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Welcome to 2022! What a year we have just completed – supply chain challenges, pricing pressures, consolidation, and of course the back drop of COVID-19. We know one thing for sure, that we couldn't have the success we have had without our customers and employees. It is a pleasure to provide service to the car wash industry each and every day. Our staff strives to do a great job, and their hard work and dedication does not go unnoticed. We must say a big THANK YOU to both our customers and employees.



This was a transformative year at Kleen-Rite, as we implemented a new computer system in November along with various changes to our website. The new system was and is not without challenges, but we have successfully transitioned. We appreciate you working with us through the change and we will work hard to constantly improve your experience. Once again it was our customers and employees who stepped up to help this process.

We returned to the ICA show in November and it was great to see so many familiar faces after the 2020 break. Thanks to all of the folks who found the time to stop by the booth and say hello. At the ICA we launched our new KR Stock phone app. If you have not downloaded it yet, make it a priority for the new year. This innovative tool allows you to better track inventory and place orders for the items you need. We want to provide the resources that make your job easier and streamline your business. Got Rewards? Our program allows our valued customers to easily avoid shipping charges when coupled with our legacy Kleen-Scene and Show Special offers. We achieved much success with the program over the past 2 years, so don't miss out – sign up today and start to earn on each and every purchase.

We have many plans for the coming year but our biggest focus remains on the customer. We will continue to work on providing the best customer service and experience possible. Each and every day, we constantly work to do better than yesterday. We understand the importance of the service we provide and the opportunity that you give us. We thank you for that opportunity and for allowing us to be the reliable supplier to the car wash industry.

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# Introducing... KR STOCK

**By Drew Tyson** 

# At Kleen-Rite, we're not just a supply company, we're a solutions company.

Our customers tell us all the time that they would love to have a way to keep inventory organized between multiple sites. But, they point out, there's nothing that makes it convenient. They need to either develop and manage cumbersome spreadsheets and databases on small devices or stick to the old pencil and paper methods.

Kleen-Rite Vice President Keith Lutz has heard comments from car wash owners for years about how an inventory app would be useful – "We wanted to create a tool to make it easier for an operator to track their inventory and use the information to easily replenish their stock from the palm of their hand. This product will allow our customers to take the guess work out of their ordering process."

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# And so, KR Stock was born!



# MANAGEMENT AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

#### KR Stock – The App for Kleen-Rite Customers!

KR Stock allows you to keep track of the inventory levels of the Kleen-Rite products you need most. Any experienced car wash owner knows that keeping a flow of chemicals, parts, equipment, vending items, and other supplies is crucial to the success of a car wash. Your wash needs to perform when customer traffic is at peak volume, and that means maintaining inventory of the components you need.

This convenient new app puts inventory management at your fingertips and streamlines the ordering process. Operators and employees can easily keep track of the products they currently have in their inventory, see where the products are being stored, and order immediately from the app. Spend less time shopping, and more time managing your car wash!

The KR Stock app is robust, and incorporates a number of ideas from our customer base as well as our internal team members. Without an inventory management program, you may forget that you have a box or two sitting in storage at a different site. By having the inventory at your fingertips, instead of buying another box, you can make yourself a note to go pick up that vending product and move it to the location where it sells well.

Inventory in the KR Stock app has to be adjusted manually – your site managers will have to make adjustments as they go through stock. The good news is, with KR Stock, each site manager can have access to the app.

David Minich, developer at Tookstock explains: "The primary user of the app needs to sign in with the same email address they use on the website... From that point, the primary user can invite others to join the app, and give them the ability to sign in using their own email addresses. Once signed in, invited users will also be able to see inventory at their location and every other location the car wash has."

#### Inventory Management - At the Heart of the App

Managing a single car wash site can be difficult on its own. Add in multiple sites that may have different site managers over a widespread area, and you have the potential for overstocking, understocking, misplacing or misdirecting stock, and so much more.

KR Stock is the inventory solution, whether you have one wash or many. Says Lutz – "If the customer has one or multiple washes it will allow the customer to effectively and efficiently track their inventory and ensure that they have what they need when they need it."

One of the best things about having all the information in one spot is the ability to control inventory and move it if needed – and maybe even not require an order just yet! For instance, if you have multiple sites, you may have a vending product that sells well at one but not at another.



#### Making it Easier to Buy

With KR Stock, you have a direct path to purchase. There's no need to shift over to a laptop or desktop computer to place an order with the Kleen-Rite team. You don't even need to place a call! Simply order through the app by adding products to your cart.

"Once you set your min/max on the product you will be able to easily replenish your stock 24/7 in just a few easy steps which will save you time," points out Lutz.

The way you order will improve too. In each order, you can indicate how many of each product you're ordering for specific locations. The app will save you the time and effort of building out order sheets for each location, then adding up your needs. Simply allocate amounts for each location, and the app will add all of them up for the final order total to add to your cart.

KR Stock features all of the same shipping and check-out methods as you'll find on our web site. This includes the recent additions of Fed Ex and USPS options that help keep your costs down, while getting the products you need to your doorstep, on time! You'll be able to use the credit cards associated with your account through our website with the same ease as using the site or phoning your order in.

#### **Clean and Simple**

Information overload is real. That's why we've made sure that the KR Stock app is cut and dry.

While some apps try and blanket consumers with pop-up adds and other behavior drivers, we don't see this app as something we should use to push our latest soaps and towels onto the customer. Our focus is on making your job easier and saving you time!

Opening up the app, accessing inventories, prior orders, account information and more takes a matter of seconds. The clean interface allows information to move faster. Moving from one screen to the next is quick and intuitive.

#### Easy Reorders!

"I just want to order what I got last time."

Well, let's make that easier for you! KR Stock will let you pull up previous purchase orders – once you link your account to the app, it will load your account's recent purchase orders automatically. These purchase orders include the products you bought – all you have to do is click on that product, click "Add to Cart" in the next screen, and just like that, you can submit your reorder.

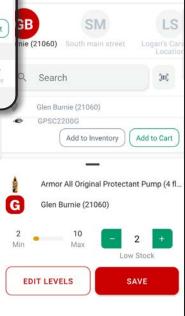
The best part about being able to see past orders and select products for reorder is not having to jump from product page to product page adding them to your cart. This is a time-saver, and should reduce headaches and aggravation on your end.

Download the KR Stock app today from the Apple Store or Google Play Store! Create your app account using your existing Kleen-Rite customer log-in information, and get started today!



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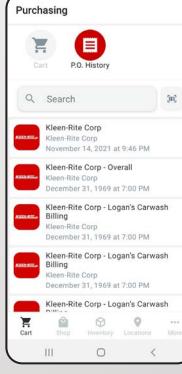
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# What's New at Cryptoppey

## **CRYPTOPAY CARD SERVICES**

In this article we will look at the CryptoPay Card Services. We will explore how the service works and benefits your car wash business.

## **CRYPTOPAY FLEET CARD – HOW IT WORKS**

The CryptoPay Fleet Card Service is a cloud-based tool that allows you to create new fleet accounts, assign cards, and view transactions by fleet account or fleet card. You can also create fleet invoices showing fleet transaction date, fleet card user, and total transaction charges. Fleet cards can be ordered with our standard design or customized for a small fee.

## **FLEET CARD – BENEFITS**

# The benefits of offering the fleet card service include:

Providing a fleet card service to customers that are interested in washing their fleet vehicles including; Police Departments, Utility Companies, Towing Companies, Oil and Gas Pipe ACCOUNT OPTIONS: Discount: 15% Payment Due: Net 30 ACCOUNT STATUS Fleet Enabled: Yes

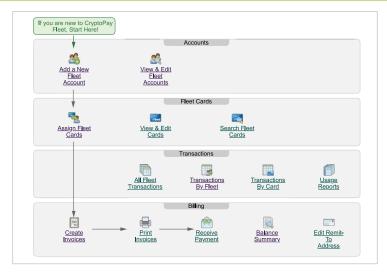
Line Companies, Colleges and Universities, Car Dealerships.

- Enabling your customers to establish a fleet account with your car wash and become regular wash customers.
- Building stronger relationships with your fleet customers.
- Fleet Online Account Management Tool helps your fleet customers control and itemize their expenses.
- Car Wash owners can choose to apply discounts to their fleet customers.

## **CRYPTOPAY ONE-TIME-USE CARD - HOW IT WORKS**

The CryptoPay One-Time-Use card allows owners to provide their customers with a disposable paper card that will work on any swiper at the car wash – one time. This works in conjunction with the CryptoPay swiper.

These are cost effective paper cards that are the size of a credit card. The owner's logo or image can be added to the front of the card. The back of the card is a magstripe that can be swiped at any CryptoPay swiper for a one-time use wash or vacuum.



#### **ONE-TIME USE CARD - BENEFITS**

One-time Use Cards are a great way to say thank you to your customers. Simply hand the customer the card and say, "this wash is on me and thanks for supporting my car wash." Rewarding a customer creates loyalty. Promotions, sponsorships, community service and fund raisers are additional ways to benefit your customers.

#### CRYPTOPAY/EVERWASH MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM - HOW IT WORKS

Self-serve and automatic car washes can quickly and easily launch revenue generating membership programs with no startup costs. EverWash and CryptoPay will leverage existing technologies at CryptoPay equipped locations to allow for turnkey membership solutions managed by EverWash mobile app users. EverWash, the industry's leading membership provider, and CryptoPay, a leader in unattended payments for self-service car wash locations, are working together to bring monthly programs with comprehensive member management and marketing services to unattended car washes across the country.

## CRYPTOPAY/EVERWASH MEMBERSHIP PROGRAM – BENEFITS

- Owners' benefits include steady recurring income not based on weather or poor wash days.
- Members like the convenience of a membership plan allowing them to drive in, swipe the QR code, and wash away.

