

MONRO MUFFLER BRAKE INC

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

Form 10-K

(MARK ONE)

- ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For Fiscal Year Ended March 28, 2009**
- OR**
- TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Commission File Number 0-19357

MONRO MUFFLER BRAKE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York

(State of incorporation)

**200 Holleder Parkway,
Rochester, New York**

(Address of principal executive offices)

16-0838627

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

14615

(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(585) 647-6400

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share

Name of each exchange on which registered: the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act:

NONE

(Title of Class)

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act. Yes No

Indicate by check mark if the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "small reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one)

Large accelerated
filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer
(Do not check if a smaller reporting
company)

Smaller reporting
company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

The aggregate market value of the voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant, computed by reference to the closing price as of the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second fiscal quarter, September 27, 2008, was approximately \$407,500,000.

As of May 29, 2009, 19,436,867 shares of the registrant's Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, were outstanding.

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE:

Portions of the registrant's definitive proxy statement (to be filed pursuant to Regulation 14A) for the 2009 Annual Meeting of Shareholders (the "Proxy Statement") are incorporated by reference into Part III hereof.

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PART I

Item 1. Business

GENERAL

Monro Muffler Brake, Inc. (Monro or the Company) is a chain of 710 Company-operated stores (as of March 28, 2009) and 14 dealer-operated stores providing automotive undercar repair and tire services in the United States. At March 28, 2009, Monro operated Company stores in New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Connecticut, Massachusetts, West Virginia, Virginia, Maryland, Vermont, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, South Carolina, Indiana, Rhode Island, Delaware and Maine under the names Monro Muffler Brake & Service , Tread Quarters Discount Tire and Mr. Tire (together, the Company Stores). The Company s Stores typically are situated in high-visibility locations in suburban areas and small towns, as well as in major metropolitan areas. The Company Stores serviced approximately 3.5 million vehicles in fiscal 2009. (References herein to fiscal years are to the Company s year ended fiscal March [e.g., references to fiscal 2009 are to the Company s fiscal year ended March 28, 2009].)

The predecessor to the Company was founded by Charles J. August in 1957 as a Midas Muffler franchise in Rochester, New York, specializing in mufflers and exhaust systems. In 1966, the Company discontinued its affiliation with Midas Muffler, and began to diversify into a full line of undercar repair services. An investor group led by Peter J. Solomon and Donald Glickman purchased a controlling interest in the Company in July 1984. At that time, Monro operated 59 stores, located primarily in upstate New York, with approximately \$21 million in sales in fiscal 1984. Since 1984, Monro has continued its growth and has expanded its marketing area to include 17 additional states (including dealer locations).

In December 1998, the Company appointed Robert G. Gross as President and Chief Executive Officer, who began full-time responsibilities on January 1, 1999.

The Company was incorporated in the State of New York in 1959. The Company s principal executive offices are located at 200 Holleder Parkway, Rochester, New York 14615, and its telephone number is (585) 647-6400.

The Company provides a broad range of services on passenger cars, light trucks and vans for brakes (estimated at 21% of fiscal 2009 sales); mufflers and exhaust systems (6%); and steering, drive train, suspension and wheel alignment (12%). The Company also provides other products and services including tires (29%) and routine maintenance services including state inspections (32%). Monro specializes in the repair and replacement of parts which must be periodically replaced as they wear out. Normal wear on these parts generally is not covered by new car warranties. The Company typically does not perform under-the-hood repair services except for oil change services, various flush and fill services and some minor tune-up services. The Company does not sell parts or accessories to the do-it-yourself market.

All of the Company s stores provide the services described above. However, a growing number of the Company s stores are more specialized in tire replacement and service and, accordingly, have a higher mix of sales in the tire category. These stores are described below as tire stores, whereas the majority of the Company s stores are described as service stores. (See additional discussion under Operating Strategy .) At March 28, 2009, there were 566 stores designated as service stores and 144 as tire stores.

The Company s sales mix for fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007 is as follows:

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| | Service Stores | | | Tire Stores | | | Total Company | | |
|-------------|----------------|------|------|-------------|------|------|---------------|------|------|
| | FY09 | FY08 | FY07 | FY09 | FY08 | FY07 | FY09 | FY08 | FY07 |
| Brakes | 27% | 28% | 28% | 12% | 12% | 11% | 21% | 22% | 23% |
| Exhaust | 10 | 11 | 12 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Steering | 13 | 13 | 13 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Tires | 14 | 13 | 12 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 29 | 28 | 26 |
| Maintenance | 36 | 35 | 35 | 23 | 22 | 23 | 32 | 31 | 31 |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% | 100% |

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The Company has one wholly-owned subsidiary, Monro Service Corporation, which is a Delaware corporation qualified to do business in the State of New York.

Monro Service Corporation holds all assets, rights, responsibilities and liabilities associated with the Company's warehousing, purchasing, advertising, accounting, office services, payroll, cash management and certain other operations that are performed in New York State and Maryland. The Company believes that this structure has enhanced, and will continue to enhance, operational efficiency and provide cost savings.

INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

According to industry reports, demand for automotive repair services, including undercar repair and tire services, has increased due to the general increase in the number of vehicles registered, the increase in the average age of vehicles and the increased complexity of vehicles, which makes it more difficult for a vehicle owner to perform do-it-yourself repairs.

At the same time as demand for automotive repair services has grown, the number of general repair outlets has decreased, principally because fewer gas stations now perform repairs, and because there are fewer new car dealers. Monro believes that these factors present opportunities for increased sales by the Company, even though the number of specialized repair outlets (such as those operated by the Company and its direct competitors) has increased to meet the growth in demand.

Additionally, impending dealership closures, as recently announced in May 2009, by car manufacturers such as Chrysler and General Motors, are expected to increase demand for auto service at the Company's outlets.

EXPANSION STRATEGY

Monro has experienced significant growth in recent years due to acquisitions and, to a lesser extent, the opening of new stores. Management believes that the continued growth in sales and profits of the Company is dependent, in large part, upon its continued ability to open/acquire and operate new stores on a profitable basis. In addition, overall profitability of the Company could be reduced if acquired or new stores do not attain profitability.

Monro believes that there are significant expansion opportunities in new as well as existing market areas which will result from a combination of constructing stores on vacant land, opening full service Monro stores within host retailers service center locations (e.g. BJ's Wholesale Clubs) and acquiring existing store locations. The Company believes that, as the industry consolidates due to the increasingly complex nature of automotive repair and the expanded capital requirements for state-of-the-art equipment, there will be increasing opportunities for acquisitions of existing businesses or store structures, and to open stores in host retailers' locations.

In that regard, the Company has completed several acquisitions in recent years, as follows:

Effective April 1, 2002, the Company completed the acquisition of Kimmel Automotive, Inc. (the Kimmel Acquisition). Kimmel operated 34 tire and automotive repair stores in Maryland and Virginia, as well as Wholesale and Truck Tire Divisions (including two commercial stores). In June 2002, Monro disposed of Kimmel's Truck Tire Division. The Maryland stores now operate primarily under the Mr. Tire brand name while the Virginia stores continue to operate under the Tread Quarters brand name.

In February 2003, Monro acquired ten company-operated tire and automotive repair store locations in the Charleston and Columbia, South Carolina markets from Frasier Tire Service, Inc. (the Frasier Acquisition). These stores now operate under the Tread Quarters brand name.

Effective March 1, 2004, the Company completed the acquisition of Mr. Tire stores (the Mr. Tire Acquisition) from Atlantic Automotive Corp., which added 26 retail tire and automotive repair stores in Maryland and Virginia, as well as a wholesale operation based in Baltimore, Maryland.

In fiscal 2005, the Company further expanded its presence in Maryland through the acquisition of certain assets of Rice Tire, Inc. (the Rice Acquisition) and Henderson Holdings, Inc. (the Henderson Acquisition), which added five and ten retail tire and automotive repair stores in the Frederick and southern Maryland markets,

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respectively. Thirteen of these stores operate under the Mr. Tire brand name and one under the Tread Quarters brand name. The Company closed one Rice store in fiscal 2007.

On April 29, 2006, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of ProCare Automotive Service Solutions LLC (the ProCare Acquisition). The Company acquired 75 ProCare locations that offer automotive maintenance and repair services. The stores are located in eight metropolitan areas throughout Ohio and Pennsylvania. The Company converted 31 of the acquired ProCare stores to tire stores which operate under the Mr. Tire brand. The remaining stores operate as service stores under the Monroe brand. In April 2007, the Company closed three of the acquired locations in accordance with its plan for this acquisition, leaving it with 43 service stores and 29 tire stores.

On July 21, 2007, the Company acquired 11 retail tire and automotive repair stores located primarily in the Philadelphia, PA market from Valley Forge Tire & Auto Centers (the Valley Forge Acquisition), on July 28, 2007, the Company acquired eight retail tire and automotive repair stores located in the northern Virginia market from Craven Tire & Auto (the Craven Acquisition) and on January 26, 2008, the Company acquired seven retail tire and automotive repair stores located in Buffalo, NY from the Broad Elm Group (the Broad Elm Acquisition). The Company purchased the business and substantially all of the operating assets of these stores, which consist mainly of inventory and equipment, and assumed certain liabilities. These stores all operate under the Mr. Tire brand name.

