers at American companies with more than 1,000 employees.

The evaluation was based on direct and indirect recommendations from employees who were asked to rate their employer on factors such as pay equity, parental-leave policies,

representation of women in upper management, and employer response to incidents of discrimination.

Further research was conducted into each company's presence of women in executive management or board positions. Approximately 40,000 women and 20,000 men took part in the survey.

About Harbor Freight Tools

For more than 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 the customer. Since then, over 75 million customers have depended 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 1400 stores across the country and opening two new stores every week. With 25,000 Associates, the company was recently certified as a "Great Place to Work™" and has been recognized three years in a row by *Forbes* as one of the 20 best large companies to work for in retail and one of the nation's Best Employers for Veterans. *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 for the past two years as one of the country's top employers in terms of diversity and inclusion by DiversityJobs.com, by *Fortune* as One of America's Most Innovative Companies and by *Newsweek* magazine as One of America's Most Trustworthy Companies both for 2023.

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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