## ATTENDANT CARD - HOW IT WORKS

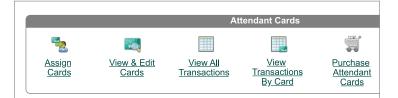
The CryptoPay Attendant Card is a useful tool for the car wash owner, laundry owner, and site attendant. Attendant cards can be used for washing down self-serve bays, testing and setup of the CryptoPay system, drop off wash and



fold laundry. Site owners or attendants swipe the attendant card at their CryptoPay Swiper, just like a credit card, to turn on the device (Bay, Vacuum, Washer, Dryer). The card usage is tracked by date, time, and device. Owners activate and assign the card by providing a first and last name. Cards can be activated or disabled as needed.

#### **ATTENDANT CARD – BENEFITS**

- Not having to give employees keys or coins to start the wash.
- Car wash owner can assign cards, view and edit cards, and view transactions.
- Additional cards can be purchase from the MyCryptoPay Portal.



## CRYPTOPAY ADDITIONAL SERVICES INCLUDE:

- Site Analytics
- GoGreen Receipt Service
- MyCryptoPay Portal (Mobile Friendly)
- Quantity Discounts apply to the following services: Site Analytics, GoGreen Receipts

Tap and Pay

## **CRYPTOTAP – NEW PRODUCT**

CryptoTap is a contactless reader that allows you to use contactless credit and debit cards. CryptoTap also works with mobile payment including Samsung Pay, Apple Pay, Google Pay, and others.

CryptoTap works with your existing CryptoPay System. A customer that already has a CryptoPay Coordinator and Swiper can add the

CryptoTap Wireless plug and play device to their existing system.

New customer will need to first buy the standard CryptoPay System, Coordinator and Swiper. CryptoTap Wireless Reader can be added to the standard order at time of order or later. CryptoTap provides a clean no touch interface. Customers, car wash owners, and attendants are not handling cash, quarters. CryptoTap is not dependent on cash, quarters, or tokens.

The CryptoTap reader is made to add to existing CryptoPay swipers. The CryptoTap reader connects

right to the CryptoPay network – a true 'plug and play' device.

#### **CLOSING COMMENTS**

In this article we explored the CryptoPay Card Services We looked at how the service works and the benefits to the carwash owner and the customer.

Thank you for all your support!

- Dave Richards - VP CryptoPay







#### **Great New Website Features at Kleen-Rite**

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With the successful implementation of our new NetSuite Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) system, you may have noticed additional features and functionality on our www.kleen-ritecorp.com website.

One of our favorite new features is the inclusion of graphics on products pages showing stock status and shipping times of many of the products on our website. We feel this is a great way to manage our customers' expectations by letting them know if there is low or no stock of a product.

You'll also see graphics indicating expected shipping times on certain products. No one likes back orders or longer-than-expected shipping times, but unfortunately with today's supply chain issues, it has become a fact of life across all industries.



By providing these indicators, we hope to help you to make better purchasing choices. If you have dire needs, you'll be able to see right away if a product can ship out tomorrow - or if it is two, four, even six weeks out. This allows our customers to make the timely decisions to fit their needs, and decide what their best options are. No more waiting to place the order to find out wait times!

The key feature you may have noticed is that there are many more options for shipping available at checkout when you make an order. USPS and FedEx will now be selectable for online shipping, and will offer customers a chance for reduced cost shipping. Small orders can now be shipped at extraordinarily low costs through options like USPS First Class and Priority Mail, as well as FedEx Ground, 2Day, and Standard Overnight.

Why pay Next Day pricing when you only have a small order that you don't need within the next day or two? With the USPS and FedEx options, you can save your money and your rewards points for bigger

and better discounts. Offering FedEx as a shipping option in addition to UPS means you can choose the delivery service that better serves your area. These new options allow us to continue to offer the lowest prices, while bringing you ways to keep your shipping costs almost as low as that fee for annual "unlimited" shipping. They also allow you to make the choice you want, which allows you to find the best time and cost fit instead of locking you into a single logistics company.



With our updated ERP behind the scenes, we have also upgraded our credit card creation and removal processes on the website. The new credit card creation system is more intuitive and will allow faster entry with fewer steps on the customer's end. There is also better visual representation for improved user experience and clarity.

Account management will now allow you to remove credit cards from your account, making it easier to remove cards issued to users no longer associated with the account, or swap in a new card if you've made a switch to a new credit card company. There's no longer a need to call in to our team during business hours to remove

a card from your account - you can do it right there on the site, whenever it comes to mind and is convenient to you!

These features are already in place on the site, and there's a good chance you have already seen or used a number of them. We intend on utilizing our new ERP to

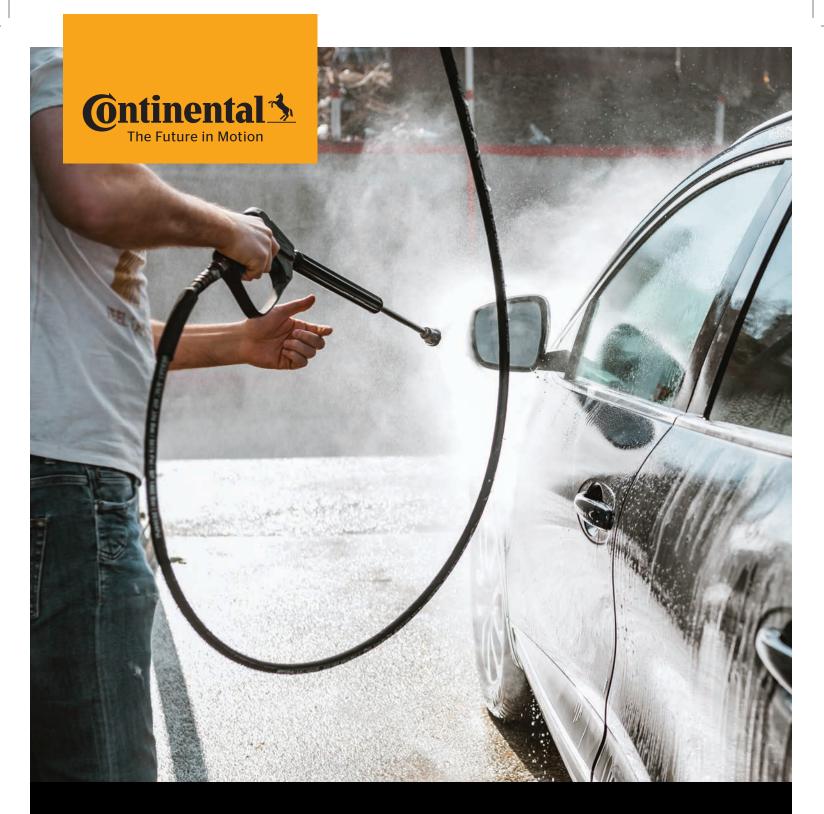


implement further improvements to the site over time. Our goal is, as always, to improve your experience and make ordering through the Kleen-Rite website more intuitive and easier! Keep your eyes out for our upcoming updates, and make sure you're connected to us on social media or on our e-mail list so you can be the first to know when they go live!



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# THE **DOCTORIOR'S REPORT** TOWELS BY DOCTOR JOE® HAS YOUR PRESCRIPTION FOR SUCCESS! DR. JOE GARTLAND: TOWELOLOGIST

# **Exterior Express Guys...** 2022 is the Year to be Different!

# "Insanity is doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results."

This is a quote attributed to Albert Einstein. The year 2022 is a great time to consider doing something new and energizing. We have been following Albert's citation for too long. Small positive changes in what we do at our businesses can yield substantial results.



Let's look at an example of modest change that could revolutionize your business. How would you like an additional 1,000 (+) "Unlimited Monthly Users?" It is possible.

Here is what I have in mind. Sometimes you must think creatively to transform a casual customer into a long-time devoted customer. Most readers of this article buy, sell, and / or use towels. What would happen if you printed a QR Code on your towel's label that brought your customer immediately to your website? To make things more exciting, what if they landed on your webpage that made an attractive invitation to join your "Unlimited Club?"

How does it work? Simply scan the towel label on this page with your phone's camera to see where you go! We can print a QR on all your towels' labels, and point your customers in the right direction – to your monthly membership program.

Obviously, you need to start with a towel to get a towel label. That is something the good doctor can help you with today. It is a simple

painless process. Doctor Joe can print your logo, name, and /or your unique message on a high-quality microfiber towel. The messaging can also make the pitch for your "Unlimited Monthly Plan" as well. Moreover, the towel's label can list an invitation to scan the QR Code to find out about "your money saving offer."

If it seems like printed towels could be a good fit for your Car Wash, what do you do next? Call the Doctor.

What if you could print a QR code on your towel tags to bring them to your car wash web page?



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Let me know what you would like to do with the towel. We can help you with a design that promotes your business and makes it unique. Call 1-800-233-3873 x236 or send an email to the good doctor at drjoe@ kleenrite.com. We will provide a quote and make up a sample for you in Photoshop. You will see exactly how your towel will look before you decide. The cost is very reasonable. There is a minimum order of one (1) pallet on most sizes. A FREE sample of a printed towel is also waiting for your request.

More about your printed towels-- We use a process called "inkjet sublimation to dye your text and images on a special dual-surface microfiber towel. The printed side of the towel is as soft as the towel itself. When you close your eyes and feel the towel...you cannot tell where it's printed! continued on page 18

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You have many choices on how to do this. We can provide: 12x12, 16x16, 16x24, and 16x27 microfiber towels in 300 GSM and 400 GSM. We print black on your towel's surface and can get creative with the towel's label. These can be printed in colors, complete with a QR Code. The most popular towel color is Royal Blue, but all colors are available.