The total number of stores that the Company operates in BJ's Wholesale Clubs is 37 at March 28, 2009.

As of March 28, 2009, Monroe had 710 Company-operated stores and 14 dealer locations located in 18 states. The following table shows the growth in the number of Company-operated stores over the last five fiscal years:

Store Additions and Closings

| | Year Ended Fiscal March | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
| Stores open at beginning of year | 720 | 698 | 625 | 626 | 595 |
| Stores added during year | 3 | 31(e) | 84(d) | 10(c) | 35(b) |
| Stores closed during year(a) | (13) | (9) | (11) | (11) | (4) |
| Stores open at end of year | 710 | 720 | 698 | 625 | 626 |
| Service (including BJ's) stores | 566 | 579 | 584 | 544 | 546 |
| Tire stores | 144 | 141 | 114 | 81 | 80 |

- (a) Generally, stores were closed because they failed to achieve or maintain an acceptable level of profitability or because a new Company store was opened in the same market at a more favorable location.
- (b) Includes 15 stores acquired in the Henderson and Rice Acquisitions and 16 stores opened in BJ's Wholesale Club locations.
- (c) Includes four stores opened in BJ's Wholesale Club locations.

- (d) Includes 75 stores acquired in the ProCare Acquisition and three stores opened in BJ's Wholesale Club locations.
- (e) Includes 11 stores acquired in the Valley Forge Acquisition, eight stores acquired in the Craven Acquisition and seven stores acquired in the Broad Elm Acquisition.

In May 2009, the Company signed a definitive asset purchase agreement to acquire 26 Autotire Car Care Center (Autotire) locations from Am-Pac Tire Distributors Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Tire Distributors, for approximately \$10 million. The transaction is expected to close by the end of June 2009. The 26 Autotire locations purchased in Missouri and Illinois will expand Monro's footprint into St. Louis and the surrounding area. These stores will operate under the Autotire name.

The Company plans to add approximately five new stores in fiscal 2010, and to continue to pursue appropriate acquisition candidates or opportunities to operate stores within host retailers' locations. In future years, should the

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Company find that there are no suitable acquisition or retail partnership candidates, it might increase its new store (greenfield) openings.

The Company has developed a systematic method for selecting new store locations and a targeted approach to marketing new stores. Key factors in market and site selection include population, demographic characteristics, vehicle population and the intensity of competition. The characteristics of each potential site are compared to the profiles of existing stores in projecting sales for that site. Monro attempts to cluster stores in market areas in order to achieve economies of scale in advertising, supervision and distribution costs. All new sites presently under consideration are within Monro's established market areas.

As a result of extensive analysis of its historical and projected store opening strategy, the Company has established major market profiles, as defined by market awareness: mature, existing and new markets. Over the next several years, the Company expects to build a greater percentage of stores in mature and existing markets in order to capitalize on the Company's market presence and consumer awareness. During fiscal 2009, all of the three stores added were in existing markets.

The Company believes that management and operating improvements implemented over the last several fiscal years has enhanced its ability to sustain its growth. The Company has a chain-wide computerized inventory control and electronic point-of-sale (POS) management information system, which has increased management's ability to monitor operations as the number of stores has grown. The Company has customized the POS system to specific service and tire store requirements and deploys the appropriate version in each type of store. Being Windows-based, the system has simplified training of new employees. Additionally, the system includes electronic mail and electronic cataloging, which allows store managers to electronically research the specific parts needed for the make and model of the car being serviced. This enhanced system includes software which contains data that mirrors the scheduled maintenance requirements in vehicle owners' manuals, specifically by make, model, year and mileage for every major automobile brand. Management believes that this software facilitates the presentation and sale of scheduled maintenance services to customers. Other enhancements include the streamlining of estimating and other processes; graphic catalogs; a feature which facilitates tire searches by size; direct mail support; appointment scheduling; customer service history; a thermometer graphic which guides store managers on the profitability of each job; the ability to view inventory of up to the closest 14 stores or warehouse; and expanded monitoring of price changes. This latter change requires more specificity on the reason for a discount, which management believes has helped to control discounting. Enhancements will continue to be made to the POS system annually in an effort to increase efficiency, improve the quality and timeliness of store reporting and enable the Company to better serve its customers.

The financing to open a new greenfield service store location may be accomplished in one of three ways: a store lease for the land and building (in which case, land and building costs will be financed primarily by the lessor), a land lease with the building constructed by the Company (with building costs paid by the Company), or a land purchase with the building constructed by the Company. In all three cases, for service stores, each new store also will require approximately \$120,000 for equipment (including a POS system and a truck) and approximately \$55,000 in inventory. Because Monro generally does not extend credit to its customers, stores generate almost no receivables and a new store's actual net working capital investment is nominal. Total capital required to open a new greenfield service store ranges, on average (based upon the last five fiscal years' openings, excluding the BJ's locations and the acquired stores), from \$300,000 to \$900,000 depending on the location and which of the three financing methods is used. In general, tire stores are larger and have more service bays than Monro's traditional service stores and, as a result, construction costs are at the high end of the range of new store construction costs. In instances where Monro acquires an existing business, it may pay additional amounts for intangible assets such as customer lists, covenants not-to-compete, trade names and goodwill, but generally will pay less per bay for equipment and real property. Total capital required to open a store within a BJ's Wholesale Club is substantially less than opening a greenfield store.

At March 28, 2009, the Company leased the land and/or the building at approximately 71% of its store locations and owned the land and building at the remaining locations. Monroe's policy is to situate new stores in the best locations, without regard to the form of ownership required to develop the locations.

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New service and tire stores, (excluding acquired stores and BJ's locations), have average sales of approximately \$384,000 and \$1,015,000, respectively, in their first 12 months of operation, or \$64,000 and \$145,000, respectively, per bay.

OPERATING STRATEGY

Monro's operating strategy is to provide its customers with a wide range of dependable, high-quality automotive service at a competitive price by emphasizing the following key elements.

Products and Services

All stores provide a full range of undercar repair services for brakes, steering, mufflers and exhaust systems, drive train, suspension and wheel alignment, as well as tire replacement and service. These services apply to all makes and models of domestic and foreign cars, light trucks and vans. The service stores provide significantly more brakes and exhaust service than tire stores, and tire stores provide substantially more tire replacement and related services than service stores.

All stores provide many of the routine maintenance services (except engine diagnostic), which automobile manufacturers suggest or require in the vehicle owners' manuals, and which fulfill manufacturers' requirements for new car warranty compliance. The Company offers Scheduled Maintenance services in all of its stores whereby the aforementioned services are packaged and offered to consumers based upon the year, make, model and mileage of each specific vehicle. Management believes that the Company is able to offer this service in a more convenient and cost competitive fashion than auto dealers can provide.

Included in maintenance services are oil change services, heating and cooling system flush and fill service, belt installation, fuel system service and a transmission flush and fill service. Additionally, all stores replace and service batteries, starters and alternators. Stores in New York, West Virginia, New Hampshire, Maryland, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, North Carolina, Virginia and Vermont also perform annual state inspections. Approximately 45% of the Company's stores also offer air conditioning services.

The Company began a program in the third quarter of fiscal year 2007 to increase tire and tire related sales, such as alignments, in its service stores. The goal is to increase the overall sales of these stores by capturing tire and related sales from existing store traffic and eventually drive additional traffic and sales. The program involves increasing the specific sales training of store managers, expanding the tire merchandise selection in these stores, and raising the focus of store advertising in this category. This initiative, which is called Black Gold, has now been rolled out to 168 of the Company's service stores.

Customer Satisfaction

The Company's vision of being the dominant Auto Service provider in the markets it serves is supported by a set of values displayed in each Company store emphasizing TRUST:

Total Customer Satisfaction

Respect, Recognize and Reward (employees who are committed to these values)

Unparalleled Quality and Integrity

Superior Value and

Teamwork

Additionally, each Company-operated store displays and operates under the following set of customer satisfaction principles: free inspection of brakes, tires, shocks, front end and exhaust systems; item-by-item review with customers of problem areas; free written estimates; written guarantees; drive-in service without an appointment; fair and reasonable prices; a 30-day best price guarantee; and repairs by professionally trained undercar and tire specialists. (See additional discussion under Store Operations: Quality Control and Warranties .)

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Competitive Pricing, Advertising and Co-branding Initiatives

The Company seeks to set competitive prices for quality services and products. The Company supports its pricing strategy by advertising through direct mail coupon inserts and in-store promotional signage and displays. In addition, the Company advertises through radio, yellow pages, newspapers, service reminders and electronic mail to increase consumer awareness of the services offered. The Company also maintains websites for the Monro and Mr. Tire/Tread Quarters brands which allow customers to search for a location, print coupons, make service appointments, search tires for their vehicle and access information and tips on vehicle services offered at the Company's stores.

The Company employs co-branding initiatives to more quickly increase consumer awareness in certain markets. The Company believes that, especially in newer markets, customers may more readily be drawn into its stores because of their familiarity with national brand names. As part of its BJ's Wholesale Club program, the Company has implemented a series of co-branded initiatives to market the Company's services to the large number of BJ's Wholesale Club members where a new Monro store has opened within the BJ's Wholesale Club service center.

