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## **MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. Announces Strategic Partnership With Joe Gibbs Racing**

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Melville, New York. (September 23, 2008). MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. (MSC), the nation's leading distributor of metalworking and maintenance, repair, and operation (MRO) supplies, has formed a strategic partnership with the Joe Gibbs Racing (JGR) team as the primary tooling and MRO supplier to the entire JGR organization.

As part of the partnership agreement, MSC will supply metalworking, maintenance, and shop supplies to JGR. JGR currently uses MSC's exclusive Vendor Managed Inventory System (VMI) to reduce inventory levels and to ensure that they have the necessary products and supplies they need in stock, whether at a track or in their testing and development facility.

When asked why JGR chose to form this strategic supplier relationship with MSC, Mark Bringle, JGR's Technical Sponsor Manager, stated, "MSC provides us with a number of benefits that made them the perfect choice to partner with. First, with over 500,000 products, guaranteed same day shipping, and next day delivery, we are always able to get exactly what we need, when we need it. For an operation like ours, being able to place orders until 8:00 p.m. ET and still receive them the next day is extremely important. We also do a great deal of testing and product development and MSC's technical expertise, customer service and support help our team find the best possible solutions."

MSC will actively work directly with JGR to provide customized solutions. In addition to working with JGR inventory management, MSC's technical support team will be available to JGR to help with product selection and technical advice.

When asked about his perspective on the partnership with JGR, Ray Rutledge, Senior Director of Business Development for MSC, commented, "MSC's mission is to be the best industrial supplier in the world, and partnering with Joe Gibbs Racing, another team that is clearly on a mission to be the best, week after week, is something we are excited about. We expect this ongoing relationship to bring great value to both of our teams."

Joe Gibbs, commenting on the organizational fit of the two companies, said, "Joe Gibbs Racing is a team that places a premium on building a winning culture throughout the entire organization, and we know from experience that MSC does as well. The fit is a good one and we're excited about our future together."

For more information about MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. visit [www.mscdirect.com](http://www.mscdirect.com) , and for Joe Gibbs Racing go to [www.joegibbsracing.com](http://www.joegibbsracing.com).

**About MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc.**

MSC Industrial Direct Co., Inc. is one of the premier distributors of Metalworking and Maintenance, Repair and Operation ("MRO") supplies to industrial customers throughout the United States. MSC distributes in excess of 550,000 industrial products from approximately 3,000 suppliers to approximately 379,000 customers. In-stock availability is approximately 99%, with next day, standard ground delivery to the majority of the industrial United States. MSC reaches its customers through a combination of approximately 30 million direct-mail catalogs and CD-ROMs, 98 branch sales offices, 875 sales people, the Internet and associations with some of the world's most prominent B2B e-commerce portals. For more information, visit the Company's website at <http://www.mscdirect.com>.

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