Express Washes use different business models to integrate towel use into their operations. However, one thing is for sure, most customers expect to have towels available for their use in some form. Here are some of the ways our customers promote their unique brand with towels in their businesses --

One way is to give printed towels to your customers for FREE in some type of promotion. You can also make a towel offer part of each "Top Wash Package." Special printed towels are also frequently used as giveaways when a new store is opened or during the holidays.

How about selling towels to your customers? Sell them to customers for \$1.00/ EA or three for \$2.00. What is wrong with getting your customer to pay you for advertising? Ralph Lauren<sup>®</sup> and Tommy Hilfiger<sup>®</sup> have been successfully selling their high-quality products with



their names on the merchandise for years.

spa, but only for their car. At the end of the tunnel your customer drives through a litter-free parking lot with modern vacuums.

The vacuums suck (as they should) and so do the towels. Good customer impressions are made until the end. Adhering to Einstein's quote from above "...doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results," has become the modes operandi. The "rags" go in the trash, in the trunk and because they suck, into the vacuum (no pun intended).



The answer is obvious. Travel in a different direction. Instead of making endless purchases of "rags", consider using towels with your brand recognition. Placing your name and messaging on towels sharply reduces theft. Hotels, Hospitals, Nursing Homes, School Athletic Programs, and Gyms have been doing this successfully for about 100 years. Charley Cannon of Cannon Mills started weaving Hotel Names into towels the 1920's. The purpose was for branding and theft reduction. The practice continues to this day with Doctor Joe and Kleen-Rite.

Here is your bottom line – the QR Code promotes your unlimited programs. Your printed logo, company name, and messaging provide

# Instead of making endless purchases of "rags", consider using towels with your brand recognition.

Another option would be to start a Towel Replacement Program. Sell your beautiful, branded towels for \$2.00 or \$3.00 EA. Each time your customer brings back the exclusive soiled towel; you give them a clean one. Don't you think your customer would be curious about the QR Code? Nearly everyone has a mobile phone with a camera these days.



What if you are an Express Exterior Wash that provides microfiber towels for your customer's use, while on premises? You think your biggest problem is towel theft. An obvious solution is an endless race to the bottom, looking for the cheapest possible towel. Proof of this is the existence of a friendly towel competitor who refers to his unhemmed towels as "rags."

Just think of what you are doing here. Your customers go through an automated kiosk, into a spotless tunnel, complete with state-of-the-art equipment. Customers are then treated to a light show with endless pampering and colorful foams and wax treatments. It is like going to a

brand recognition. The property marks significantly reduce towel theft, especially if used in conjunction with signage. And most importantly, your customer's experience is improved. What's not to like here?

Your only downside is an upside. If theft modestly continues, your branding and advertising will move out into the neighborhood. What are you paying for a single advertising impression now? These towels will only last 2,000 years in a landfill with your name on them. It is like putting up a billboard that will last for a millennium!

# Are there other towel branding options?

Yes. If you would like to stay with black towels, Kleen-Rite can sew-in custom towel labels for FREE. There is a low minimum order of one pallet, with FREE SHIPPING anywhere in the lower 48. You read that correctly – you buy the towels, your get name on your towels' labels for FREE.

Your towels' labels are printed in the colors of your selection, on Tyvek that will not scratch clearcoat or paint. We will list your QR Code, logo, and a short message on your very own exclusive label. The artwork and setup charges are likewise FREE. This can be done for you in all towel sizes, colors, and styles.

You are not ready to make a change in 2022? No problem. The good doctor would love to help you with your regular Express Wash Towels. We offer a best-selling line of bulk packed, 300-count towels, 16x16, 300 GSM-- DJMF4500-BK Black, DJMF4500-Y Big Box Store Yellow, DJMF4500-BL Sky Blue, DJMF4500-R Red, DJMF4500-DO Orange, and DJMF4500-RBL Royal Blue.



Also available are the softer European Circular Knit Black Towels. It is what is used in the UK and the European Union – DJMF4200-BK Black 16x16 and DJMF4000-BK 12x12. These are nice.



How about going cheap? Doctor Joe offers most black microfiber in money saving machine compressed bales. We pay less so you pay less. For example, DJMF8300-BKB Black 16x16, in bales, with sewn edges (these are not rags) are only .36/EA.



There are also money-saving Pop-Up 12x12 Black Microfiber Towels in dispenser boxes (DJMF1150-BK) @.26/EA.



With four distribution centers around our great country, with thousands of cases, and bales of towels in inventory, and a powerful program of towel branding with printing and the use of QR Codes...we are going to lift you out of the tunnel into history.

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My name is Ray Kitch, I am a sales associate of seven years at Kleen Rite. I was born and raised in Columbia, PA and currently reside in Marietta, PA with my wife of 15 years.

My wife and I enjoy activities that include biking our local trails, kayaking, working out and going to concerts. We also enjoy the many good restaurants in the area and taking trips.

I have worked in sales for most of my life and Kleen-Rite Corp. has offered me opportunities as well as new challenges.

> We appreciate Ray's hard work and great attitude towards coworkers. He is an important part of the Kleen-Rite Team!



Ray Kitch

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By Drew Tyson

Getting your car wash out there is a big part of getting traffic into it. You need visibility, you need people to want to come to your wash for one reason or another. Simply existing isn't going to get tickets sold.

Think of the industry leaders from Mister, to Camel Express, to Quick Quack and more. You can envision their logos in your head, you know the service and presentation you'll get when you drive onto their property. It's predictability, consistency, and following through on promises that they have made. It keeps customers coming back time and time again. That's branding and marketing – and that's what helps create success!

## **BRANDING IS KEY**

Your brand is a unique identifier that takes you from "that car wash on that street" to a name on the tip of peoples' tongues, a recognizable and trusted entity. No brand, or a lackluster one, will lead your car wash into anonymity, or even alienate potential customers. To develop your brand, consider the following:



**TARGET AUDIENCE:** Look at who you are hoping to pull in – the demographics of age, gender, income, and location. Develop an idea of their likes and habits. This will be the foundation for everything else. Failing to evaluate and recognize your target audience can prevent any marketing efforts from being effective – it's important to get this right!

**CREATE A BRAND PROMISE:** Once you know your audience, you can make a promise about what your car wash will provide. Is your audience lower income? Then maybe your promise needs to be the lowest price around. Hurried moms and

professionals? Perhaps it's about being a time saver. Has there been a push in your area for green business that is being supported by your audience? It could even be a focus on environmental impact.

**DEFINE BRAND VALUES:** These values need to solidify your promise. They will define what is important to your brands, and will help you attract customers and employees who can align with them. Perhaps its rewarding loyalty to keep prices low through rewards programs. Maybe it's exploring innovation that can provide a better wash in a shorter time for those moms and professionals. Perhaps its environmental efforts and new green technology to reach those eco-minded customers. Your values need to work in tandem with your brand promise.

**DEVELOP A VISUAL IDENTITY:** This is what many folks think of when they think of "branding". The car wash industry is a very specific niche. It can be difficult to develop a unique brand that stands out. You'll combine a logo, colors, fonts, imagery, and illustrations for a strong, consistent identity, one that conveys YOUR particular offerings, that conveys the services and "feel" that sets your brand apart. Make sure this identity is followed across all your branding and marketing – we can't stress how much consistency matters!

**CREATE YOUR BRAND VOICE:** How are you going to approach your customers? Are you friendly and neighborly? Lively and a little edgy? Practical, reliable, a bit staid? Down-to-business, serious, authoritative? These can all fit with your promise and values, and endear you to your audience. A young target audience may appreciate the fresh, lively voice and personality, but could be put off by an authoritative approach. Meanwhile, an older demographic – think Florida retirees – are probably going to appreciate a practical and reliable tone and be turned away by you using slang and emojis. Figure out the best voice to use with your audience, and make sure to keep it consistent through the brand, the physical property, and even face-to-face customer interaction.

**TELL YOUR BRAND STORY:** Don't just be A Car Wash. Just wanting to make money as a car wash is not going to help you build and grow a brand. Who are you? Why do you want to wash their cars? How much do you know about the services and products you offer? What inspires you to show up every day? Let's be blunt – you making a living is not

what the customer cares about. That will not get them into your bays. Being more knowledgeable, more approachable, more personable, easier to identify with, having a connection with your audience... that will.

All of these considerations make up your overall brand strategy. This strategy will guide your marketing and decision-making. All of your efforts should keep this strategy in mind, and should always be building on these points – targeting that audience, backing up the promise and values, adhering to the identity and voice.

## **MARKETING PLANNING**

Going into your marketing without a plan is a surefire way for hits and misses, wandering into dead ends, and wasteful spending.

**CREATE MARKETING OBJECTIVES:** What are your goals from your marketing plan? These will be different for each business, and they will change over the life of a business. It can be anything from launching the company, to customer retention, to sales and profit increase, to optimizing return on investment (ROI), to increasing brand awareness, or increasing market share. The important thing to remember is, without objectives, you can't track and evaluate what you do.

**DEVELOP A MARKETING BUDGET:** You're going to have to spend money to make money. Sure, there are some free options out there, but they have limited reach. Determine how much you're willing to spend – and how much time you're willing to spend – on your marketing efforts.

**DETERMINE AUDIT POINTS:** Proper evaluation of your marketing efforts lets you know what is working and what is not. Set specific time periods and benchmarks for your efforts, and audit them honestly. This will help you figure out if you need do adjust your methods and directions if they are not succeeding. Conversely, it will also let you know if you have met goals, and can focus on new, bigger goals.

**DEVELOP POTENTIAL ADJUSTMENTS:** Even between those audit times, you can be working on your next move. Keep an eye on trends and evaluate how you can hop on them, or if they won't be effective for your business. The worst thing that can happen is you hitting your audits and meeting – or failing to meet – your objectives without a plan of where to go next.

Having a marketing plan, something that looks beyond the immediate future, is a core factor in the success of your efforts over an extended period.