Centralized Control

Unlike many of its competitors, the Company operates, rather than franchises, all of its stores (except for the 14 dealer locations). Monro believes that direct operation of stores enhances its ability to compete by providing centralized control of such areas of operations as service quality, store appearance, promotional activity and pricing. A high level of technical competence is maintained throughout the Company, as Monro requires, as a condition of employment, that employees participate in comprehensive training programs to keep pace with changes in technology. Additionally, purchasing, distribution, merchandising, advertising, accounting and other store support functions are centralized primarily in the Company's corporate headquarters in Rochester, New York, and are provided through the Company's subsidiary, Monro Service Corporation. The centralization of these functions results in efficiencies and gives management the ability to closely monitor and control costs.

Comprehensive Training

The Company provides ongoing, comprehensive training to its store employees. Monro believes that such training provides a competitive advantage by enabling its technicians to provide quality service to its customers in all areas of undercar repair and tire service. (See additional discussion under Store Operations: Store Personnel and Training.)

STORE OPERATIONS

Store Format

The typical format for a Monro repair store is a free-standing building consisting of a sales area, fully-equipped service bays and a parts/tires storage area. In BJ's locations, the Company and BJ's both operate counters in the sales area, while the Company operates the service bay area. Most service bays are equipped with above-ground electric vehicle lifts. Generally, each store is located within 25 miles of a key store which carries approximately double the inventory of a typical store and serves as a mini-distribution point for slower moving inventory for other stores in its area. Individual store sizes, number of bays and stocking levels vary greatly, even within the service and tire store groups, and are dependent primarily on the availability of suitable store locations, population, demographics and intensity of competition among other factors (See additional discussion under Store Additions and Closings). A summary of average store data for service and tire stores is presented below:

| | Average Number of Bays | Average Square Feet | Average Inventory | Average Number of Stock Keeping Units (SKUs) |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------|---|
| Service stores (excluding BJ's and ProCare) | 6 | 4,400 | \$ 98,000 | 2,800 |
| Tire stores | 7 | 5,800 | \$ 150,000 | 1,600 |

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(Data for the acquired ProCare service stores has been excluded because the stores' stock rooms are smaller than those in typical service stores and therefore, they generally carry less than half the amount of inventory of a typical service store.)

The stores generally are situated in high-visibility locations in suburban areas, major metropolitan areas or small towns and offer easy customer access. The typical store is open from 7:30 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday and from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday. Many locations are also open Sundays from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Inventory Control and Management Information System

All Company stores communicate daily with the central office and warehouse by computerized inventory control and electronic POS management information systems, which enable the Company to collect sales and operational data on a daily basis, to adjust store pricing to reflect local conditions and to control inventory on a near real-time basis. Additionally, each store has access, through the POS system, to the inventory carried by up to the 14 stores nearest to it. Management believes that this feature improves customer satisfaction and store productivity by reducing the time required to locate out-of-stock parts. It also improves profitability because it reduces the amount of parts which must be purchased outside the Company from local vendors.

Quality Control and Warranties

To maintain quality control, the Company conducts audits to rate its employees' telephone sales manner and the accuracy of pricing information given.

The Company has a customer survey program to monitor customer attitudes toward service quality, friendliness, speed of service, and several other factors for each store. Customer concerns are addressed via letter and personal follow-up by customer service and field management personnel.

The Company uses a Double Check for Accuracy Program as part of its routine store procedures. This quality assurance program requires that a technician and supervisory-level employee (or in certain cases, another technician in tire stores) independently inspect a customer's vehicle, diagnose and document the necessary repairs, and agree on an estimate before presenting it to a customer. This process is formally documented on the written estimate by store personnel.

The Company is an active member of the Motorist Assurance Program (MAP). MAP is an organization of automotive retailers, wholesalers and manufacturers which was established as part of an industry-wide effort to address the ethics and business practices of companies in the automotive repair industry. Participating companies commit to improving consumer confidence and trust in the automotive repair industry by adopting Uniform Inspection Communication Standards (UICS) established by MAP. These UICS are available in the Company's stores and serve to provide consistent recommendations to customers in the diagnosis and repair of a vehicle.

Monro offers limited warranties on substantially all of the products and services that it provides. The Company believes that these warranties are competitive with industry practices and serve as a marketing tool to increase repeat business at the stores.

Store Personnel and Training

The Company supervises store operations primarily through its Divisional Vice Presidents who oversee Zone Managers who, in turn, oversee Market Managers. The typical service store is staffed by a Store Manager and four to

six technicians, one of whom serves as the Assistant Manager. The typical tire store is staffed by a Store Manager, an Assistant Manager and/or Service Manager, and four to eight technicians. Larger volume service and tire stores may also have one or two sales people. The higher staffing level at many tire stores is necessary to support their higher sales volume. All Store Managers receive a base salary, and Assistant Managers receive hourly compensation. In addition, Store Managers and Assistant Managers may receive other compensation based on their store's customer relations, gross profit, labor cost controls, safety, sales volume and other factors via a monthly or quarterly bonus based on performance in these areas.

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Monro believes that the ability to recruit and retain qualified technicians is an important competitive factor in the automotive repair industry, which has historically experienced a high turnover rate. Monro makes a concerted effort to recruit individuals who will have a long-term commitment to the Company and offers an hourly rate structure and additional compensation based on productivity; a competitive benefits package including health, dental, life and disability insurance; a 401(K)/profit-sharing plan; as well as the opportunity to advance within the Company. Many of the Company's Managers and Market Managers started with the Company as technicians.

Many of the Company's new technicians join the Company in their early twenties as trainees or apprentices. As they progress, they are promoted to technician and eventually master technician, the latter requiring ASE certification in both brakes and suspension. The Company offers a tool purchase program through which trainee technicians can acquire their own set of tools. The Company also will reimburse technicians for the cost of ASE certification registration fees and test fees and encourages all technicians to become certified by providing a higher hourly wage rate following their certification.

The Company's training program provides multiple training sessions to both store managers and technicians in each store, each year.

Management training courses are developed and delivered by the Company's dedicated training department and Operations management, and are supplemented with live and online vendor training courses. Management training covers customer service, sales, human resources (counseling, recruiting, interviewing, etc.), leadership, scheduling, financial and operational areas, and is delivered on a quarterly basis. The Company believes that involving Operations management in the development and delivery of these sessions results in more relevant and actionable training for store managers, and that more frequent training covering all managers each year will improve overall performance and staff retention.

The Company's training department develops and coordinates technical training courses on critical areas of automotive repair to Company technicians (e.g. Antilock braking systems (ABS) brake repair, drivability, tire pressure monitoring system (TPMS), etc.) and also conducts required technical training to maintain compliance with inspection licenses, where applicable, and MAP accreditation. Additionally, the Company's training department holds in-house technical clinics for store personnel and coordinates technician attendance at technical clinics offered by the Company's vendors. The Company issues technical bulletins to all stores on innovative or complex repair processes, and maintains a centralized database for technical repair problems. In addition, the Company has established a telephone technical hotline to provide assistance to store personnel in resolving problems encountered while diagnosing and repairing vehicles. The help line is available during all hours of store operation.

PURCHASING AND DISTRIBUTION

The Company, through its wholly-owned subsidiary Monro Service Corporation, selects and purchases tires, parts and supplies for all Company-operated stores on a centralized basis through an automatic replenishment system. Although purchases outside the centralized system (outside purchases) are made when needed at the store level, these purchases are low by industry standards, and accounted for approximately 12% of all parts used in fiscal 2009.

The Company's ten largest vendors accounted for approximately 77% of its parts and tire purchases, with the largest vendor accounting for approximately 20% of total stocking purchases in fiscal 2009. The Company purchases parts and tires from approximately 100 vendors. Management believes that the Company's relationships with vendors are excellent and that alternative sources of supply exist, at comparable cost, for substantially all parts used in the Company's business. The Company routinely obtains bids from vendors to ensure it is receiving competitive pricing and terms.

Most parts are shipped by vendors to the Company's primary warehouse facility in Rochester, New York, and are distributed to stores through the Company-operated tractor/trailer fleet. Stores are replenished either on a weekly or bi-weekly basis from this warehouse, and such replenishment fills, on the average, 96% of all items ordered by the stores' automatic POS-driven replenishment system. The Rochester warehouse stocks approximately 6,000 SKUs. The Company also operates warehouses in Baltimore and Virginia that service the tire and service stores in those markets. These warehouses carry, on average, 4,600 and 2,100 SKUs, respectively.

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The Company has entered into various contracts with parts and tire suppliers, certain of which require the Company to buy up to 100% of its annual purchases of specific products including brakes, exhaust, oil and ride control at market prices. These agreements expire at various dates through January 2013. The Company believes these agreements provide it with high quality, branded merchandise at preferred pricing, along with strong marketing and training support.

COMPETITION

The Company competes in the retail automotive service industry. This industry is generally highly competitive and fragmented, and the number, size and strength of competitors vary widely from region to region. The Company believes that competition in this industry is based on customer service and reputation, store location, name awareness and price. Monroe's primary competitors include national and regional undercar, tire specialty and general automotive service chains, both franchised and company-operated; car dealerships, mass merchandisers operating service centers; and, to a lesser extent, gas stations and independent garages. Monroe considers Midas, Inc. and Meineke Discount Mufflers Inc. to be direct competitors. In most of the new markets that the Company has entered, at least one competitor was already present. In identifying new markets, the Company analyzes, among other factors, the intensity of competition. (See Expansion Strategy and Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations .)

