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## **AUTO BODY TOOLMART NAMED DISTRIBUTOR OF THE YEAR BY KIRKER AUTOMOTIVE FINISHES**

DIRECT MERCHANDISER RECOGNIZED FOR SECOND TIME IN THREE  
YEARS FOR SUSTAINED SALES GROWTH AND NEW PRODUCT SUPPORT

**ELGIN, IL / August 10, 2009** – For the second time in three years, Auto Body Toolmart has been named Distributor of the Year by Kirker Automotive Finishes. The company is a leading catalog distributor of specialty tools, equipment and shop supplies for America’s auto body repair industry.

Since 2001, Auto Body Toolmart has steadily grown its sales of Kirker’s automotive refinish products. For the third consecutive time, Kirker’s year-over-year sales to Auto Body Toolmart increased by more than 20% in 2008. Today, Auto Body Toolmart is one of Kirker’s largest distributors, and plays a critical role in getting the manufacturer’s products into end-user shops across the country.

“At the center of our joint success is Auto Body Toolmart’s dedicated and loyal customer support,” said Bruce Sklak, President of Kirker Automotive Finishes. “They have the most professional call center sales associates. Each one is 100% committed to ensuring their customers’ satisfaction.”

In addition to impressive sales growth and outstanding customer service, the company was also recognized for its continued commitment to the Kirker product line. Auto Body Toolmart has created new space in its catalog for a wider assortment of Kirker products including new clear coat systems, reducers and recent additions like Kirker’s Diamond Pearl urethane topcoat colors, Urethane Candy Base colors and several new ULTRA-GLO single-stage urethane colors.

Auto Body Toolmart now offers nearly 80 different urethane color options from Kirker, as well as epoxy primers, 2K urethane primer surfacers, non-sanding DTM primers, several urethane clears and other related refinish materials.

Each year, Kirker selects one company from its growing network of warehouse, jobber and direct distributors that best demonstrates the spirit of partnership and commitment to joint success. That company is named Kirker’s Distributor of the Year, an award first presented in 2004. Auto Body Toolmart – which also took the honor in 2006 – is the first repeat winner.

Previous winners include Smart Shoppers Inc. (Louisville, KY), 2004; Auto Body Jobbers Warehouse (Paterson, NJ), 2005; Auto Body Toolmart (Elgin, IL) 2006; National Oak Distributors – Florida Market (West Palm Beach, FL), 2007.

### **About Auto Body Toolmart**

Auto Body Toolmart is America's foremost direct distributor of specialty tools, shop equipment and autobody supplies. It markets its products through an extensive online store and a full-color, 164-page catalog that is printed quarterly and mailed to more than a half-million professional repair locations.

Since its first catalog was printed in 1992, the company has taken pride in offering a wide product assortment, outstanding savings, and exceptional customer service to more than 50,000 satisfied professional autobody technicians. To learn more, visit [www.autobodytoolmart.com](http://www.autobodytoolmart.com), or call toll-free at 1-800-382-1200.

### **About Kirker Automotive Finishes**

A division of Coventry Coatings Corp., Kirker Automotive Finishes has manufactured paint for more than one hundred and ten years. The line covers a complete range of automotive and fleet refinish products, including factory-packaged urethane and enamel paints, primers, clears, activators, reducers and other related items. Kirker also maintains a significant private-label program. To learn more, please visit Kirker at [www.KirkerAutomotive.com](http://www.KirkerAutomotive.com).

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