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JASPER® Expands Availability of Stellantis **5.7L HEMI MDS-Delete Engines**

Jasper Engines & Transmissions has expanded the availability of its remanufactured Stellantis 5.7L HEMI MDS-Delete engine. This engine is available for the following applications.

- 2018-2023 Grand Cherokee/Durango (requires ECM unlocking process & **Smart Access Cable)**
- 2015-2017 Grand Cherokee/Durango (requires ECM unlocking process)
- 2011-2014 Grand Cherokee/Durango
- 2009-2010 Grand Cherokee/ Commander
- 2015-2016 Charger/300 AWD (requires ECM unlocking process)
- 2009-2014 Charger/300 AWD
- 2009-2014 Charger/300 RWD
- 2009-2014 Challenger RWD

"Due to increasing demand for MDS-Delete applications, we now offer comprehensive coverage for this engine up to the 2023 model year," said JASPER New Product Development Group Leader Brad Boeglin. "All delete applications have undergone rigorous emission testing and are either SEMA-certified for 49-state compliance or carry CARB EO for 50-state compliance."

"For 2015 and later applications, the ECM will be required to go through an unlocking process," Boeglin explained. "JASPER will cover shipping charges for sending the ECM out for unlocking, a process typically taking up to two days. The entire turnaround time, including shipping, averages around six days."



Due to increased demand for MDS-Delete applications, JASPER offers comprehensive coverage for the Stellantis 5.7L HEMI MDS-Delete engine up to the 2023 model year.

"Each engine will come with a tuning device which uses a smartphone-based app for ECM calibration," Boeglin continued. "For 2018 and later applications, in addition to sending the ECM for unlocking, it will be necessary to purchase a Smart Access Cable and connect it to the Security Module for vehicle calibration."

The Stellantis 5.7L HEMI MDS-Delete is covered by a nationwide, transferable parts and labor warranty of up to 3 years or 100,000 miles. Full warranty disclosure is available on our website or upon request.

For more information on the complete line of JASPER remanufactured engines, please call 800.827.7455 or visit www.jasperengines.com.

Quality Automotive & Diesel, Inc.

Clovis, California, a location celebrated as an American frontier town, is home to Quality Automotive & Diesel.

Known in the area for general automotive and diesel repair, the business was founded in 2018 by Justin Hernandez. Justin began his career with a high school automotive program and went to Universal Technical Institute in Sacramento. He was then hired at a CarMax dealership in 2008. He left CarMax ten years later and, after a short stint at Aramark in 2018, opened his shop full-time later that year.

Quality Automotive & Diesel was initially located in 2,400 square feet at 177 North Sunnyside Avenue, Suite 110, in Clovis. The business doubled its size in 2019 and included a remodeled office. Most recently, Quality Automotive & Diesel moved into 8,000 square feet in 2021 in the same industrial building on Sunnyside Avenue. Their present location, in Suite 100, includes seven lift bays, which can provide various services to keep their customers' vehicles running. This includes preventative maintenance, auto diagnostics, drivetrain and suspension services. They also provide vehicle inspection and disinfection treatments to keep interiors clean.

Three of the four employees at Quality Automotive & Diesel are ASE-Certified technicians. Justin pays for any ongoing classes or training his technicians want to attend. Most of the training is hands-on in the shop, with his technicians working directly with Justin.

Since Justin's shop opened, Quality Automotive & Diesel has been an installer of JASPER® remanufactured products, including gas and diesel engines, transmissions, differentials, transfer cases, and fuel and air components.



Quality Automotive & Diesel technicians (left to right) David Medina, Justin Hernandez, and Ryan Gardner.

His sales have increased each year since opening. "JASPER offers a great quality product with excellent customer service," Justin said. "Their warranties are simple and easy. When we need a part that JASPER offers, there's no question that we are using JASPER."

As part of Justin's customer philosophy, Quality Automotive & Diesel seeks to be transparent with customers while giving them the highest quality service. "This comes down to a focus on consistent internal training with our staff and quality control with each vehicle," he said.

Justin has plans to continue growth and capacity at Quality Automotive & Diesel at its current location but would like to purchase a stand-alone building in the future. He also plans to build his team until he has reached capacity at his future building site.



Quality Automotive & Diesel has been a JASPER installer since opening in 2018.

Additional Leadership Positions Announced by JASPER®

Jasper Engines & Transmissions announced the following changes in production leadership, which took effect at the end of March.

Sara Schmidt has been named Director of Driveline Manufacturing. Sara began her career at JASPER in 2005 in People Services. She moved into Driveline Manufacturing and worked in the Crawford County Transmission Division. She also served as Division Manager for Willow Springs Transmission and Power Drive Transmission. For the past six years, Sara has served as Manager of our Production Control Group, where she has driven significant improvements in our buying and scheduling functions to support our manufacturing operations.