EMPLOYEES

As of March 28, 2009, Monroe had 4,277 employees, of whom 4,039 were employed in the field organization, 65 were employed at the warehouses, 153 were employed at the Company's corporate headquarters and 20 were employed in its Baltimore office and warehouse. Monroe's employees are not members of any union. The Company believes that its relations with its employees are good.

REGULATION

The Company stores new oil and recycled antifreeze and generates and/or handles used tires and automotive oils, antifreeze and certain solvents, which are disposed of by licensed third-party contractors. In certain states, as required, the Company also recycles oil filters. Thus, the Company is subject to a number of federal, state and local environmental laws including the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA). In addition, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (the EPA), under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and various state and local environmental protection agencies regulate the Company's handling and disposal of waste. The EPA, under the Clean Air Act, also regulates the installation of catalytic converters by the Company and all other repair stores by periodically spot checking repair jobs, and has the power to fine businesses that use improper procedures or materials. The EPA has the authority to impose sanctions, including civil penalties up to \$25,000 per violation (or up to \$25,000 per day for certain willful violations or failures to cooperate with authorities), for violations of RCRA and the Clean Air Act.

The Company is subject to various laws and regulations concerning workplace safety, zoning and other matters relating to its business. The Company maintains programs to facilitate compliance with these laws and regulations. The Company believes that it is in substantial compliance with all applicable environmental and other laws and regulations and that the cost of such compliance is not material to the Company.

The Company is environmentally conscious, and takes advantage of recycling opportunities both at its headquarters and at its stores. Cardboard, plastic shrink wrap and parts cores are returned to the warehouse by the stores on the weekly stock truck. There, they are accumulated for sale to recycling companies or returned to parts manufacturers for

credit.

SEASONALITY

Although the Company's business is not highly seasonal, customers do purchase more undercar service during the period of March through October than the period of November through February, when miles driven tend to be lower. As a result, sales and profitability are typically lower during the latter period. In the tire stores, the better sales

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months are typically May through August, and October through December. The slowest months are typically January through April and September.

COMPANY INFORMATION AND SEC FILINGS

The Company maintains a website at www.monro.com and makes its annual, quarterly and periodic Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) filings available through the Investor Information section of that website. The Company's SEC filings are available through this website free of charge, via a direct link to the SEC website at www.sec.gov. The Company's filings with the SEC are also available to the public at the SEC Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549 or by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

RISKS RELATED TO OUR BUSINESS

In addition to the risk factors discussed elsewhere in this annual report, the following are some of the important factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those projected in any forward looking statements:

We operate in the highly competitive automotive repair industry.

The automotive repair industry in which we operate is generally highly competitive and fragmented, and the number, size and strength of our competitors varies widely from region to region. We believe that competition in the industry is based primarily on customer service, reputation, store location, name awareness and price. Our primary competitors include national and regional undercar, tire specialty and general automotive service chains, both franchised and company-operated, car dealerships, mass merchandisers operating service centers and, to a lesser extent, gas stations and independent garages. Some of our competitors have greater financial resources, are more geographically diverse and have better name recognition than we do, which might place us at a competitive disadvantage to those competitors. Because we seek to offer competitive prices, if our competitors reduce prices, we may be forced to reduce our prices, which could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations. Further, our success within this industry also depends upon our ability to respond in a timely manner to changes in customer demands for both products and services. We cannot assure that we or any of our stores will be able to compete effectively. If we are unable to compete successfully in new and existing markets, we may not achieve our projected revenue and profitability targets.

We are subject to seasonality and cycles in the general economy that impact demand for our products and services.

Although our business is not highly seasonal, our customers typically purchase more undercar service during the period of March through October than the period of November through February, when miles driven tend to be lower. As a result, our sales and profitability tend to be lower during the latter period. In our tire stores, the slowest months are typically January through April and September. Further, customers may defer or forego vehicle maintenance at any time during periods of inclement weather.

The automotive repair industry is subject to fluctuations in the general economy. During a downturn in the economy, customers may defer or forego vehicle maintenance or repair. During periods of good economic conditions, consumers may decide to purchase new vehicles rather than having their older vehicles serviced. While the number of automobiles registered in the United States has steadily increased, this trend may not continue. In any event, should a significant reduction in the number of miles driven by automobile owners occur, it would likely have an adverse effect on the demand for our products and services. For example, when the retail cost of gasoline increases, the number of

miles driven by automobile owners may decrease, which could result in less frequent service intervals and fewer repairs.

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We depend on our relationships with our vendors.

We depend on close relationships with our vendors for parts and supplies and for our ability to purchase products at competitive prices and terms. Our ability to purchase at competitive prices and terms results from the volume of our purchases from these vendors. We have entered into various contracts with parts suppliers that require us to buy from them (at market prices) up to 100% of our annual purchases of specific products including brakes, exhaust, oil and ride control products. These agreements expire at various dates through January 2013. If we fail to purchase sufficient volumes from our vendors, we may obtain parts and supplies on less competitive terms.

We believe that alternative sources exist for most of the products we sell or use at our stores, and we would not expect the loss of any one supplier to have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition or results of operations. Our dependence on a small number of suppliers, however, subjects us to the risks of shortages and interruptions. If any of our suppliers do not perform adequately or otherwise fail to distribute parts or other supplies to our stores, our inability to replace the suppliers in a timely manner and on acceptable terms could increase our costs and could cause shortages or interruptions that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our industry is subject to environmental, consumer protection and other regulation.

We are subject to various federal, state and local environmental laws and other governmental regulations regarding the operation of our business. For example, we are subject to rules governing the handling, storage and disposal of hazardous substances contained in some of the products such as motor oil that we sell and use at our stores, the recycling of batteries, tires and used lubricants, and the ownership and operation of real property. These laws and regulations can impose fines and criminal sanctions for violations and require the installation of pollution control equipment or operational changes to decrease the likelihood of accidental hazardous substance releases. Accordingly, we could become subject to material liabilities relating to the investigation and cleanup of contaminated properties, and to claims alleging personal injury or property damage as a result of exposure to, or release of, hazardous substances. In addition, stricter interpretation of existing laws and regulations, new laws and regulations, the discovery of previously unknown contamination or the imposition of new or increased requirements could require us to incur costs or become the basis of new or increased liabilities that could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

National automotive repair chains have also been the subject of investigations and reports by consumer protection agencies and the Attorneys General of various states. Publicity in connection with these investigations could have an adverse effect on our sales and, consequently, our business, financial condition and results of operations. State and local governments have also enacted numerous consumer protection laws with which we must comply.

The costs of operating our stores may increase if there are changes in laws governing minimum hourly wages, working conditions, overtime, workers' compensation insurance rates, unemployment tax rates or other laws and regulations. A material increase in these costs that we were unable to offset by increasing our prices or by other means could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

Our business is affected by advances in automotive technology.

The demand for our products and services could be adversely affected by continuing developments in automotive technology. Automotive manufacturers are producing cars that last longer and require service and maintenance at less frequent intervals in certain cases. Quality improvement of manufacturers' original equipment parts has in the past reduced, and may in the future reduce, demand for our products and services, adversely affecting our sales. For

example, manufacturers use of stainless steel exhaust components has significantly increased the life of those parts, thereby decreasing the demand for exhaust repairs and replacements. Longer and more comprehensive warranty or service programs offered by automobile manufacturers and other third parties also could adversely affect the demand for our products and services. We believe that a majority of new automobile owners have their cars serviced by a dealer during the period that the car is under warranty. In addition, advances in automotive technology continue to require us to incur additional costs to update our diagnostic capabilities and technical training programs.

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We may not be successful in integrating new and acquired stores.

Management believes that our continued growth in sales and profit is dependent, in large part, upon our ability to open/acquire and operate new stores on a profitable basis. In order to do so, we must find reasonably priced new store locations and acquisition candidates that meet our criteria and we must integrate any new stores (opened or acquired) into our system. Our growth and profitability could be adversely affected if we are unable to open or acquire new stores or if new or existing stores do not operate at a sufficient level of profitability. In addition, we generally fund our acquisitions through our existing bank credit facility. If new stores do not achieve expected levels of profitability, this may adversely impact our ability to remain in compliance with our debt covenants or to make required payments under our credit facility.

Store closings result in costs.

From time to time, in the ordinary course of our business, we close certain stores, generally based on considerations of store profitability, competition, strategic factors and other considerations. Closing a store could subject us to costs including the write-down of leasehold improvements, equipment, furniture and fixtures. In addition, we could remain liable for future lease obligations.

We rely on an adequate supply of skilled field personnel.

In order to continue to provide high quality services, we require an adequate supply of skilled field managers and technicians. Trained and experienced automotive field personnel are in high demand, and may be in short supply in some areas. We cannot assure that we will be able to attract, motivate and maintain an adequate skilled workforce necessary to operate our existing and future stores efficiently, or that labor expenses will not increase as a result of a shortage in the supply of skilled field personnel, thereby adversely impacting our financial performance. While the automotive repair industry generally operates with high field employee turnover, any material increases in employee turnover rates in our stores or any widespread employee dissatisfaction could also have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations.

