

### HARBOR FREIGHT TOOLS TO OPEN NEW STORE IN BLUE RIDGE ON JANUARY 13

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CALABASAS, Calif.—Harbor Freight Tools, America’s go-to store for quality tools at the lowest prices, will officially open its new store in Blue Ridge, GA on Saturday, January 13 at 8 a.m. The Blue Ridge store, located 20 High Park Drive, will be open seven days a week from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Over 75 million customers, from professional contractors and technicians to homeowners and hobbyists, come to Harbor Freight to find the tools and equipment they need to get the job done. The company has a world-class team of engineers and experts in all tool categories to ensure that its tools meet or exceed industry standards and deliver unsurpassed value.

The store will stock a full selection of tools and equipment in categories including automotive, air and power tools, storage, outdoor power equipment, generators, welding supplies, shop equipment, hand tools and much more. The stores are smaller and much easier to shop than the huge home centers.

This new store is the 54<sup>th</sup> Harbor Freight Tools store in Georgia. The company, which hires locally, has brought between 25-30 new jobs to the surrounding community.

Harbor Freight recognizes that its people are key to its success and is committed to being the best place to work in any industry. The Company was recently certified as a “Great Place to Work™” and by *Fortune* as one of the best places to work in retail. It has also 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 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, and most recently, as one of America’s Greatest Workplaces for Veterans.

“Our team is ready to serve and deliver value to customers in Blue Ridge and all of Fannin County,” said Lee Davis, Store Manager. “At Harbor Freight, we recognize that now, more than ever, our customers depend on us for the tools they need to get the job done at an affordable price.”

Store photos and logo available upon request.

#### **About Harbor Freight Tools**

Harbor Freight Tools has been America’s go-to source for affordable tools since its start in 1977 as a Southern California based mail-order company. Harbor Freight is still owned and led by founder Eric Smidt, who learned long ago that by working directly with factories he could pass the savings on to the customer without compromising on quality.

The company opened its first store in 1980. Today, Harbor Freight Tools has over 1,400 stores across the country, 28,000 Associates and more than 75 million customers who depend on Harbor Freight’s quality and value to earn a living, repair their homes and cars and pursue their hobbies. They know that whatever they do, they can do it for less at Harbor Freight. 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 is one of the nation’s fastest growing retailers, opening two new stores every week. For more information about Harbor Freight Tools, visit [harborfreight.com](http://harborfreight.com).

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