# **BRAND EVOLUTION OR REBRANDING?**

One of the most important parts of building a brand and developing a marketing plan is preparing for your business's evolution. When it comes to that, there are two options – rebranding, or brand evolution.

For car washes, evolution is generally the best option. Rebranding is a massive change in direction that occurs all at once. Evolution is gradual growth and development, and it helps to meet your customers where they are. It demonstrates you are actively listening to your audience and adjusting along the way. Rebranding is a massive shift – evolution is gradual nudges in the right direction. It makes it easier to maintain the brand you started with and the vision you had, while growing to work with and attract more customers.

#### **ONLINE MARKETING VS. OLD SCHOOL**

In the modern world, you need to have some extent of online marketing in your marketing mix. It's impossible to ignore the influence that everything from Google, to social media, to online reviews can do for your business. Setting up your Google MyBusiness account, creating social media via Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and TikTok, and monitoring and responding to reviews are all free, and just require setting aside the time.

Go a step further and develop a web page that provides a permanent touchstone for potential customers, and allows you to express yourself and your brand much more thoroughly. They are relatively inexpensive to make these days, and there are plenty of resources out there – and services that can help you out if you don't want to put a heavy time investment in! We suggest taking a look at our article "Managing Your Car Wash's Online Presence" from Issue 37, also available on our Kleen-Rite Blog, for an in-depth look at online marketing!

Of course, nothing can beat the tried-and-true methods that target your community. These old-school marketing methods still tend to be the easiest to utilize and provide predictable returns for your efforts.

**SOCIAL IMPACT MARKETING:** Hiring from ignored communities, including those with disabilities – see our accompanying article later in this issue. Holding wash days that benefit local organizations and charities. Donating or working with groups both religious and secular to make a local community impact. Social impact marketing achieves something, builds goodwill, and gets your name out there! It's perhaps the best opportunity for low-cost marketing for your business.

**LOCAL ADVERTISING:** As a local business, the majority of your marketing budget should be spent at the local level. This can include billboards, adverts in local papers, flyers, even local radio or TV ads.

**SPONSORSHIP:** There are tons of organizations in our local communities looking for help, from local sports leagues, to high school bands, to churches and charities. Sponsoring these organizations is giving back to the community, while also providing visibility to your wash.

Branding your car wash, adhering to that branding, and marketing your car wash is the key to your growth and success. From opening day on, this will be how you grow and improve your car wash's presence. There's no one-size-fits-all method – every car wash is different. But you can't ignore it – so get to work creating or evolving your branding and marketing today, to see growth now and into the future!

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#### Spring is a great time to start offering detailing services at your car wash! When the days grow longer and the warm temps roll back around, business at car washes starts to bustle, since everyone gets into that "spring cleaning" kind of mood. If you already offer detailing services, spring is the ideal time to amp up your marketing and promotions for these premium offerings, too!

In today's turbulent financial climate, customers are hanging on to their cars for longer. That means they're maintaining and detailing them more frequently, putting more time and money into their investments to keep them clean, safe and comfortable. This provides a great opportunity for your business, and the Kleen-Shine line is a fantastic option for quality auto detailing results.

The Kleen-Shine line boasts a list of more than 20 brilliant items that are excellent for both car washes and professional detailing establishments alike. Here are my suggestions to get you started:



Feel free to contact me with any questions: Jay Cogley at JCOGLEY@KLEENRITE.COM





Kleen N Quick (KS1086) is a go-to all-purpose cleaner that sweeps away dirt and grease. It's a water-based, non-butyl formula with a diverse resume of interior and exterior uses including carpet and upholstery.

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Interior Dressing (KS1096) is an auto interior cleaner that provides a nice satin shine and a pleasant fragrance to vinyl and leather surfaces. It'll freshen up the look and smell of the interior over all.



Tire Dressing (KS1099) or

Tire & Trim Water Based Dressing (KS1107) are both great for tires, bumpers, and other black/matte exterior surfaces. Solvent, silicone-based formulas are easy to apply and leave behind a water-resistant, high-gloss sheen.



One-Step High Shine Polish (KS1654) this industrystandard formula addresses minor scratches and blemishes and provides a durable finish. It can be applied or taken off with an orbital polisher.

Those should give you a good start in your new endeavors. Perhaps you add more products in the future as you expand the detailing services you offer, and get a better understanding of what additional chemicals might work for your customers.



# **NEW STAFF MEMBER: Meet Kleen-Rite's New** Las Vegas **Distribution Center Manager**

# Let's welcome Bryan Frieden to the Kleen-Rite family!

With a career of experience in supply chain operations, including over two decades with FedEx Freight and a stint with DHL, Bryan brings a high level of expertise to his new role as our Las Vegas warehouse manager.

When he's not making sure the Vegas distribution center is operating at peak proficiency, this family man is enjoying the great outdoors! From camping, to hiking, to golfing, he and his wife and three kids - along with their

pup - make the most of everything Nevada has to offer. A transplant to Las Vegas from Denver, Bryan still cheers on the Broncos, but has taken up the black and gold of the Vegas Golden Knights when the action is on the ice.

We're happy to have Bryan as a team member at Kleen-Rite - make sure to say hey if you need to stop by the Las Vegas warehouse for a pick-up!

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# VENDOR SPOTLIGHT

**Highlighting The Companies That Supply Our Products** 



## JDJ Solutions By Job T. Leach

By Job 1. Leach

JDJ Solutions serves as the current exclusive North American distributor of Jobe Valves. The relationship goes beyond just a business arrangement, and functions more as an integrated partnership with each side equally important to the other. JDJ Solutions has an interesting background that stretches from New Zealand to upstate New York by way of the agriculture industry.

# **JDJ Solutions History**

Started in 1995 in Homer, NY by New Zealand transplants, JDJ Solutions is a wholesale distribution and packaging facility. Originally known as FIL Agritech, their early beginnings primarily focused on farm chemicals, dairy components, and other agricultural products.

You may be asking "How did folks from New Zealand find themselves in upstate New York?" There's an interesting answer to that question.

In Ithaca, NY – less than an hour from Homer – there is a large bovine semen collection center, so the region is important to many dairy farmers. One of the supplies that dairy farmers frequently use in breeding is something called "tail paint," a marking material used in a method to determine when a cow is in heat. New Zealand happens to be where a popular water-based tail paint type was developed. Distributing that tail paint and other agriculture supplies was a natural fit for upstate New York, so FIL Agritech/JDJ and its New Zealand founders decided to make Homer the home of their new headquarters.

Jobe Valves are frequently used in farming applications, so they were one of the products being distributed by JDJ in their early years. Initially, they were only distributing Jobe products locally and regionally. Eventually, JDJ recognized that they had an opportunity to expand valve sales into other markets beyond agriculture. Around the same time, Jobe was looking for an exclusive North American distributor. In 2012, FIL Agritech became JDJ Solutions and officially partnered up with Jobe Valves to take distribution to the next level. With a lot of help from that partnership, Jobe Valves has become arguably the most respected name in specialty float valves for car washes, agriculture, cooling towers, and other light industrial applications. They are focused on designing and manufacturing the best float valves on the market, and this has been aided by JDJ's efforts to supply a variety of industries that use float valves. For example, JDJ Managing Director Timothy Duff notes that "the feedback from Kleen-Rite car wash customers was invaluable in developing hot water float valves, which became the Topaz line of valves. Listening to them helped us make a good product even better."

# **Relationship Between JDJ and Kleen-Rite**

By chance, Duff met Kleen-Rite's COO Jeff Detz at the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Although JDJ was at the show for farming, they were open to alternate opportunities beyond agriculture. The two discussed how Jobe Valves could be of great use in the car wash world where the harsh environment requires well-built, durable equipment with unusual specifications. They exchanged information, Duff sent Kleen-Rite some samples that they tested at car washes, and the relationship was formed.



Duff noted that he feels most comfortable working with organizations like Kleen-Rite that have deep knowledge of a particular industry, rather than a huge retailer that sells to the general public.

"We steer clear of the big box stores. Those places often don't have any idea what they're buying or how they work. They're interested if they can buy it for a dollar and sell it for five, but it's only a numbers decision to them. We like dealing with Kleen-Rite because they have the knowledge and understanding of what makes Jobe Valves different than others," said Duff.

#### **JDJ Solutions Today**

JDJ still sells some other specialty agricultural products, but Jobe Valves accounts for the large majority of their business now. Aside from designing and building incredible float valves alongside Jobe, JDJ has also committed to packaging those valves in a smart, attractive, and functional manner. While they used to ship in a bag with an info sheet stapled to it, they now come in high-quality boxes with specifications, clean branding, and instructions in multiple languages.

JDJ puts in the extra effort to make sure their customers virtually never. feel the effects of supply chain issues. Even during the pandemic and the resulting damage to the global supply chain, JDJ and Jobe has pushed hard and adapted to ensure they continue their renowned customer service. At times, they will pay extra for the speed and convenience of

air freight just so nothing changes for their customers. They recently expanded their warehouse to hold more stock. In conjunction with their packaging initiatives, they developed a strategy of stocking different components and assembling some valves as they are needed. By streamlining, planning ahead, and sometimes sacrificing a little short-term money, JDJ maintains excellent shipping standards even during tenuous times. Kleen-Rite is grateful to have fostered such an important alliance with JDJ Solutions and Jobe Valves, and we can attest not only to the quality of their float valves, but the service that they provide to back up those products.

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# Online Customer Account ASSISTANCE

by Ron Wybraniec

Signing up for a customer web account is one the best things you can do with Kleen-Rite, but sometimes account issues arise. If you've ever encountered a problem, you're not alone. Read on to learn how to deal with some common hitches you may run into.