If we are unable to generate sufficient cash flows from our operations, our liquidity will suffer and we may be unable to satisfy our obligations.

We currently rely on cash flow from operations and our revolving credit facility to fund our business. Amounts outstanding on the revolving credit facility are reported as debt on our balance sheet. While we believe that we have the ability to sufficiently fund our planned operations and capital expenditures for the foreseeable future, various risks to our business could result in circumstances that would materially affect our liquidity. For example, cash flows from our operations could be affected by changes in consumer spending habits, the failure to maintain favorable vendor payment terms or our inability to successfully implement sales growth initiatives, among other factors. We may be unsuccessful in securing alternative financing when needed on terms that we consider acceptable.

In addition, a significant increase in our leverage could have important consequences to an investment in our common stock, including the following risks:

our ability to obtain additional financing for working capital, capital expenditures, store renovations, acquisitions or general corporate purposes may be impaired in the future;

our failure to comply with the financial and other restrictive covenants governing our debt, which, among other things, require us to maintain a minimum net worth, comply with certain financial ratios and limit our ability to

incur additional debt and sell assets, could result in an event of default that, if not cured or waived, could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and results of operations; and

our exposure to certain financial market risks, including fluctuations in interest rates associated with bank borrowings could become more significant.

If we do not perform in accordance with our debt covenants, the institutions providing the funds have the option to withdraw their funding support. We cannot assure that we will remain in compliance with our debt

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covenants in the future. In addition, our current financing agreement expires in January 2012, and we cannot assure that we will be able to refinance our existing credit facility when it expires.

We depend on the services of key executives.

Our senior executives are important to our success because they have been instrumental in setting our strategic direction, operating our business, identifying, recruiting and training key personnel, identifying expansion opportunities and arranging necessary financing. Losing the services of any of these individuals could adversely affect our business until a suitable replacement could be found. It may be difficult to replace them quickly with executives of equal experience and capabilities. Although we have employment agreements with selected executives, we can not prevent them from terminating their employment with us. Other executives are not bound by employment agreements with us.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

None.

Item 2. Properties

The Company, through Monro Service Corporation, owns its office/warehouse facility of approximately 95,000 square feet, which is located on 12.7 acres of land in Holleder Technology Park, in Rochester, New York.

Of Monro's 710 Company-operated stores at March 28, 2009, 204 were owned, 380 were leased and for 126, the land only was leased. In general, the Company leases store sites for a ten-year period with several five-year renewal options. Giving effect to all renewal options, approximately 52% of the leases (205 stores) expire after 2019. Certain of the leases provide for contingent rental payments if a percentage of annual gross sales exceeds the base fixed rental amount. The highest contingent percentage rent of any lease is 6.75%, and no such lease has adversely affected profitability of the store subject thereto. An officer of the Company or members of his family are the lessors, or have interests in entities that are the lessors, with respect to six of the leases. No related party leases, other than the six assumed as part of the Mr. Tire Acquisition in March 2004, have been entered into, and no new related party leases are contemplated.

As of March 28, 2009, there was \$.7 million outstanding under a mortgage held by the City of Rochester, New York, secured by the land on which the headquarters office and warehouse is located.

Item 3. Legal Proceedings

The Company was the defendant in a lawsuit filed in December 2007, in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, that claimed that the Company violated federal and state laws related to the calculation and payment of overtime to certain headquarters employees. In May 2008, subject to Court approval, the Company and the plaintiffs agreed upon the financial terms of a settlement of all claims in the lawsuit (the Settlement). In doing so, the Company did not admit any wrongdoing with respect to the matters involved in the lawsuit. The Company obtained final court approval of the Settlement in March 2009. The Company recorded a reserve for the Settlement, including an estimate of all costs to bring the matter to a close, in the amount of \$.9 million in fiscal 2008. This amount was reduced by approximately \$.1 million in fiscal 2009 due to lower than anticipated costs to resolve the matter.

The Company is not a party or subject to any other legal proceedings other than certain routine claims and lawsuits that arise in the normal course of its business. The Company does not believe that such routine claims or lawsuits, individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operations.

Item 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders

No matters were submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009.

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The Common Stock is traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC under the symbol MNRO. The following table sets forth, for the Company's last two fiscal years, the range of high and low sales prices on the NASDAQ Stock Market LLC for the Common Stock:

| Quarter Ended | Fiscal 2009 | | Fiscal 2008 | |
|---------------|-------------|----------|-------------|----------|
| | High | Low | High | Low |
| June | \$ 18.75 | \$ 15.02 | \$ 25.77 | \$ 22.91 |
| September | \$ 23.88 | \$ 15.07 | \$ 25.95 | \$ 22.32 |
| December | \$ 24.00 | \$ 16.50 | \$ 23.26 | \$ 18.94 |
| March | \$ 27.90 | \$ 21.90 | \$ 19.49 | \$ 15.37 |

HOLDERS

At May 29, 2009, the Company's Common Stock was held by approximately 4,700 shareholders of record or through nominee or street name accounts with brokers.

DIVIDENDS

On August 22, 2007, the Company's Board of Directors declared a three-for-two stock split to be effected in the form of a 50% stock dividend. The stock split was distributed on October 1, 2007 to shareholders of record as of September 21, 2007. The stock split was subject to shareholder approval of an increase in the number of authorized common shares from 20,000,000 to 45,000,000. Shareholders voted in favor of this increase at the Company's regularly scheduled Annual Shareholders Meeting on August 21, 2007. Information regarding the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding, as set forth in this Form 10-K, reflect the impact of this stock split.

In May 2006, 2007 and 2008, the Company's Board of Directors declared its intention to pay a regular quarterly cash dividend beginning with the first quarter of fiscal 2007, 2008 and 2009, respectively, of \$.05, \$.06 and \$.06, respectively. However, the declaration of and any determination as to the payment of future dividends will be at the discretion of the Board of Directors and will depend on the Company's financial condition, results of operations, capital requirements, compliance with charter and contractual restrictions, and such other factors as the Board of Directors deems relevant. The terms of the Company's Credit Facility permit the payment of cash dividends not to exceed 25% of the preceding year's net income.

In May 2009, the Company's Board of Directors increased the quarterly dividend from \$.06 to \$.07 per common share or common share equivalent beginning with the dividend to be paid in June 2009.

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Set forth below is a line-graph presentation comparing the cumulative shareholder return on the Company's Common Stock, on an indexed basis, against the cumulative total returns of the S & P Industrials and the S & P Retail Stores-Specialty Index for the sixty month period from March 27, 2004 to March 28, 2009 (March 27, 2004 = 100):

**COMPARISON OF 5 YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN*
AMONG MONRO MUFFLER BRAKE, INC., THE S&P INDUSTRIALS INDEX
AND THE S&P SPECIALTY STORES INDEX**

* \$100 invested on 3/31/04 in stock or index, including reinvestment of dividends. Fiscal year ending March 31.

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| | 3/04 | 3/05 | 3/06 | 3/07 | 3/08 | 3/09 |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Monro Muffler Brake, Inc. | 100.00 | 103.28 | 149.37 | 142.23 | 103.81 | 170.11 |
| S & P Industrials | 100.00 | 117.34 | 130.59 | 139.73 | 148.74 | 73.61 |
| S & P Specialty Stores | 100.00 | 108.51 | 142.72 | 153.28 | 105.13 | 69.46 |

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The following table sets forth selected financial and operating data of the Company for each year in the five-year period ended March 28, 2009. The financial data and certain operating data have been derived from the Company's audited financial statements. This data should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and related notes included under Item 8 of this report and in conjunction with other financial information included elsewhere in this Form 10-K.

| | Year Ended Fiscal March | | | | |
|---|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 | 2006 | 2005 |
| | (Amounts in thousands, except per share data) | | | | |
| Income Statement Data: | | | | | |
| Sales | \$ 476,106 | \$ 439,389 | \$ 417,226 | \$ 368,727 | \$ 337,409 |
| Cost of sales, including distribution and occupancy costs | 284,640 | 264,783 | 250,804 | 220,915 | 200,616 |
| Gross profit | 191,466 | 174,606 | 166,422 | 147,812 | 136,793 |
| Operating, selling, general and administrative expenses | 148,374 | 137,338 | 126,660 | 108,030 | 102,379 |
| Intangible amortization | 490 | 564 | 1,051 | 925 | 765 |
| (Gain) loss on disposal of assets | (1,061) | (1,670) | (2,846) | (973) | 221 |
| Total operating expenses | 147,803 | 136,232 | 124,865 | 107,982 | 103,365 |
| Operating income | 43,663 | 38,374 | 41,557 | 39,830 | 33,428 |
| Interest expense, net | 5,979 | 5,753 | 4,564 | 3,478 | 2,549 |
| Other (income) expense, net | (430) | (799) | 2,529 | (454) | (523) |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 38,114 | 33,420 | 34,464 | 36,806 | 31,402 |
| Provision for income taxes | 14,026 | 11,499 | 12,193 | 14,140 | 11,733 |
| Net income | \$ 24,088 | \$ 21,921 | \$ 22,271 | \$ 22,666 | \$ 19,669 |
| Earnings per share Basic(a) | \$ 1.27 | \$ 1.08 | \$ 1.07 | \$ 1.12 | \$ 1.00 |
| Diluted(a) | \$ 1.20 | \$ 1.00 | \$.97 | \$ 1.01 | \$.90 |
| Weighted average number of Common Stock and equivalents | | | | | |
| Basic(b) | 18,837 | 20,024 | 20,818 | 20,296 | 19,654 |
| Diluted(b) | 20,099 | 21,871 | 22,878 | 22,533 | 21,843 |
| Cash dividends per common share or common share equivalent(b) | \$.24 | \$.23 | \$.17 | \$.10 | |
| Selected Operating Data:(c) | | | | | |