Jason Green was named Production Control Manager. Jason has been with JASPER since 2022 as Director of Carrier Logistics for Jasper Holdings, Inc. Since July 2024, Jason has worked in our Headquarters Gas Division and in Production Control as a buyer and scheduler. Jason worked directly with Sara as the leadership transition within the Production Control Department took place.

Finally, John Schroeder was named Executive Vice President of Manufacturing. John joined JASPER in 2000 as a member of our People Services team. He moved into manufacturing as our Division Manager of Crawford County Transmission and spent time in our JPS Group. John became Vice President of Driveline Manufacturing in 2017. In his new role, John works directly with the Gas, Diesel, and Driveline groups to continue improving



Sara Schmidt (above left) is JASPER's new Director of Driveline Manufacturing. Jason Green (above center) has been named Production Control Manager. John Schroeder (above right) is now the Executive Vice President of Manufacturing.

manufacturing operations and building leadership team members for the company's future.

"Thanks to Sara, Jason, and John for their willingness to continue growing with JASPER," said JASPER President Matt Weinzapfel. "We appreciate their leadership and their desire to improve our manufacturing operations. As a 100% Associate-Owned company, we are committed to the community and excited to promote local talent to lead our ESOP into the future.

Indianapolis Branch Relocated

JASPER® recently relocated its Indianapolis, Indiana, branch to a location that shares space with Weller Truck Parts and Diesel USA.

The new branch is located at 1908 Stout Field West Drive, approximately ten miles west of its previous location on 32nd Street, near Shadeland Avenue.

"This Jasper Holdings location has over 122,000 square feet of space," said JASPER Director of Branch Operations Kevin Powell. "We are very excited to share this facility with two of our sister companies, Weller Truck Parts and Diesel USA Group. This is our first opportunity to incorporate three subsidiaries in the same building."

"Not only does this new location allow us great access to service our Jasper Engines & Transmissions customer base, but it also affords us great opportunities to learn and share efficiencies across the JHI brands."

Opening in 1955, Indianapolis was JASPER's first branch, selling quality remanufactured products to area customers. It was located downtown at 702 North Illinois Street.



The new Indianapolis branch (above) is located at 1908 Stout Field West Drive. Indianapolis was the first branch JASPER opened in 1955 (right).



JASPER® Announces 'Do It Right' Award Winners for 2024

Six JASPER® Associates were recognized in January by Jasper Holdings, Inc. CEO Doug Bawel as winners of the annual 'Do It Right' Award for 2024. Supervisors or fellow Associates can nominate Associates for the 'Do It Right' Award annually. An Associate may be nominated for outstanding service to JASPER, its Associates, customers, or individuals in need.

Management reviews all the nominations at year's end and presents awards to the most outstanding nominees. The number of awards may vary yearly, depending on the number of deserving nominees. Congratulations to the following winners for 2024:

David Napper - Crawford Maintenance

David was fishing when he heard a swimming boy in distress, having become entangled in seaweed. David was able to calm the boy and then help him to shore, averting a potential drowning.

Zach Pobanz - So. California Warehouse Ops ManagerZach witnessed an older woman's vehicle hydroplane off a wet road into a pond. He stopped his truck and helped the woman out of her vehicle before she drowned.

Garrett Robinson - JHQ Adv Mfg Team - CNC Specialist Garrett left Jasper one evening to arrive at the Willow Springs, Missouri, facility early next morning to repair a broken machine. He worked on the machine, then drove back to Jasper to arrive for work the next day.

Tyler Starcher - Cleveland Branch Delivery Driver/Warehouse Support

Tyler witnessed an accident, then stopped to help the victims until emergency assistance arrived.

Rob Werner - Jasper Electric Motors Diagnostic Tech

Rob was returning from a job site and witnessed an older man overturn his zero-turn equipment, pinning him underneath. Rob stopped his vehicle and helped the man out from under the machinery without injury.

Gabe Moreno - Atlanta Branch Delivery Driver

Gabe witnessed two older adults having difficulty changing a tire on their vehicle. He helped them change the tire, which they greatly appreciated.

July 1st Deadline for 2026 JASPER® Calendar Entries

The Jasper Engines & Transmissions 2025 calendar was a big success. A huge "Thank You" goes out to everyone who submitted entries. It's hard to believe, but we're already in the preliminary planning stages for our 2026 calendar. Do you or your customer, have a vehicle that's calendar-worthy? Don't hesitate! Please send us your entry! Entrants must submit a color image and information about their unique vehicle, performance car, or truck, along with the JASPER remanufactured product that was installed.

