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## **AUTOVIA Gives Repair Shops Free Access to More Than 4,500 Product Lines**

Ongoing commitment to provide the most complete automotive parts catalog available on the Internet

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In its ongoing commitment to provide the most complete automotive parts catalog available on the Internet, AUTOVIA(TM) announced today the addition of 10 new major manufacturer catalogs to its already vast online database. The move makes available thousands of new parts to automotive repair shops, giving them even more choices when ordering from their local distributors.

AUTOVIA now offers more than 4,500 product lines in the company's already comprehensive Internet catalog. The Sacramento-based firm is the first business-to-business e-commerce company to provide automotive repair shops free simultaneous online access to multiple automotive and trucks parts distributors.

The company places a high value on a quality automotive parts catalog, which is so essential to the automotive repair industry. AUTOVIA's emphasis in this area stems directly from the leadership of the company's founder and CEO Rod Georgiu. Prior to launching AUTOVIA in 1998, Georgiu was for 10 years head of ALLDATA, the leading provider of electronic automotive diagnostic and repair information.

"Repair shops now have an even wider selection of product lines and parts to choose from," Georgiu said. "This beefed-up catalog is evidence of AUTOVIA's ongoing dedication to developing the most comprehensive automotive and trucks parts network on the Web today."

The electronic parts catalog on the AUTOVIA Internet site provides repair shops with an accurate part number for each application. The shop then requests a "stock check" which is sent to each distributor's product inventory computer system. The distributor's system verifies the shop's password to confirm identity, then replies to the shop's request with the quantity on hand and cost.

AUTOVIA is the first business-to-business e-Commerce company to provide repair shops with simultaneous access to multiple automotive and truck parts distributors. Launched in 1998 by a team of leading automotive industry experts, including Rod Georgiu, former CEO and founder of ALLDATA, AUTOVIA is backed by several venture funds, including Internet Capital Group (Nasdaq:ICGE), Crosspoint Ventures and Hearst Corporation. Its integrated web-based electronic parts catalog includes more than 450 national brands. Based in Sacramento, California, AUTOVIA currently offers service in selected metropolitan markets and plans to expand into the nation's top markets. More information about the company can be found at: [www.autovia.net](http://www.autovia.net).

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