Sales growth:

| | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Total | 8.4% | 5.3% | 13.2% | 9.3% | 20.7% |
| Comparable store(d) | 6.7% | 1.2% | 3.2% | 1.7% | 2.0% |
| Stores open at beginning of year | 720 | 698 | 625 | 626 | 595 |
| Stores open at end of year | 710 | 720 | 698 | 625 | 626 |
| Capital expenditures(e) | \$ 23,637 | \$ 20,574 | \$ 22,319 | \$ 16,005 | \$ 18,586 |

Balance Sheet Data (at period end):

| | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Net working capital | \$ 30,389 | \$ 34,562 | \$ 29,338 | \$ 31,949 | \$ 27,719 |
| Total assets | 376,751 | 370,469 | 339,758 | 303,395 | 284,985 |
| Long-term obligations | 97,098 | 122,585 | 52,525 | 46,327 | 55,438 |
| Shareholders' equity | 194,291 | 174,848 | 215,119 | 192,990 | 167,489 |

- (a) See Note 10 for calculation of basic and diluted earnings per share.
- (b) Adjusted in fiscal year 2005 – 2007 for the effect of the Company's October 2007 three-for-two stock split.
- (c) Includes Company-operated stores only – no dealer locations.

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- (d) Comparable store sales data is calculated based on the change in sales of only those stores open as of the beginning of the preceding fiscal year.
- (e) Amount does not include the funding of the purchase price related to the Rice and Henderson Acquisitions in fiscal 2005, the ProCare Acquisition in fiscal 2007 or the Valley Forge, Craven or Broad Elm Acquisitions in fiscal 2008.

Item 7. *Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations*

The following table sets forth income statement data of the Company expressed as a percentage of sales for the fiscal years indicated:

| | Year Ended Fiscal March | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Sales | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Cost of sales, including distribution and occupancy costs | 59.8 | 60.3 | 60.1 |
| Gross profit | 40.2 | 39.7 | 39.9 |
| Operating, selling, general and administrative expenses | 31.2 | 31.3 | 30.4 |
| Intangible amortization | .1 | .1 | .3 |
| Gain on disposal of assets | (.2) | (.4) | (.7) |
| Operating income | 9.2 | 8.7 | 10.0 |
| Interest expense, net | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| Other (income) expense, net | (.1) | (.2) | .6 |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 8.0 | 7.6 | 8.3 |
| Provision for income taxes | 2.9 | 2.6 | 3.0 |
| Net income | 5.1% | 5.0% | 5.3% |

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The statements contained in this Annual Report on Form 10-K that are not historical facts, including (without limitation) statements made in this Item and in Item 1 Business, may contain statements of future expectations and other forward-looking statements made pursuant to the Safe Harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Forward-looking statements are subject to risks, uncertainties and other important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed. These factors include, but are not necessarily limited to, product demand, dependence on and competition within the primary markets in which the Company's stores are located, the need for and costs associated with store renovations and other capital expenditures, the effect of economic conditions, the impact of competitive services and pricing, product development, parts supply restraints or difficulties, industry regulation, risks relating to leverage and debt service (including sensitivity to fluctuations in interest rates), continued availability of capital resources and financing, risks relating to integration of acquired businesses, the risks set forth in Item 1A. Risk Factors and other factors set forth or incorporated elsewhere herein and in the Company's other SEC filings. The Company does not undertake to update any forward-looking statement that

may be made from time to time by or on behalf of the Company.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The Company believes that the accounting policies listed below are those that are most critical to the portrayal of the Company's financial condition and results of operations, and that required management's most difficult, subjective and complex judgments in estimating the effect of inherent uncertainties. This section should be read in conjunction with Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements which includes other significant accounting policies.

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Inventory

The Company evaluates whether inventory is stated at the lower of cost or market based on historical experience with the carrying value and life of inventory. The assumptions used in this evaluation are based on current market conditions and the Company believes inventory is stated at the lower of cost or market in the consolidated financial statements. In addition, historically the Company has been able to return excess items to vendors for credit or sell such inventory to wholesalers. Future changes by vendors in their policies or willingness to accept returns of excess inventory could require a revision in the estimates.

Carrying Values of Goodwill and Long-Lived Assets

Goodwill represents the amount paid in consideration for an acquisition in excess of the net assets acquired. In accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142 (SFAS 142), Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets , the Company does not amortize goodwill for acquisitions made after June 30, 2001. The Company conducts tests for impairment of goodwill annually, typically during the third quarter of the fiscal year, or more frequently if circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. These impairment tests include management estimates of future cash flows that are dependent upon subjective assumptions regarding future operating results including growth rates, discount rates, capital requirements and other factors that impact the estimated fair value. An impairment loss is recognized to the extent that an asset s carrying amount exceeds its fair value.

The Company evaluates the carrying values of its long-lived assets to be held and used in the business by reviewing undiscounted cash flows by operating unit. Such evaluations are performed whenever events and circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. In such instances, the carrying values are adjusted for the differences between the fair values and the carrying values. Additionally, in the case of fixed assets related to locations that will be closed or sold, the Company shortens the depreciable life of the related assets to coincide with the planned sale or closing date.

Self-Insurance Reserves

The Company is largely self-insured with respect to workers compensation, general liability and employee medical claims. In order to reduce its risk and better manage its overall loss exposure, the Company purchases stop-loss insurance that covers individual claims in excess of the deductible amounts. The Company maintains an accrual for the estimated cost to settle open claims as well as an estimate of the cost of claims that have been incurred but not reported. These estimates take into consideration the historical average claim volume, the average cost for settled claims, current trends in claim costs, changes in the Company s business and workforce, and general economic factors. These accruals are reviewed on a quarterly basis, or more frequently if factors dictate a more frequent review is warranted.

Warranty

The Company provides an accrual for estimated future warranty costs based upon the historical relationship of warranty costs to sales, except for tire road hazard warranties which are accounted for in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Technical Bulletin 90-1 Accounting for Separately Priced Extended Warranty and Product Maintenance Contracts . Warranty expense related to all product warranties at and for the fiscal years ended March 2009, 2008 and 2007 was not material to the Company s financial position or results of operations.

Stock-Based Compensation

The Company accounts for its stock options in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R (SFAS 123R), Share-Based Payment , as interpreted by FASB Staff Positions No. 123R-1, 123R-2, 123R-3, 123R-4, 123R-5, and 123R-6, using the fair value recognition provisions of SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation , effective March 26, 2006.

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The fair value of each option award is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option valuation model that uses the following assumptions. Expected volatilities are based on historical changes in the market price of the Company's common stock. The expected term of options granted is derived from the terms and conditions of the award, as well as historical exercise behavior, and represents the period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding. The risk-free rate is calculated using the implied yield on zero-coupon U.S. Treasury bonds with a remaining maturity equal to the expected term of the awards. The Company uses historical data to estimate forfeitures. The dividend yield is based on historical experience and expected future changes.

Income Taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes (SFAS 109). The Company's provision for income taxes and effective tax rates are calculated by legal entity and jurisdiction and are based on a number of factors, including the Company's income, tax planning strategies, differences between tax laws and accounting rules, statutory tax rates and credits, uncertain tax positions and valuation allowances. The Company uses significant judgment and estimates in evaluating its tax positions.

Tax law and accounting rules often differ as to the timing and treatment of certain items of income and expense. As a result, the tax rate reflected in the Company's tax return (the current or cash tax rate) is different from the tax rate reflected in the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements. Some of the differences are permanent, while other differences are temporary as they reverse over time. The Company records deferred tax assets and liabilities for any temporary differences between the tax reflected in the Company Consolidated Financial Statements and tax bases. The Company establishes valuation allowances when it believes it is more-likely-than-not that its deferred tax assets will not be realized.

At any one time, the Company's tax returns for several tax years are subject to examination by U.S. Federal and state taxing jurisdictions. The Company establishes tax liabilities in accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes (FIN 48). FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in an enterprise's financial statements and prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attributes of income tax positions taken or expected to be taken on a tax return. Under FIN 48, the impact of an uncertain tax position taken or expected to be taken on an income tax return must be recognized in the financial statements at the largest amount that is more-likely-than-not to be sustained. An uncertain income tax position will not be recognized in the financial statements unless it is more-likely-than-not to be sustained. The Company adjusts these tax liabilities, as well as the related interest and penalties, based on the latest facts and circumstances, including recently published rulings, court cases and outcomes of tax audits. To the extent the Company's actual tax liability differs from its established tax liabilities for unrecognized tax benefits, the Company's effective tax rate may be materially impacted. While it is often difficult to predict the final outcome of, the timing of, or the tax treatment of any particular tax position or deduction, the Company believes that its tax balances reflect the more-likely-than-not outcome of known tax contingencies.