# Issue 1: Log In Lock Outs

When logging in and out of your account, especially if you have more then one person who can log in, passwords can be mis-keyed, forgotten or lost. When logging into your Kleen-Rite account, you have 5 chances to enter the correct password, after which you'll be locked out of the account for your safety. Unfortunately, once this occurs you will need to call in and have one of our customer service team members unlock your account. However, if you have not reached the 5-attempt limit, there is the handy dandy "reset your password" button (pictured below) on the page. Clicking this will issue you a temporary password so you can login and reset with a new password. Remember, passwords must be 8 characters long, and contain an uppercase letter, a number and a symbol or special character (#% @!\$)

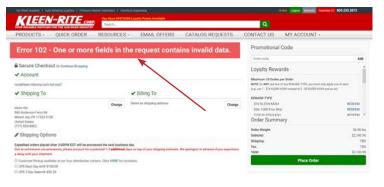


# **Issue 2: Trouble Checking Out**

If you run into a problem when you try to check out, your first step should be to make sure all of these sections are complete:

- You're logged in
- Shipping and Billing addresses are entered correctly
- Shipping preference/option is chosen
- Payment option or method entered

Sometimes, you might get an error message on the top of the page as you are trying to check out. Most of these can be fixed without having to call in. You may receive an error message for not entering in all required info in your shipping address, not putting in the correct credit card info into the payment field, or not choosing a shipping method.



# **Issue 3. Loyalty Points Do Not Apply**

When your loyalty points do not apply to your order, no need to fret. This is very simply fixed by navigating to your loyalty dashboard, copying the code and re-entering the code in the promo box. If that doesn't work, you can enter the code into the order notes.

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Many of the issues you might encounter have quick and easy fixes, but if you are still having issues you can call into 800-233-3873 and speak to any Kleen-Rite customer service representative, or to our IT department. We'll be happy to assist you and get your order set to process.

# My First 2021 ICA Experience



The ICA 2021 Car Wash Show was my first opportunity to attend the show, and it was a great experience. I'm still relatively new to the car wash world (I've only been at Kleen-Rite for four years), plus the show had to be cancelled for 2020, so this was the first chance I had to get to the biggest show in the car wash industry.

One cool thing is that, unlike the unfortunate circumstances of other industries, car washes have thrived despite the pandemic and recent economic strains. That means owners and operators are enthusiastic about seeing new products and getting fresh ideas for their businesses. Consequently, that has car wash designers, distributors, and builders equally excited to work with those car washes to maintain momentum.



Since Kleen-Rite focuses on medium-sized equipment like pumps and motors, smaller replacement parts, and supplies like hoses and brushes, I don't have as much experience seeing brand-new complete car wash systems. It was awesome to see the incredible full-size setups of those manufacturers in action. When every component is squeaky clean, the brushes haven't yet washed thousands of dirty cars, and all painted surfaces have a virtually untouched fresh coat of paint, you can truly see how intricate and impressive the systems are.



I spent a vast majority of my time handing out catalogs and show flyers to attendees browsing the Kleen-Rite booth. I had a lot of pleasant conversations with people about how certain products work, what's new, and showing off our new inventory app called KR Stock. My favorite experience with a customer was helping a gentleman choose a bunch of Little Trees to fill a Car Freshner display he was getting from Kleen-Rite. I'm usually behind a desk writing and creating marketing materials, so the face-to-face time is a bit outside of my wheelhouse, but it gave me some great insight into our customer base.

On the last day of the show, I was able to leave the Kleen-Rite booth to walk the entire floor and see what was out there. I made notes of products that I thought Kleen-Rite should consider distributing and gathered some product literature for items we already carry to make sure we have the most current specifications and details. Both on and off the show floor, I was able to spend time with folks from a few of Kleen-Rite's longtime vendors like Universal Brush, Hamel, Laurel Metal, and others.

The ICA show was a success, drawing about 7,400 total attendees with a representation of about 68% buyers. They are greatly anticipating the show in spring 2022. It will take place May 9-11, 2022 in Nashville, Tennessee at the Music City Center. Hopefully you can make it and experience the excellent environment being created in the car wash industry!

# **EAR WASH SHOW**

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# CONNECTING WITH AN UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY

How Car Washes and the Autistic Community Shine Together

#### By Drew Tyson

The car wash industry is an amazingly diverse industry, offering opportunities for so many across the country. It's an industry that provides chances to get a foothold on long-term careers and opportunities to workers that might otherwise be marginalized or have difficulty finding work.

Teens and adults with disabilities are always looking for ways to be part of the world around them. They want to contribute and demonstrate value in being part of the community. Could the car wash industry be the niche that is the right fit for autistic and other special needs individuals?

#### **BUILDING A WORKFORCE**

It's said that "A rising tide lifts all boats" and Rising Tide Car Wash is certainly doing that.

# Autistic and otherwise disabled persons are chronically underemployed

The D'Eri family opened the first Rising Tide location in Parkland, Florida in 2012 to provide their son Andrew, who has autism, the opportunity to work in a career. Autistic and otherwise disabled persons

are chronically underemployed – the Bureau of Labor Statistics reports unemployment rates for persons with a disability at 12.6% in 2020, over 5% higher than those without disabilities. Among those with disabilities, Drexel University reports that adults on the autistic spectrum have the lowest rate of employment compared to their peers with other disability types, with only 58% reporting as having worked after high school.

For the D'Eris, combatting this issue was something they could tackle head-on. Purchasing a car wash that was severely underperforming, they put together a comprehensive program



that harnesses unique traits of individuals with autism. Implementing structure, visual systems, checklists, and if/then scenarios, the D'Eris were able to develop a unique 46-step process that individuals with autism can navigate. The repetitive structure, and employees working in tandem with each other, is a system autistic individuals understand, and even thrive in.

Now, Rising Tide is recognized as one of the largest employers of autistic teenagers and adults in the country and continues to grow. They are scheduled to open a third location in Coral Springs, in late 2021 or early 2022. This is an ambitious project as well – in an interview with the local Sun Sentinel, founder John D'Eri stated that he hopes the new location will be 100% staffed by employees on the spectrum, making it the first of its kind.

#### **BUILDING A BUSINESS**

While Rising Tide has been building their business over the course of nearly a decade, others are realizing the potential of the industry to provide opportunities for children and adults with disabilities.

Luci's Carwash and Drive-Thru Convenience Store in Converse, Indiana was opened by Ryan and Beth Frank in late 2019. They wanted to provide their teenage daughter Luci - who has autism – and other children and adults with special needs the opportunity to work and connect with the community. Sarah Cox, the public relations manager for Luci's, says the motivation behind looking into the car wash business partially was driven by Luci. "Luci herself has always had an interest in water, so that's where the idea of the car wash came in... this would be a place where she would be motivated to spend time at."

The Franks bought a rundown former car wash and renovated it to make it their own. Converting one of the larger bays to a convenience store, they sell snacks, gourmet sodas, fresh-baked goods, and even a small menu of food to go. They retained another bay for an in-bay automatic, while two other bays operate as self-serve bays.

Now, almost two years later, Luci's is a shining beacon in the Converse community.

Sarah says that part of the goal of Luci's is to provide vocational experience for the local special needs community. "One hundred percent. Obviously, it's going to vary person to person as to what task they may be able to do, but the goal is to make it a safe place." The Franks are hands-on owners, and through connecting with the local special needs program at Luci's school, the management and supervision has developed strategies and processes to work with these unique individuals and their needs.

"Not only does Luci have a place there where she can engage with customers and be a part of it, but it's also a place where other special needs individuals can find employment too," says Sarah. By having a mixed staff of special needs individuals, high school students, and adult supervision, the special needs team members are engaged and active and receive direction.

At the same time, it is a great tool for driving engagement between the community of Converse and the special needs community. Even in the modern world, many are not aware of what special needs individuals can bring to the table, leading them to be underestimated and underemployed. "Having a car wash there is a way to share all that the special needs community can do," Sarah points out. "It inspires a lot of other parents too... even though my child may not have the same path that I did, there's still space for everyone."

In the end, it's great for everyone. Many workers with disabilities, including autism, simply want to contribute. Sarah agrees, having seen it over the years - "What can they do that they could enjoy, and make money... being at the Autism Center, I realized how many people are so excited about making money. To get paid and have that recognition and fulfillment."

Luci's continues to make that desire a reality for the disabled and autistic community, and hopes their story encourages other car washes and industries to think outside the box and consider working with their local charities and agencies. The bottom line, as Sarah and the Luci's team sees it, "Some of the hardest, best workers are sometimes those that do have some of those limitations, because they're very committed, very meaningful. They're very excited and thankful to be a part of something. There's a lot of hard workers out there that can benefit your business."

#### **BRINGING THE CAR WASH HOME**

For Clint Baker and his Reviews by Vince channel on YouTube, car washes aren't necessarily for employment, but rather, enjoyment. His son, Vince, lives with autism, and has had a thing for car washes since he was young. Baker started recording car wash trips to show to Vince, saving them on USB for viewing. However, as he saw his son continue to go to YouTube, he figured why not start up a channel there?



Five years and over 3 million views later, the channels hits thousands of views with every new video posted. Baker mentions that the majority of them come from those on the spectrum, and they reach out to him and talk about it. The channel has grown a serious following, and not just amongst the children and adults who find it soothing. Car wash owners themselves have reached out to Clint, reacting to his feedback!

For many people who have family members with autism, or who work with those on the spectrum, this is likely unsurprising.

Many car washes are starting to recognize the potential in hiring adults with disabilities, including autism The effect of repetitive sounds – like the rhythmic sounds of whirling brushes in an IBA, or the spraying of water in a tunnel or touchless wash – and the visuals of water have been noted for years. A channel like Clint's makes these visuals and audio easily accessible, from the

safe and controlled environment of the home. Look out for Clint visiting your wash – or reach out to him directly, as some owners have already done across Canada and the upper United States!