You should place your vehicle in a show-type setting. Digital images of low-resolution quality, transferred onto photo paper, will not be accepted. High-resolution digital images, 8" x 10" at 300 dpi are required. All entries will be judged based on adherence to the category, equipment appearance, and the quality of the photograph.

REMINDER!!! The deadline for 2026 Calendar entries is July 1st. If you have vehicle images and would like to request an entry form or additional information, contact Jennifer Hopf at: Jennifer.Hopf@jasperengines.com.



The Jasper Engines & Transmissions Calendar is an annual tradition. Please submit your entry for the 2026 edition by July 1st.

JASPER's 2025 Performance Show Schedule



Whether outdoors (left) or indoors (right), the JASPER Performance Shows provide the same great product information. Check us out at a venue near you!

Jasper Engines & Transmissions is back on the road for 2025.

JASPER® has updated its mobile marketing program to better educate automotive enthusiasts on our remanufacturing capabilities.

We are scheduled to appear at several high-profile car shows and performance events through October.

Our Performance Show booths and trailer feature product displays from the Gas Engine, Transmission, Air and Fuel, Performance, and Authentic Custom Drivetrain divisions.

JASPER Associates are on hand at each event, so visitors can walk up and ask about our remanufacturing processes.

For over 80 years, JASPER has been committed to being the Brand of Choice for our customers in the automotive industry. JASPER's Mission Statement is simple: "Do It Right... And Have Fun!"

2025 Show Schedule (subject to change)

- April 23-27 Spring Carlisle Collector Car Flea Market, Corral and Auction - Carlisle, PA
- June 20-22 Back to The Fifties Minneapolis, MN
- July 18-20 Syracuse Nationals Syracuse, NY
- July 31-August 3 NSRA Street Rod Nationals -Louisville, KY
- August 22-25 Frog Follies (50th Anniversary) Evansville, IN
 - October 10-12 Cruisin' The Coast Biloxi, MS

Uebelhor Returns as JASPER-Sponsored Angler



JASPER-Sponsored angler Nick Uebelhor has started his 2025 season.

32 year-old Nick Uebelhor returns for another year of competitive fishing sponsored by Jasper Engines & Transmissions.

Nick attended Jasper High School before attending the University of Evansville for Mechanical Engineering. He started the University of Evansville Bass Fishing Team there, where he competed in college fishing for four years before graduating.

After graduation, Nick began to fish in local and regional tournaments nationwide. His tournament schedule in 2025 includes stops with the Hoosier Bass Fishing League (BFL), Indiana Bass Federation (IBF), Hoosier Open Team (HOT), B.A.S.S. TEAM Trail, and Deer Creek Team Trail.

Hoosier BFL 2025 Schedule

- April 12: Rough River Lake
- May 10: Patoka Lake
- June 7: Ohio River Rocky Point
- June 28: Lake Monroe
- September 20-21: Ohio River Tanners Creek
- October 10-11: BFL Regional (Kentucky Lake)

Greensboro Goes Back-to-Back as Top JASPER® Branch

The Greensboro, North Carolina, branch of Jasper Engines & Transmissions repeated as a President's Award winner for 2024 during the company's annual sales awards held on February 4th. Today, JASPER® has 52 branches throughout the United States

Based upon improvements in several sales categories, JASPER recognizes the President's Award as its top branch honor. In addition, the Greensboro branch retained the award for the Most Improved Sales Volume.

"This is a testament to our Operations and Sales Associates in the Greensboro market," said JASPER Executive Vice President of Sales Joe McDonald. "It's a difficult award to win and to do it back-to-back takes a high level of teamwork."

Individually, Greensboro Sales Associate Chris Ward earned fourth place honors for Veteran Sales Representative of the Year. Chris was also named a Gold Level sales recipient, achieving a company sales increase in 2024 over the previous three years. Greensboro Sales Associates Rob Blau and Brad Wright were each named Silver Level sales recipients, achieving a company sales increase in 2024 over the previous two years.



The Greensboro branch earned their second consecutive President's Award, recognized as JASPER's top branch honor. Sales representatives pictured are (left to right) Allen Hammond, Brad Wright, Rob Blau, Branch Sales Manager Shelby Damron, Chris Ward, and Brian Dougherty.

"I'm very proud of Shelby Damron's dedication as our branch sales manager," McDonald added. "He's been patient in building the right team for success. This market has tremendous growth potential for years to come."

