



INDUSTRY NOTES

MACNEIL RELEASES THE RG-440 ELECTRIC DRIVE CONVEYOR

TO PROVIDE ENERGY COST SAVINGS

Barrie, Ontario, Canada – June 9, 2006 MacNeil Wash Systems is pleased to announce the release of its RG-440 Electric Drive Conveyor. Continuing its effort to remove hydraulics from the car wash, MacNeil is introducing two models of the RG-440 Electric Drive Conveyor – a 3 HP and a 5 HP.

Both models significantly reduce operator expenses by providing energy savings. MacNeil's 3 HP Electric Drive motor is equivalent to the power of a 10 HP hydraulic motor, and the 5 HP Electric Drive RG-440 is equivalent to a 15 HP hydraulic motor.

By going electric, operators also reduce downtime and eliminate the risks associated with hydraulic piping, leaks, and water contamination. The RG-440 Electric Drive Conveyor is easier and takes less time to install than a hydraulic conveyor because there are no hydraulic hoses or piping. This also means there is no chance for messy hydraulic leaks which can require significant downtime for repairs and cleaning.

Additional features of the RG-440 Electric Drive Conveyor include:

- Variable Frequency Drive (VFD) provides speed adjustments from 50-120 cph (3 HP motor) and 100-160 cph (5 HP motor)
- Soft Start feature through VFD allows motor and gearbox to spool up, extending life of all components
- Amperage load sensing technology built into the VFD for added safety
- Rugged design with aluminum and stainless steel construction
- Synthetic "Lube for Life" gear box lubricant – no oil changes necessary
- Retrofittable to existing MacNeil hydraulic conveyors that use Heco™ drives

For more information on the RG-440 Electric Drive Conveyor or other MacNeil products, please visit: www.macneilwash.com or call (800) 361-7797.

BUTLER CAPITAL LAUNCHES USER-FRIENDLY WEB SITE EXCLUSIVELY FOR CAR CARE INDUSTRY OPERATORS, DISTRIBUTORS

Car wash operators and equipment distributors anywhere in the U.S. now have access to a new dedicated, user-friendly Web site sponsored by the car care finance unit of Butler Capital Corporation, a business lender specializing in financing for petroleum, car care, and convenience store owners nationwide.

Located at www.ButlerCarCare.com, the refurbished site carries basic information on Butler's loan/lease programs for car care clients along with downloadable, printer-friendly publications and customer testimonials. A series of downloadable applications is also available as are free reprints of national trade publication "how to" articles authored by Butler Capital experts.

As a direct, independent lender, Butler Capital for nearly a decade has provided fixed-rate loans and leases to seasoned car wash owners/operators as well as startups and investors. Butler is a member of the International Carwash Association and the Mid-Atlantic, Midwest, Southeastern, Southwest, and Western carwash associations.

CHARLOTTE — **Autobell Car Wash Inc.** recently awarded 30 employees its **2006 Academic Scholarships** toward the college or university of their choice, with this year's gifts totaling \$22,900. Since its inception, the Autobell Scholarship Program has awarded over \$75,000 in academic funds to employees.

The Autobell Scholarship is an annual program open to current Autobell employees of at least one year. Employees who are graduating high school seniors or have received a high school diploma within the past three years can complete and submit the short application, along with references, an acceptance letter from an accredited college or university, and a 500-word essay. The Autobell Selection Committee reviews all applications and chooses the scholarship recipients.

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