Derivative Financial Instruments

The Company accounts for derivative financial instruments in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities (SFAS No. 133), which established accounting and reporting standards for derivative financial instruments. SFAS No. 133, as amended, requires the Company to recognize all derivatives as either assets or liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet and measure those instruments at fair value. The Company recognizes the fair value of all derivatives as either assets or liabilities in the consolidated balance sheet and changes in the fair value of such instruments are recognized immediately in earnings

unless certain accounting criteria established by SFAS No. 133 are met. These criteria demonstrate that the derivative is expected to be highly effective at offsetting changes in the fair value or expected cash flows of the underlying exposure at both the inception of the hedging relationship and on an ongoing basis and include an evaluation of the counterparty risk and the impact, if any, on the effectiveness of the derivative. If these criteria are met, which the Company must document and assess at inception and on an ongoing basis, the Company recognizes the changes in fair value of such instruments in accumulated other comprehensive income, a component

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of shareholders' equity on the consolidated balance sheet. Changes in the fair value of the ineffective portion of all derivatives are recognized immediately in earnings.

The Company primarily employs derivative financial instruments to manage its exposure to market risk from interest rate changes and to limit the volatility and impact of interest rate changes on earnings and cash flows.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

FISCAL 2009 AS COMPARED TO FISCAL 2008

Sales for fiscal 2009 increased \$36.7 million or 8.4% to \$476.1 million as compared to \$439.4 million in fiscal 2008. The increase was partially due to an increase of approximately \$16.0 million from new stores (which are defined as stores added since March 31, 2007). The former ProCare stores acquired in April 2006 are now included in comparable store sales numbers. The 26 former Craven, Valley Forge and Broad Elm stores acquired in fiscal 2008 contributed \$12.6 million of the increase. Comparable store sales increased 6.7%. Partially offsetting this was a decrease in sales from closed stores amounting to \$4.1 million. There were 306 selling days in fiscal 2009 and fiscal 2008.

During the year, three stores were added and 13 were closed. At March 28, 2009, the Company had 710 stores in operation.

Management believes that the improvement in comparable store sales resulted from several factors, including an increase in brake sales, tire sales, maintenance services and alignments. Price increases in most product categories also contributed to the sales improvement. Comparable store traffic as well as average ticket increased. Management believes that soft economic conditions and the related decrease in consumer spending and tightening of credit, resulting in declining automobile sales, contributed to the improved sales. Management believes that consumers are keeping their cars longer and repairing them instead of trading them in for new cars. Additionally, while consumers can and often defer repairs when the economy is weak, most repairs can only be deferred for a period of time. When customers did come in to have their vehicles repaired, it is management's belief that they spent more on average because the problem with their vehicle had worsened due to additional wear.

Management also believes that the recently announced closings of dealerships by Chrysler and General Motors will only serve to drive more business to the Company's stores as consumers look for alternative, proven, economical and more geographically convenient locations to service their automobiles.

As occurred in previous years, the Company completed the bulk sale of approximately \$1.6 million of slower moving inventory to Icon International, a barter company, in exchange for barter credits. The margin recognized in these transactions is typically less than the Company's normal profit margin. However, the barter transactions that occurred in fiscal 2009 had no impact on gross margin due to the smaller size of the transaction.

The Company has demonstrated its ability to consistently use the barter credits. Since it began doing barter transactions in the late 1990's, the Company has used over \$8.4 million of credits with vendors and the barter company. Barter credits are recorded at their net realizable value.

Additionally, the Company continued to reward store employees with pay programs focused on high customer service scores. Management believes that, in spite of the sluggish economic environment, it is continuing to build the trust of its customers, through quality, integrity and fair pricing, and is gaining an advantage over some of its competitors.

The new ProCare stores acquired on April 29, 2006 were purchased out of bankruptcy. These stores suffered significant declines in recent years and did not perform at a profitable level in fiscal 2008. However, sales have improved and continue to improve since the acquisition, and efforts continue which focus on increasing sales volumes, reducing costs and improving margins. As a result, these stores made approximately \$.03 per share in fiscal 2009, as compared to a loss of approximately \$.04 per share in fiscal 2008. Comparable store sales for the ProCare stores in fiscal 2009 increased 10.1%. Gross profit improved by 130 basis points and \$1.8 million. Operating income improved by 380 basis points and \$1.7 million. Additionally, pretax income increased by \$2.1 million to a pre-tax profit of \$.8 million, as compared to a pre-tax loss of \$1.2 million in the prior fiscal year.

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For the Company, gross profit for fiscal 2009 was \$191.5 million or 40.2% of sales as compared with \$174.6 million or 39.7% of sales for fiscal 2008. The increase in gross profit for the year ended March 28, 2009, as a percentage of sales, is due to several factors. There was a decrease in labor costs as a percent of sales due partially to a shift in mix to tire sales as well as an improvement in technician productivity chainwide, especially in the tire stores, achieved through right-sizing of crews. When sales improve, and with good control over technician hours, there is less subsidized or guaranteed wages because technicians are more productive, thereby decreasing technician labor as a percent of sales. Additionally, sales per man hour increased in fiscal year 2009 for the sixth consecutive year.

Distribution and occupancy costs as a percentage of sales in fiscal 2009 also decreased as compared to fiscal 2008 as the Company, with improved sales, was able to better leverage these largely fixed costs. Additionally, expenditures for building maintenance in fiscal 2009 were slightly less than the prior year.

Partially offsetting these cost decreases was an increase in total material costs due to cost increases in oil and tires, as well as a shift in mix from the higher margin categories of brakes, shocks and exhaust to the lower margin categories of tires and maintenance services. Selling price increases helped to mitigate the negative impact of these increases in product costs.

Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses for fiscal 2009 increased by \$11.0 million to \$148.4 million from fiscal 2008, and were 31.2% of sales as compared to 31.3% in the prior year.

The largest drivers of the dollar increases in SG&A expenses in fiscal 2009 in both store direct and store support costs were as follows: Store manager pay and related benefits increased by approximately \$3.8 million for comparable stores, attributable to raises and increased incentives in fiscal 2009 due to improved store performance as compared to the prior year. There was an additional \$1.9 million of increased expense related to a full year of Craven, Valley Forge and Broad Elm manager salary and benefits, including increased incentive pay for improved performance in those stores. Advertising expense increased approximately \$2.5 million in connection with the Company's focused efforts to drive traffic, gain market share and improve comparable store sales.

Store support costs increased by approximately \$2.4 million including increased management compensation expense as compared to the prior year. Management bonus expense was up due to the Company attaining required profit goals for fiscal 2009, which it did not attain in fiscal 2008. Benefits expense was up primarily due to increased FICA expense related to higher wages paid, as well as increased workers compensation costs.

Intangible amortization for fiscal 2009 decreased \$.1 million to \$.5 million from fiscal 2008, and remained flat at .1% of sales.

Gain on disposal of assets for fiscal 2009 decreased \$.6 million to \$1.1 million from fiscal 2008, and was .2 as a percent of sales as compared to .4 as a percent of sales in the prior year. This decrease is strictly a function of lower gains on property disposals in fiscal 2009 as compared to fiscal 2008. Effectively, the Company sells one or more properties annually, but there will be differences in the timing from one year to the next.

Operating income in fiscal 2009 of \$43.7 million increased 13.8% compared to operating income in fiscal 2008, and increased as a percentage of sales from 8.7% to 9.2%.

Net interest expense for fiscal 2009 increased by approximately \$.2 million as compared to the same period in the prior year, and remained flat at 1.3% as a percentage of sales. The weighted average debt outstanding for the year ended March 28, 2009 increased by approximately \$26 million from fiscal 2008, primarily related to the funding of the Valley Forge, Craven and Broad Elm acquisitions and the funding of the Company's stock repurchase program

which all occurred in fiscal year 2008. However, the weighted average interest rate decreased by approximately 170 basis points from the prior year. This decrease is primarily due to a decrease in the LIBOR and prime bank borrowing rates.

Other income, net for fiscal 2009 decreased \$.4 million as compared to fiscal 2008, primarily related to the recognition of \$.3 million of income in fiscal year 2008 in connection with the Company's settlement of all outstanding legal claims with Strauss.

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The Company's effective tax rate was 36.8% and 34.4%, respectively, of pre-tax income in fiscal 2009 and 2008. In fiscal 2008, income tax expense was reduced by \$.9 million related to the resolution of federal and state tax accounting matters. Offsetting this was a \$.2 million charge resulting from a reduction in the Company's state income tax rate used to calculate deferred taxes. The Company's previously recorded deferred tax assets were reduced, with a corresponding increase in income tax expense. These items had the net effect of lowering the Company's tax rate by 1.9%.

Net income for fiscal 2009 increased by \$2.2 million, or 9.9%, from \$21.9 million in fiscal 2008, to \$24.1 million in fiscal 2009, and earnings per diluted share increased by 20.0% from \$1.00 to \$1.20 due to the factors discussed.