JETT Presents Grants to Local Organizations

Jasper Endows Today and Tomorrow (JETT) recently presented two grant checks to the Southwestern Indiana Child Advocacy Center Coalition (SWICACC) and The Next Act, Inc.

Emily Klein from SWICACC accepted the JETT grant from Luke Hoffman, Kelli Lampert, and Felicia Buechler (top right). SWICACC will use this grant to help start a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) Medical Clinic in Jasper. SANE are registered nurses who have received specialized education in the provision of comprehensive care to patients who have been or are suspected of having been sexually or physically assaulted, abused, or exploited.

Rafaela Schaick and Jana Clayton, representing The Next Act, Inc., accepted the JETT grant from Luke Hoffman, Kelli Lampert, Felicia Buechler, and Kyle Lueken *(below right)*. Their grant will be used to continue renovating the historic Astra Theatre in Jasper, including installing a new green room for performers and allowing the theatre's volunteers to use the previous green room during shows and downtime.

JETT is the giving circle for the Associate-Owners and families of Jasper Holdings, Inc. They focus on pooling resources and creating a more significant combined impact on our communities. JETT aims to learn more about philanthropic opportunities and support those organizations that promote intelligent giving.



Representatives of Jasper Endows Today and Tomorrow present grants to SWICACC (top) and The Next Act, Inc. (above).

The Power of Connection: Relationships That Drive Shop Success

By Darrin Barney, President - EliteWorldwide, Inc.

Darrin Barney

started his own auto repair and 4X4 business in 2003. By having a dedication to the success of his employees that is unlike any



other, as well as to the care and safety of his customers, his success quickly caught the attention of the industry, and it's brought about his being featured in countless podcasts and nationally published articles. He's been on the cover of AutoInc. Magazine, and he's spoken at a number of the industry's largest events. Before becoming president at EliteWorldwide, he filled the role of lead trainer for the industry-acclaimed Masters Service Advisor Program, and he's coached a number of clients to incredible levels to help Elite grow into the remarkable brand it is today.

Over the years, I've noticed one thing about the best shops—they aren't just built on tools, cars, or numbers. They're built on relationships. The way you connect with your team, your customers, and even your vendors can take your shop from "just getting by" to truly thriving.

Building a Team That's Got Your Back

Your employees are the backbone of your shop. When they feel appreciated and supported, they're more likely to go the extra mile - not just for you, but for your customers too. Here's how you can strengthen those relationships:

Talk to them, not at them. Take time to listen. Whether it's one-on-one or shopwide meetings, make sure they know their input matters.

Show them they're valued. A simple "thank you" or recognizing a job well done makes a bigger impact than you might think.

Invest in their future. Training and development aren't just good for them, they're good for your business. When you help your team grow, they'll bring that value right back into the shop.

Turning Customers into Lifelong Fans

Repeat customers are the lifeblood of your shop, and loyalty isn't built on repairs alone - it's built on trust and real connection. Here's how to make that happen:

Be reliable. Customers stick with shops they can count on to do the job right every time.

Make it personal. Learn their names, remember their cars, and ask how their family's doing. When people feel seen, they come back.

Stay in touch. A quick follow-up or a reminder about upcoming maintenance shows you care about more than just their vehicle - you care about them.

Choosing Vendors Who Actually Care

Surrounding yourself with the right partners is just as important as building a strong team. That's why at Elite, we're proud to work with Jasper Engines & Transmissions. They don't just sell parts - they're invested in helping shops like yours succeed.

At our recent Ignite event in Dallas, I spent time with Darin Damron and Austin Green, two of JASPER's regional vice presidents of sales. These guys are the real deal! They're not just great at what they do; they're genuinely great people. Their passion for helping shop owners

WIN is what makes JASPER such a solid partner.

Here's why strong vendor relationships matter:

Dependability counts. With JASPER, you know you're getting top-quality products that help you avoid comebacks and keep customers happy.

Support beyond the sale. JASPER doesn't just sell engines, transmissions, and differentials - they offer training, tools, and real support when you need it. Shared goals. When your vendors are invested in your success, everybody wins - your shop, your team, and your customers.

Success Starts with the People Around You

At the end of the day, your business is only as strong as the relationships you build. Take time to connect with your team, your customers, and your vendors. Not only will your shop run smoother, but you'll create a work environment and customer experience you can be proud of.

I also want to give a big thank you to JASPER for being such a solid partner, and a special shoutout to Darin and Austin for bringing so much energy and value to our event in Dallas.

Take a Minute Right Now

Think about the people who help make your shop a success. Take a second today - right now even - to thank a team member, a customer, or a vendor who's made a difference. A quick word of appreciation goes a long way.

To your success, Darrin Barney CEO Elite Worldwide



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