Many car washes are starting to recognize the potential in hiring adults with disabilities, including autism. As an industry, we have a number of tasks and jobs that can be structured so that these individuals can contribute and be a part of the workforce. Consider reaching out to see how you can serve the disabled community and help individuals with disabilities get ahead. There's a pretty good chance you will find yourself a committed, appreciative worker to help your business succeed!

# **STEPPING UP AS AN INDUSTRY**

Recognizing what the car wash industry can do for special needs children and adults, including those with autism, can help the industry be a community contributor. This can take you and your business from being just another car wash, to being an integral part of your community. Consider the following actions you can take:

- Reach out to your state Office of Vocational Rehabilitation
- Look over the Department of Labor's Office of Disability Employment for resources, at https://www.dol.gov/agencies/odep
- Reach out to your local school district
- Check out Autism Speaks Workplace Inclusion Now program, which features resources, training, a job-sourcing platform and more to help job seekers with autism connect with employers and communities
- Host an event at your car wash to fundraise for children with disabilities
- Host a special needs class or adult special needs group at your car wash



The purpose of this section of the Kleen-Scene is to share the answers provided to frequently asked questions by our customers.

# Is it time to raise prices at your wash?

#### Rising costs are spurring increases nationwide

While each car wash operator's circumstances and demographic may

vary, the short answer is YES! Raise your price points, and also possibly look at eliminating your lower cost packages to keep your profit margins sound in today's financial climate.

Between the boom in new car washes opening nationwide, disruption of supply chains, and employment woes, it may not seem prudent to increase the prices of services to preserve and/ or increase your profits right now, but inflation can be a make-or-break issue for small businesses. Over the past year in particular, you may have seen increases in taxes, cost of water, and labor costs just to name a few, each of which eats away at your bottom line. If you haven't revisited your pricing structure already, now is the time to minimize the damage and keep your profit flowing.



Remember, you're not sacrificing quality in this scenario. The key to successfully raising prices is to simply raise the perceived value of what they're paying for. A reasonable price increase, coupled with the

> elimination of your most basic package leaves you with options that still provide great results for customers. Your new lowest tier now has more appeal, more bang for their buck, particularly for new customers rolling into your bays. Make the value of each offering obvious with bold and clear signage and advertising.

Competition is stiff, and your competitors are strategizing the same way you are. The logical way to defray the increase in overhead is to balance the burden using the services you provide, and quite honestly, your patrons likely won't question why you need to. Convenience, speed and quality will keep them rolling through, and you'll thank yourself for boosting the value of your enterprise. ■

Your first step is to do a little research. Take a deep look at your costs overall, and consider your target market and your current menu/service prices to analyze your margins. Make sure to know your most/least profitable items, what drives your customers, and learn where you stand versus your key competitors. The pinch of rising prices affects us all in some way. You may be struggling with the decision of bumping up your package prices, but... you're running a business. You need to know your worth, and the worth of the packages you offer. A nudge in prices may mean your die-hard basic customers shy away, but it will likely also mean you begin to attract new customers that are prone to spend on elevated services.

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Working with the design professionals at Vosburgh Architects of Lancaster, we designed a layout for the building to accommodate our everyday business needs. By bringing everyone into one facility, it makes it easier for us to exchange knowledge and work together, and helps us to grow as a team and family. Converting an older building that was meant to be a warehouse into fully-functioning, modern offices was certainly a tall order, but Vosburgh was up for the challenge.

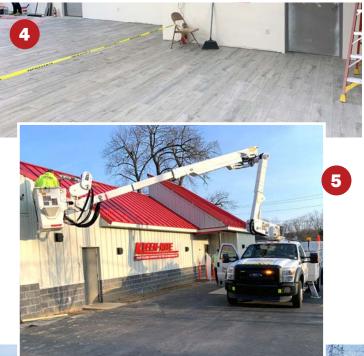


# **KLEEN** RENOVATION

With the design in place, we turned to the team at Scenic Ridge for our contracting needs. Despite the difficulties that cold-weather construction can pose, they soldiered through the winter inside and out. This included reinvigorating the look of the building, adding new signage, and grading the lot outside while continuing all the indoor construction. By early spring, the new facilities were in full use as our members consolidated from the other offices!

The new office incorporates plenty of modern features to make day-to-day life easier and more efficient. Programmable thermostats and motion-detecting lighting help us reduce building operating cost, as well as reduce our environmental impact. Large windows allow for plenty of natural light. The new offices have also given our employees larger work spaces.

Next time you're in the area picking up an order at the Mount Joy warehouse, or at the next Kleen-Rite Expo, make sure to check out the new offices! In the meantime, enjoy a look at the process and our new digs.



























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- 4. Laying flooring
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- 6. We've incorporated lots of glass in our new offices for an open feel, but with enough privacy and sound protection so employees can concentrate
- 7. Putting the finishing touches on the new offices our retro logo, and our break room wall highlighting our mission, vision and values, along with pictures of employees past and present!
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## **Overcoming New Challenges at Speedi Car Wash & Fuel**

**Talking with Operator and Manager Jeremy Goerts** By Job T. Leach



Speedi is a bustling car wash, fueling station, and convenience store located in the heart of Flagstaff, Arizona. The business is owned by Ricky Prema and family, and they are fortunate to have Jeremy Goerts as one of their key employees running the busi-

ness. The Kleen-Scene was able to sit down for a long discussion with Jeremy about what keeps him busy at Speedi, and the challenge of hiring, teaching, and leading employees into the next phase of Speedi Car Wash & Fuel.

## Jeremy's History at Speedi

Jeremy Goerts was formerly a civil servant for the housing authority of the city of Flagstaff. When funding was cut for his position, he found himself scrambling to find a new job during the 2008 recession. He noticed a "Help Wanted" sign at Speedi, and was hired as a cashier in the convenience store by the owners at the time – George and Patti Pugh. Not too long after, the Pughs sold the business to the Prema family.

Ricky Prema retained Jeremy as an employee after taking over Speedi. Not only that, he recognized that Jeremy had acquired skill and knowledge quickly and could be an asset in efforts to revitalize the business. Increasing his role and influence on the business worked out well for both sides, and Jeremy became an integral part of Speedi.

The relationship between Ricky and Jeremy is clearly one of mutual respect, where each take the other's opinions and ideas seriously to make the best decisions.

About Ricky, Jeremy said, "I'm very happy that somebody (Ricky) actually wanted to take over the business and turn it around and listen to me. I'd been here four years and knew of the things that we're going wrong. For Ricky and his family to step in, it pretty much saved my job and allowed me to learn from them too."

He continued, "Ricky's management style is not one of 'do as I say, or else' or 'I'm the boss, just do it.' He likes to have consensus and consult his managers. There are very few times he'll tell me I have to do something exactly as he says, it's very rare. Ricky allows me

to do a lot of things without even consulting him. He is openminded and gives me plenty of autonomy."

## The Busy Life of a Speedi Manager

Jeremy is constantly busy with car wash issues. For example,

> recently he was at one of his favorite seafood restaurants in Flagstaff humorously named the Stinkin Crawfish - and was ready to treat himself to a seafood feast. The big paper sheet was

laid out on the table (seafood can get messy) and Jeremy had decided what he wanted from the menu. Before he was able to order his food, he received a call from a new car wash employee that the conveyor was down on the tunnel and the employee couldn't figure out the problem. After failing to diagnose the issue on the phone, Jeremy had to immediately cancel his meal and head to the wash. It ended up being a relatively simple fix, but was something only Jeremy's experienced eye would notice.

of his regular tasks include, but are not limited to: buying replacement car wash parts, stocking chemicals, keeping gas pump tanks full, and dealing with employee administrative issues. Jeremy has undertaken special projects like converting bays to CryptoPay, coordinating fundraisers with local charitable organizations, and developing marketing promotions.

## **New Generation – New** Challenges

One particular topic stood out in our conversation with Jeremy, and it's one that many managers are currently experiencing in one form or another - hiring difficulties and passing on knowledge to a new generation. It's no secret that the global pandemic has left plenty of businesses in precarious positions, and one of the issues is a severe lack of qualified and willing job candidates. Speedi is not immune to this, and Jeremy has had his own share of headaches because of it.

He deals with a lot of employees and candidates who are on the



Doing general maintenance and repairs is just a small part of what Jeremy does. In only an hour, we touched on an impressive list of responsibilities. Some younger side, and he notes that many of them aren't being taught some of the life skills that would help them be better employees.

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"You have a new generation of workers... it really comes down to the education system. I was getting a second degree in education sixteen years ago, and I was told to get out because the state of Arizona was cutting down on career and technology training. I wanted to be a vocational education teacher; I felt that I could pass on the same knowledge that I learned in high school. My generation was lucky enough to learn electronics, computer information systems, woodworking, metalworking, and business classes.

"These kids don't have that opportunity. They literally have to go to college or find a job to learn that kind of stuff, and that's kind of sad. The government could do what they did back in the '30s and say 'we need skilled workers, we need to start teaching this stuff all over again.' When they came up with the industrial education programs, that created a whole generation of people... that had those skills. If you gave them a wrench and told them to go fix something, they would fix it. If I hand some of my younger employees a wrench, they might ask 'what's a wrench?""

#### Adapting and Growing at Speedi

Jeremy adapted his approach to training materials when he recognized that younger employees learned much



better visually. He added more pictures and videos to his training manuals rather than just text, and he started doing more hands-on, direct instruction with new employees. Being flexible and embracing opportunities to update normal protocol when it's needed can turn a mediocre business into a great one.

Jeremy also realizes that he has a responsibility to teach younger folks some of the skills necessary to not just operate a car wash, but also be responsible, useful employees. George Pugh, one of the owners that hired Jeremy, served as a mentor for him and provided invaluable insight into the car wash world. Being guided by George set him on a path for success. Jeremy seems ready to take on that mentor role, even if it means going the extra mile to teach life skills too.

