

Fastenal Named the Official Maintenance, Repair and Operations Partner of the NHL

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NEW YORK & WINONA, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Fastenal Company (Nasdaq: FAST) and the National Hockey League (NHL®) today announced a multiyear global partnership, naming Fastenal the official Maintenance, Repair and Operations (MRO) partner of the NHL through the 2023-24 season. The partnership is focused on creating an efficient and reliable MRO supply chain for ice rinks across North America.

MRO encompasses the wide-ranging products and services needed to keep facilities up and running. In hockey, this includes mechanical, electrical and plumbing products used to maintain rinks, sanitation and janitorial supplies required to keep facilities clean and safe, and power tools and accessories used by players and equipment managers to prep gear for game play.

The agreement provides Fastenal a presence at future NHL tentpole events including corner in-ice advertising positions and in-arena branding at the NHL Winter Classic®, NHL® All-Star Weekend, NHL Global Series™ and NHL Stadium Series™.

The NHL will utilize Fastenal's vast and secure supplier network to provide a variety of MRO supply needs. Fastenal will offer products used to maintain safe environments, including PPE (personal protective equipment), sanitizer, and cleaning supplies. The NHL will also leverage Fastenal's inventory management and procurement expertise to benefit the entire hockey ecosystem including:

NHL clubs and facilities – The NHL and Fastenal will work together to implement a standardized equipment program that includes state-of-the-art tool carts for visiting team locker rooms at all NHL arenas. The partnership will also focus on helping these venues optimize operations by accessing process improvement tools to simplify procurement, control spending, and visualize inventory.

Community rinks – In an effort to keep ice hockey sustainable and rink operations cost-effective, the partnership taps Fastenal's nationwide branch network to offer services to the 4,800-plus community rinks across North America. Fastenal can help these facilities navigate the challenges of aging infrastructure and rising operating costs so that community rinks can continue to operate efficiently while developing future generations of players and fans.

"We are thrilled to welcome Fastenal to the NHL family. Our facility operators, equipment managers and trainers

can immediately benefit from Fastenal's wide assortment of MRO products for all their specialized needs," said Max Paulsen, NHL Director, Business Development. "This partnership reinforces the League's commitment to community rinks via Fastenal's industry-leading expertise, product inventory, and competitive preferred pricing, which will ultimately ensure the continued growth of hockey at all levels."

"As we discussed a possible partnership with the NHL, it became clear the supply chain strengths of Fastenal, coupled with our steadfast commitment to providing safety solutions during this current environment, could make a positive impact on the League and on hockey facilities throughout North America," said Fastenal President and CEO Dan Florness. "We're excited to connect with the NHL's avid fan base, and to deepen our connection with a sport that is already loved by many of our employees and customers."

Go to nhl.com/Fastenal for more details.

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About Fastenal

Fastenal is many things to many different customers: an expert consultant, a logistics company, a technology provider, and more generally, a distributor of wide-ranging industrial and construction products. The company's service model centers on over 3,200 in-market locations, each providing custom inventory and a dedicated sales team to support local customers. These locations are supported by Fastenal's closely-aligned supplier network, captive distribution system, robust sourcing, quality and manufacturing resources, and multiple teams of subject matter experts. Founded in 1967, Fastenal continues working toward its goal of Growth Through Customer Service®. For more information, visit www.fastenal.com.

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About the NHL

The National Hockey League (NHL®), founded in 1917, consists of 31 Member Clubs and proudly welcomes its 32nd franchise, the Seattle Kraken, for the 2021-22 season. Each team roster reflects the League's international makeup with players from more than 20 countries represented, all vying for the most cherished and historic trophy in professional sports - the Stanley Cup®. Gary Bettman has served the NHL as Commissioner since February 1, 1993 and has guided the world's top professional hockey league to more than \$5 billion in annual revenues and partnerships with more than 40 blue chip corporate sponsors. Every year, the NHL entertains more than 670 million fans in-arena and through its partners on national television and radio; more than 151 million followers - league, team and player accounts combined - across Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Snapchat and YouTube; and

more than 100 million fans online at **NHL.com**. The League broadcasts games in more than 160 countries and territories through its rightsholders including NBC/NBCSN and the NHL Network in the U.S., Sportsnet and TVA in Canada, Viasat in the Nordic Region and CCTV and Tencent in China. The NHL reaches fans worldwide with games available online in every country including via its live and on-demand streaming service NHL.TV™. Having entered the esports world in 2018, the League hosts the NHL Gaming World Championship annually, drawing record digital streaming audiences during the 2019 campaign. Fans are engaged across the League's digital assets on mobile devices via the free NHL® App; across nine social media platforms; on SiriusXM NHL Network Radio; and on **NHL.com**, available in eight languages and featuring unprecedented access to player and team statistics as well as every regular-season and playoff game box score dating back to the League's inception, powered by SAP. The NHL is committed to building healthy and vibrant communities through the sport of hockey by increasing youth participation and engagement; fostering positive family experiences; promoting inclusion, positive culture and leadership; and supporting sustainable community impact.

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