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**VAST-AUTO DISTRIBUTION 2024 CONVENTION – GEAR UP!**

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Vast-Auto Distribution held its annual convention this past weekend from February 22-23. This year, the meeting occurred at the Fairmont The Queen Elizabeth in Montreal. More than 650 people participated from parts stores, repair shops, suppliers and Vast Auto Distribution team members. Attendees enjoyed several presentations regarding the new Parts City Auto Parts program for stores and the new Certified Auto Repair program for repair shops. Participants also attended many other seminars with respect to M 360 Mechanic, Auto Mecano and OCTO Auto Service Plus. Over 80 vendors were exhibiting their products at the Friday night trade show.

Team members of O'Reilly Auto Parts, including Chief Executive Officer Brad Beckham, attended the conference. This allowed attendees to share ideas with the O'Reilly leaders. During the event, the team also revealed their new brand image and programs, as well as the transition plan for new banners.

On Saturday evening, everyone gathered for the gala evening, during which several prizes were awarded. The evening's grand prize, a Mitsubishi Mirage ES - 2024 in the banner's colors, was won by the owners of M 360 Mechanic Alma, Jean-François and Gabriel Bolduc. The evening also provided an opportunity to honour the nominees and lucky winners in various categories, including:

**Vast-Auto Distribution Stores of the Year in Quebec (tie):**

- Perry Auto Laval – Perry Wener
- Distribution BAMB – Martin Boulet

**Vast-Auto Distribution Store of the Year in Ontario:**

- Robins Auto Parts – Kulvir Singh and Jagvarinder Singh Dhaliwal

**Vast-Auto Distribution Store of the Year in Atlantic**

- Atlantic Auto Parts Resource – Scott Langin

**Vast-Auto Distribution Repair Shop of the Year:**

- Pneus Varennes Inc. – Jean-Pierre Lavigne and Paul Péloquin



**Auto Mecano Shop of the Year:**

- Centre de Mécanique L.G.M. – Guy Villeneuve

**OCTO Auto Service Plus Shop of the Year:**

- Atelier Mécanique Stéphane Lemire – Stéphane Lemire

**M 360 Mechanic Shop of the Year:**

- M 360 Mechanic Mont-Laurier – Martin Gauthier

**Supplier of the Year:**

- FCS Automotive

**Manufacturing Representative of the Year in Quebec:**

- Dorman Products - Éric Normandin

**Manufacturing Representative of the Year in Ontario:**

- Troy Snider - Grant Brothers Sales

**Manufacturing Representative of the Year in Atlantic:**

- Valvoline - Kelly Thompson

We would like to extend a big thank you to all attendees. See you in 2025!

**Vast-Auto Distribution team**

**About Vast Auto Distribution**

Founded in 1986, Vast Auto Distribution is a privately held company headquartered in Montreal, Quebec, and is a leader in the distribution and marketing of automotive parts for vehicle repair. The company currently serves Eastern Canada through its eight distribution centres located in the provinces of Quebec, Ontario and Nova Scotia, functioning under the name Vast-Auto Distribution. Operating under the Parts City Auto Parts, Certified Auto Repair, Auto Mecano, M 360 Mechanic, Monsieur Transmission and OCTO Auto Service Plus banners, Vast Auto Distribution offers its customers a complete business solution including a wide range of quality parts, innovative marketing programs as well as training and business management systems.



## About O'Reilly Auto Parts

Since 1957, O'Reilly Auto Parts has grown from a one-stop shop, family-owned business to a leader in the automotive aftermarket industry. O'Reilly supplies parts, tools, equipment and accessories to professional service providers and do-it-yourself customers throughout the United States, Mexico, Puerto Rico and now Canada with the acquisition of Vast-Auto Distribution in January 2024. With more than 6,000 stores and continuing growth, the people of O'Reilly Professional Parts provide excellent customer service, knowledge and value to the communities they serve.

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