Part of taking on that role means improving his own skillset and taking responsibility for being the best manager and operator that he can be. He has already taken human resource courses and plans to take more to keep up with laws and new strategies for successfully dealing with employees. He also stays current with car wash, fuel, and tobacco trends by attending conventions, conferences, and classes offered within those industries. He noted that getting LEAD certified for car wash operation through the ICA has been one of the best things he's done for his career.

We appreciate Jeremy giving us a peek into the mind of a busy operator and manager. It's clear that he has a lot on his plate at Speedi. Hopefully he finds some time to get a little seafood on his plate too!



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## "I like the program a lot! I've been able to cash in my rewards several times for free freight."

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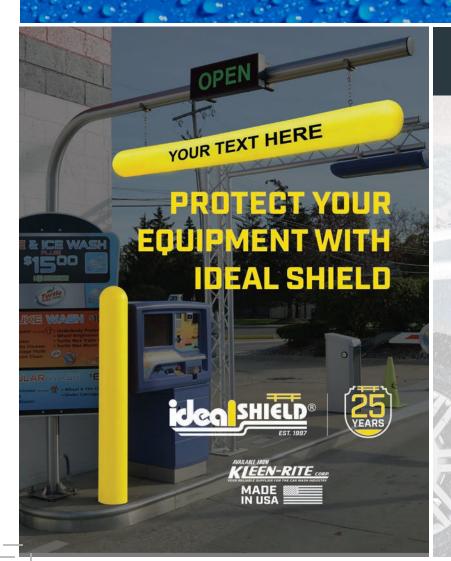
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When setting up your packages, choose premium products that deliver superior results and make them exclusive to your top wash. Exclusive products show customers that your top package offers the best bang for their buck. Once customers see the results, they will keep coming back for more. Simoniz offers products that increase your per car revenue and drive repeat purchases of your top tunnel package.





## SIMONIZ VISION CLEAR

The first glass-specific product developed for the conveyor and in-bay automatic markets. This unique silicone formulation provides an exceptional hydrophobic reaction on the windshield and the vehicle's surface. Its economical application cost and superior performance make Vision Clear an attractive a la carte offering or an excellent way to create more

value in bundled wash packages.

#### Matt Morgan's Shining Testimony

Car Wash Name: Captain Car Wash in Gahanna, OH

Matt Morgan of Captain Car Wash began including Vision Clear in his top wash package 4 years ago. The product beads water while helping to brighten the vehicle's appearance. He said, "Customers are impressed with how shiny their cars look." Morgan's top package accounts for 80% of his washes purchased.

During our conversation, Morgan said, "I love the citrus scent, it's very pleasing." Not only does the product bead water, it also produces a fresh scent your customers can smell as it is applied. When customers smell a product during application, they tend to associate the scent with the product performing its function.



## SIMONIZ CERAMIC SEALANT

Ceramic Sealant is a breakthrough in the car wash industry; a highly hydrophobic formulation that includes a ceramic polymer. After being applied to a vehicle exterior, this formula chemically bonds with the paint to create a layer of durable protection. The sealant contains positively charged ions that are attracted to the negatively charged painted surface.

This creates the hydrophobic coating that repels water.

Ceramic coatings are a very popular trend in car care, and this fantastic product provides an easy and fast way to apply ceramic at the car wash. Increase per car revenue by satisfying this ever-increasing market that is passionate about their vehicles and willing to pay a bit more for quality.

## Jay Montpetit Says Simoniz Ceramic Seals the Deal on a Great Wash

Car Wash Name: Downtowner Car Wash in Cape Coral, FL

Despite being a fairly large investment, Montpetit has been very happy with his purchase. He first became interested in ceramic when he had it hand-applied while his car was getting detailed and was extremely impressed with it. After seeing the Simoniz version of the product for car washes, he thought it would be a great addition to his facilities.

"It afforded another opportunity for a new package. The top package before was \$18, and now we added what we call the 'Diamond Shield' for \$20. There's a certain segment –maybe 20%– of customers that will always buy the top package. When you can add \$2 more to that top package, it really makes a difference. And you can really see the difference on the vehicle, so customers don't feel like they're losing value."

## SIMONIZ LAVA SHIELD



This four-step paint sealant process gives express tunnels and full-service operators yet another tool to increase their revenue per car. Backed by the Simoniz brand, customer reception of this program has been a success due to its incredible show and performance. Consumers are wowed by the amount of product used on their vehicles and the LED show – something

never seen at car washes before Lava Shield.

Lava Shield gives operators the ability to add more packages and manager specials to increase revenue and customer satisfaction. This program has helped push many exterior express top package prices over the \$20 mark. Operators with a \$6.00 base exterior wash as an entry point are making a higher dollar per car average than ever before.

#### **Tom McHugh Erupts with Praise**

Car Wash Name: U.S. Car Wash in Glenview, IL

We spoke with Tom McHugh from U.S. Car Wash in Glenview, Illinois. He has used Lava Shield in his tunnel wash for about two and a half years with great success, and his numbers prove it. McHugh said, "We wash 175,000 cars a year." During our chat, McHugh mentioned that Lava Shield is "Reasonably priced." Compared to similar products McHugh, referring to Lava Shield, said, "Simoniz has a better show."



## **SIMONIZ HOT WAX AND SHINE**

A true game-changer. This unique product with instant brand recognition helps operators generate more revenue by having an additional menu option, thus creating a new top package for a higher dollar offering. The sustainability of this product application is outstanding. To this day since 2011, Hot Wax and Shine is one of the highest purchased

products and continues to add \$1.00 per car in net revenue to conveyor and in-bay automatic facilities alike.

#### A Glowing Testimonial from Edgar Ruiz

Car Wash Name: Joe Bell Express Car Wash in Los Angeles, CA

Edgar Ruiz from Joe Bell Express Car Wash in Los Angeles, California told us that he has been using Hot Wax and Shine for three years. He said, "Customers love the way their cars shine." Ruiz added that customers love the product so much, they return every weekend for it. Hot Wax and Shine is included in his top package which is priced at twenty dollars. He says the sales for the top package increase every year.

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## **Terrifying Customers for Charity**

Every Halloween, many car wash owners convert their tunnels into frightening experiences for their customers. Wash Boss Car Wash, located in Evansville, Indiana, is using Halloween to both scare people and raise money for charity.



Each weekend in October ghouls descended on the Wash Boss tunnel, as volunteers dressed up to give customers a fright. After each completed night, the participating non-profit received \$200 and 2 free deluxe washes each. Boss Wash provided food and beverages for the volunteers to fuel the fright all night. *This story was found at wkdq.com* 

### **Crashing Through a Car Wash**

Someone was way too excited to wash their car and drove straight through the wall at Hashi Car Wash in Maui, Hawaii. Two employees were struck and taken to the hospital. The driver of the SUV was uninjured and the police do not believe he was under the influence at the time of the accident. Getting hit by a car crashing through a wall had to have been a terrifying experience. We hope both the employees are doing well and recovered from any injuries they received. *This story was found at khon2.com* 



### Young Entrepreneurs Start Mobile Car Wash

A pair of high school friends decided to open a mobile car wash. Why mobile? Well, there wasn't much to do in Clovis, California because of the COVID-19 lockdowns this past summer. That did not stop Noah and Brennan from establishing N B Premium carwash to fund their educations. Noah is interested in entering the medical field and Brennan wants to enter real estate.

Massive wildfires in California helped drive Noah and Brennan's business. As cinders from the fires were distributed by the wind, vehicles were coated with a layer of ash which can harm the paint. Sanitizing vehicle interiors and removing ash proved lucrative.



With just about everything closed, it was easy to zip around neighborhoods washing cars. They made appointments so customers knew when their vehicle would be washed. We thought our customers would appreciate this story as many of you are entrepreneurs yourselves! *This story was found at abc30.com* 

#### Dozens of Car Washes Open in Omaha

As the metro area in Omaha, Nebraska has grown, the number of vehicles has too. With so many vehicles in the area, the demand for car washes skyrocketed. Local entrepreneurs



jumped into action, and according to the City of Omaha's Planning Department, dozens of car washes have opened in the past two years. Josh Planos from the Better Business Bureau in Omaha stated the car wash industry grew 9.4% in 2021. Planos questions if the growth will level out towards the end of 2021, as a similar trend was seen in the storage industry. We may be a bit biased, but we hope the car wash growth continues! *This story was found at ketv.com* 

#### **Hoffman Car Wash Food Drive**

For 10 years and counting, the Hoffman Car Wash has collected items for local food banks as part of their "Practice Kindness" initiative. Customers received a free Ultimate car wash when they donated at least one non-perishable food item on Saturday, October 23 and Sunday, October 24. Of course, customers were allowed to donate more than one item at a time if they desired. The event collects a substantial amount of food every year. The non-perishable food items are donated to Hoffman's food pantry partners in Albany, New York and the surrounding area.



perishables once the final tally is completed. Hoffman Car Wash CEO Tom Hoffman Jr. said, "Each year we collect thousands of pounds of items, and our hope is this fall's food collection will be more successful than ever before." *This story was found at hoffmancarwash.com* 

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# These are the email documents that all customers should expect to see when ordering

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**Note on Availability** – We implemented new website functionality to help you better understand item availability. Look for the stock status near the "Add to Cart" button on product pages. We highly recommend you check this before placing your order – it will make the entire order process smoother, and it's easier than having to call.

We appreciate your understanding with this new process and look forward to the benefit it will provide. Kleen-Rite is doing everything we can to be clear and straightforward about what we're shipping, when it's shipping, what is available, and how we collect your payment.

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# **Video Surveilance** IN THE CAR WASH INDUSTRY

By Dave Diehl

Many operators still don't have security cameras at their locations, and some are in need of an upgrade for older systems. This article will outline the reasons why now is the time to install security cameras, and why Turbo Wash DVR is the best option for your car wash.

When it comes to security, there are three main components. Cameras, lighting, and alarms. Cameras help monitor what is happening and eliminate wasted trips to check on your washes. They help you keep track of equipment, employees, customers, and problems.

Some of the reasons you may have not installed cameras or upgraded your system may be:

- 1. Cost
- 2. Not sure how to install
- 3. No tech support
- 4. No internet
- 5. Not a priority

#### **The Question of Cost**

Like just about anything, your first instinct is probably to question what kind of investment a camera system requires. Some equally important questions include:

- What is it costing you to not have cameras in place?
- How often does equipment go down un-noticed?
- How often do problem employees cost you time and money?
- How often does someone steal or vandalize your property or equipment?

#### What Operators Are Saying...

"We have been using the Turbo Wash DVR systems for about 15 years. We have multiple sites and couldn't imagine running a car wash business without these camera systems. They have saved us thousands of dollars over the years when dealing with accusations of vehicle damage and vandalism. The camera doesn't lie! Rick and the whole team at Turbo Wash DVR have always provided excellent support, from basic install questions to more technical issues. Warranty issues have also been resolved quickly and easily – they stand behind the products they sell!" Brian Hollinger, Sundance Car Wash

#### Turbo Wash Provides Installation Help and Tech Support

You may be unsure how to install these cameras. With the Turbo Wash DVR cap kit system, tutorial videos and great tech support, operators can take their remote monitoring to the next level!

One of the most frustrating parts of the camera industry is the lack of tech support. Many people I talk with share their experiences of purchasing a system from Costco, Sam's Club, or other retailers, only to find that when they have an issue, they're unable to get ahold of anyone to fix it. This can be very time consuming and frustrating. With Turbo Wash DVR, you can expect prompt, quality responses from real people every time.



**Internet Access and Security Cameras** 

Internet is not necessary for onsite viewing, but if you don't have internet yet, now is the time to get it. The ability to save time and money through remote viewing is well worth it. Even without internet access, being able to monitor your property from a central location onsite is a huge advantage. Plus, you have the footage stored in case a problem occurs and you need it for legal purposes.

#### **Getting Cameras is an Important Step for Car Washes**

With a long list of duties and tasks at your car wash, it's tough to know what to prioritize. That never-ending to-do list is what makes camera monitoring so important. Protecting your investment, and making sure all that work isn't for naught, is imperative to long-term success. If you have an older system, now is the time to upgrade. It makes a difference. The resolution and quality of footage can be a make-or-break with customer complaints, or when posting a reward picture of the vandal that cost you lost revenues due to damaged equipment.

Make it a priority. As respected business and management consultant Harry A. Hopf said, "Often greater risk is involved in postponement than in making a wrong decision."

#### Why Turbo Wash DVR over Another System?

As a car wash owner/operator of over 30 years, Rick Diehl, the founder of Turbo Wash DVR, has always had constant attention to detail. He kept up with ever changing and evolving technologies. We test our systems and cameras often in a car wash application to assure they will handle the harsh environments. Our systems are designed for operators by operators.



Car Wash operator and founder of Turbo Wash DVR, Rick Diehl and his wife.



Dave Diehl is currently running the business with his dad Rick. Above picture of Dave and his family.



#### What Operators Are Saying...

"We've been using Turbo Wash DVR camera systems at our car washes for many years. The video systems and cameras are quality and reliable at a reasonable price. Turbo Wash DVR stays current with new video technology products and know the industry well. Rick and Dave provide outstanding support for their products. They provide trusted advice and sound recommendations. Turbo Wash DVR is a partner we trust and value."

Fred Callihan, Glen Burnie Car Wash, Inc.

#### What Operators Are Saying...

"The camera system for video surveillance is outstanding. In particular, it's a great setup for any outdoor environment – especially businesses such as car washes. When you have a few problems or question, Rick and his team are above and beyond the norm in troubleshooting! Just when you think you have it allIll figured out... WHAM!! A problem. But again, there is superior tech support for the DVR and cameras. Love this company, and looking for another surveillance system from them just like the two I already have."

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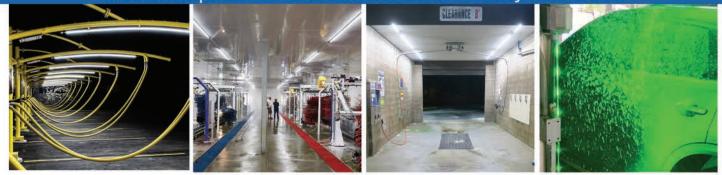
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## KLEEN MIST CAR WASHES Shamokin Dam, Pennsylvania

At just eight years old, David Melhorn was introduced to the car wash industry by his father, Verlyn. David helped Verlyn fill vending machines and would accompany him to Kleen-Rite for supply runs. David is now the General Manager, even though he had other plans for his life.

### **Choosing A Different Path**

When David graduated college with a degree in Christian Youth Ministry, he decided to work for a year at the family car wash as he figured things out. Turns out, David loves the car wash industry and has been running Kleen Mist for 18 years and counting. Kleen Mist is run by three generations of the Melhorn family; Verlyn, David, and his son, Colin.

### The Growth of a Family-Owned and Operated Wash

David's grandparents bought their first car wash in 1978, with the understanding his parents would run the show. Their first wash was a preexisting tunnel wash that had been for sale. After some time had passed, they constructed a self-serve wash next door. As their washes became more lucrative, they decided to grow the business. So, they purchased the University Car Wash in 1984. The latest wash they acquired was the Linn Town Car Wash, about two years ago. The reigns have transitioned to David, who now runs the show. A car wash involves multiple fields, such as chemistry and mechanical knowledge. Learning everything on your own is not easy. David said, "My parents had to learn it on the fly." Luckily, David had his father to show him the ropes since he was a young boy. His parents are both still involved at Kleen Mist and assist him with everything they can.

David's son has developed an interest in the car wash industry. Colin is the 3rd generation of the Melhorn family who works at Kleen Mist. When schools were closed during the COVID-19 lockdowns, Colin helped David with maintenance projects. Colin is positioning himself to run Kleen Mist when David decides to retire.

### **Kleen Pass Creates Loyal Customers**

During our visit, we noticed advertisements promoting their membership plan Kleen Pass. We asked David how the program was performing. David said, "It's doing well; it grows consistently." He informed us that it was implemented in 2010 and is successful in the tunnel wash and selfserve bays. However, the in-bay market is harder to grow.

Kleen Pass has three competitively priced options to deliver the best value for customers. When a customer joins, a sticker is stuck on their windshield. This sticker acts like an E-ZPass identifying each customer and activates the wash corresponding to their membership plan. New Kleen Pass members receive a token, allotting them 10 minutes of free vacuum time. The unlimited wash program helps Kleen Mist create a strong base of customers who use the wash regularly.





#### **Keeping People Happy**

Regular customers are the bread and butter of a business. After all, it costs much more to acquire a new customer than it does to retain a current one. One step Kleen Mist takes is to make sure all equipment functions properly. When maintaining a self-serve bay rotary switch,

David said, "All ten functions should work the way they are supposed to."

When everything works, customers will not get frustrated. David said, "We always double refund. We do the full refund and a free wash for next time." Refunding customers keeps them happy and entices them to come back.

#### **Advertising Kleen Mist**

We asked David how they advertise Kleen Mist. David answered, "We do a lot through Facebook." He mentioned sponsoring high-school sports through placing advertisements and coupons in the ticket books, which helps them

reach new customers in multiple demographics and generations. After all, everyone needs to wash their car. Finally, David told us that word of mouth brings them a lot of traffic too.

#### Supply Chain and Shortages

Unfortunately, the COVID 19 lockdowns upended every industry, causing supply chain problems everywhere. David mentioned they order stock

in advance, so components are on the shelf should something go down. During our interview, David said he wants spare parts for anything that can potentially shut them down. If something breaks the wash might not be able to operate until the part is replaced.

Keeping the right parts on hand will get your wash back up and running quickly. With a crippled supply chain, David said, "We have

> to order things earlier than we normally would." Keeping a stock of replacement parts on hand means Kleen Mist does not have to track down critical components in a broken supply chain.

## A Kleen-Rite Customer, 40 Years and Counting

Since 1978, the Melhorn family has been a Kleen-Rite customer. Verlyn and David both remember driving down to Kleen-Rite when we were still located on Cherry Street to pick up supplies. Verlyn adds that "Harold

was always there to help out." During our discussion with Verlyn, he told us that Mike met him outside the Harrisburg airport with a pump Kleen Mist needed. At the end of our interview, Verlyn stated, "I don't price shop. I know Kleen-Rite is going to give me the best deal."

We are grateful that Verlyn and David have been loyal customers for 40 years and look forward to serving Colin when it is his turn to run the show. We hope to see Kleen Mist continue to grow!





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## **3** WEEP GUN WITH BRASS PLATED DISCHARGE FITTING

5000 PSI | 10 GPM | 300°F 3/8" FNPT Inlet | 1/4" FNPT Outlet PU21295

## ADJUSTABLE UNLOADER

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1450 PSI | 13 GPM | Yellow springs

## SUPER TRUCK TOWEL

18<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" x 27<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>" | 180 per case

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## **4** NON-WEEP GUN WITH STAINLESS STEEL DISCHARGE FITTING

5000 PSI | 10 GPM | 300°F 3/8" FNPT Inlet | 1/4" FNPT Outlet PU21250

6 LP123 FORGED BRASS MANIFOLD PLUNGER PUMP

> 35.4 GPM @ 1300 PSI @ 800 RPM 140°F | 1½″ Inlet | 35mm shaft dia. PULP123

## AVAILABLE FROM KLEEN-RITE CORP.





NOTE: Be aware that an adapter # FO204A is needed if you plan to use these brushes with a foamy handle.