FISCAL 2008 AS COMPARED TO FISCAL 2007

Sales for fiscal 2008 increased \$22.2 million, or 5.3% to \$439.4 million as compared to \$417.2 million in fiscal 2007. The increase was due to an increase of approximately \$21.2 million from new stores (which are defined as stores added since March 25, 2006), including \$3.5 million from the acquired ProCare stores and \$14.5 million from the former Craven, Valley Forge and Broad Elm stores acquired in fiscal 2008. Comparable store sales increased 1.2%. Adjusting for days, comparable store sales increased 3.1%. Partially offsetting this was a decrease in sales from closed stores amounting to \$4.1 million. Fiscal 2008 was a 52-week year, and therefore, there were 306 selling days as compared to 312 selling days in fiscal year 2007.

During the year, 31 stores were added and nine were closed. At March 29, 2008, the Company had 720 stores in operation.

Management believes that the improvement in comparable store sales resulted from several factors, including an increase in brake sales, tire sales, maintenance services and alignments. Price increases in several product categories also contributed to the sales improvement. Comparable store traffic declined but average ticket increased. Management believes that soft economic conditions resulted in consumers deferring repairs to their vehicles. However, most repairs can only be deferred for a period of time. When customers did come in to have their vehicles repaired, it is management's belief that they spent more on average because the problem with their vehicle had worsened due to additional wear.

The Company introduced Scheduled Maintenance services in all of its stores late in fiscal 2001. These services are required by vehicle manufacturers to comply with warranty schedules, and are offered by Monroe in a more convenient and cost competitive fashion than auto dealers typically provide. Management believes that these services, which are offered both in bundled packages and individually, will continue to contribute positively to comparable store sales in future years, and have helped to mitigate the decline in exhaust which negatively impacted recent fiscal years. The exhaust decline resulted primarily from manufacturers' use of non-corrosive stainless steel exhaust systems on most new cars beginning in the mid-1980s and completed in the mid-1990s.

As occurred in fiscal 2006 and 2007, the Company completed the bulk sale of approximately \$4.6 million of slower moving inventory to Icon International, a barter company, in exchange for barter credits. The margin recognized in these transactions is typically less than the Company's normal profit margin. The barter transactions that occurred in fiscal 2008 decreased gross profit by .3% of sales as compared to fiscal 2007. The bulk sales of inventory to Icon are important transactions for the Company. The sales help to improve inventory turns. As more vendor agreements fall under the newer vendor rebate rules, which require that vendor rebates be recognized in concert with the related inventory turns, inventory turns have a more direct impact on cost of goods sold and gross profit than in the past.

The Company has demonstrated its ability to consistently use the credits. Since it began doing barter transactions in the late 1990 s, the Company has used over \$6.9 million of credits with vendors and the barter company. Barter credits are recorded at their net realizable value.

Additionally, the Company continued to reward store employees with pay programs focused on high customer service scores. Management believes that, in spite of the sluggish economic environment, it is continuing to build the trust of its customers, through quality, integrity and fair pricing, and is gaining an advantage over some of its competitors.

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The new ProCare stores acquired on April 29, 2006 were purchased out of bankruptcy. These stores suffered significant declines in recent years and did not perform at a profitable level in fiscal 2008 or 2007. As a result, these stores lost approximately \$.04 per share in fiscal 2008, as compared to \$.05 per share in fiscal 2007. However, sales have improved and continue to improve since the acquisition, and efforts continue which focus on increasing sales volumes, reducing costs and improving margins. Comparable store sales for the ProCare stores in fiscal 2008 increased 1.8%, or 3.8% adjusted for selling days. Gross profit improved by 110 basis points, operating income improved by \$.9 million to \$1.4 million and the pretax loss declined by \$.6 million to \$1.2 million from \$1.8 million in the prior fiscal year.

For the Company, gross profit for fiscal 2008 was \$174.6 million or 39.7% of sales as compared with \$166.4 million or 39.9% of sales for fiscal 2007. The decrease in gross profit for the year ended March 29, 2008, as a percentage of sales, is due to several factors. A primary reason for the decrease was decreased leverage in distribution and occupancy costs related to the loss of six selling days between the two fiscal years. Without the extra selling week, gross profit for fiscal 2007 would have been 39.7% or flat with fiscal 2008. Barter sales transactions also decreased gross profit by .3 of a percent of sales for the full fiscal year 2008 as compared to .1 for fiscal 2007. Additionally, the Valley Forge, Craven and Broad Elm stores acquired in fiscal 2008 increased consolidated cost of sales and decreased gross profit by .2% of sales. In addition, chainwide, there was a slight shift in mix to the lower margin tire category away from higher margin categories. There were cost increases, as well, in oil and tires. For tires, the Company was able to effectively offset these increases with increases in selling prices, thereby preserving margins.

Partially offsetting these increases was a decrease in labor costs as a percent of sales, primarily due to the significant improvement in productivity of the technicians at the ProCare stores, achieved through improved sales and right-sizing of crews. Additionally, selling price increases for product categories other than oil and tires helped partially offset the aforementioned items which increased material costs.

Selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses for fiscal 2008 increased by \$10.7 million to \$137.3 million from fiscal 2007, and were 31.3% of sales as compared to 30.4% in the prior year. The increase in SG&A consisted of several items. First, there was decreased leverage in SG&A due to one less selling week in fiscal 2008 as compared to fiscal 2007. Additionally, the expense related to stock options increased by \$1.2 million in fiscal 2008 over fiscal 2007. Of this increase, \$.9 million, or .2 of a percent, related to the award of vested options to the Company's Chief Executive Officer in connection with the renewal of his employment contract. The Company recorded a \$.9 million charge related to the settlement of a wage and labor class action lawsuit involving headquarters employees filed against the Company in fiscal year 2008. There was also a shift in cooperative advertising credits from SG&A to cost of sales in connection with the accounting for new vendor agreements under EITF 02-16 which caused SG&A expenses to increase approximately .3 of a percentage point as compared to the prior year. In addition, the Company experienced increases in health and workers compensation insurance expense as compared to the prior year, accounting for .6 of the increase as a percent of sales.

The largest drivers of the dollar increases in SG&A expenses in fiscal 2008 were as follows: direct store expenses such as manager pay, advertising, supplies, etc. increased \$4.6 million over the prior year related to the Broad Elm, Valley Forge, Craven and a full year of the ProCare stores included in fiscal 2008 as compared to fiscal 2007. Cooperative advertising credits decreased (a shift to gross profit) by \$1.3 million, stock option expense increased \$1.2 million, benefits expense increased \$2.7 million and the lawsuit settlement added \$.9 million, as previously discussed above.

Intangible amortization for fiscal 2008 decreased \$.5 million to \$.6 million from fiscal 2007, and was .1% of sales as compared to .3% of sales in the prior year.

Gain on disposal of assets for fiscal 2008 decreased \$1.2 million to \$1.7 million from fiscal 2007, and was .4 as a percent of sales as compared to .7 as a percent of sales in the prior year. This decrease is strictly a function of lower gains on property disposals in fiscal 2008 as compared to fiscal 2007. Effectively, the Company sells one or more properties annually, but there will be differences in the timing from one year to the next.

Operating income in fiscal 2008 of \$38.4 million decreased 7.7% compared to operating income in fiscal 2007, and decreased as a percentage of sales from 10.0% to 8.7%.

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Net interest expense for fiscal 2008 increased by approximately \$1.2 million as compared to the same period in the prior year, and increased from 1.1% to 1.3% as a percentage of sales. The weighted average debt outstanding for the year ended March 29, 2008 increased by approximately \$18 million from fiscal 2007, primarily related to the funding of the Valley Forge, Craven and Broad Elm acquisitions and the funding of the Company's stock repurchase program. The weighted average interest rate was essentially flat between the two years.

Other income, net for fiscal 2008 increased \$3.3 million as compared to fiscal 2007, primarily related to the write-off of the Company's investment in Strauss of \$2.8 million in fiscal 2007. Also contributing to the increase was the Company's recognition of \$.3 million of income in the current year in connection with the Company's settlement of all outstanding legal claims with Strauss and \$.3 million of income from Auction Direct under the Company's consulting agreement.

The Company's effective tax rate was 34.4% and 35.4%, respectively, of pre-tax income in fiscal 2008 and 2007. In fiscal 2008, income tax expense was reduced by \$.9 million related to the resolution of federal and state tax accounting matters. Offsetting this, was a \$.2 million charge resulting from a reduction in the Company's state income tax rate used to calculate deferred taxes. The Company's previously recorded deferred tax assets were reduced, with a corresponding increase in income tax expense. In fiscal 2007, the Company's tax rate was impacted by the recognition of a \$.4 million income tax benefit primarily related to the favorable resolution of state income tax issues and a reduction in income tax reserves in connection with the finalization of the full year tax provision of \$.2 million. These items had the effect of lowering the Company's tax rate by 1.9% and 1.7% for fiscal 2008 and 2007, respectively.

Net income for fiscal 2008 decreased by \$.4 million, or 1.6%, from \$22.3 million in fiscal 2007, to \$21.9 million in fiscal 2008, and earnings per diluted share increased by 3.1% from \$.97 to \$1.00 post stock split due to the factors discussed.

CAPITAL RESOURCES AND LIQUIDITY

Capital Resources

The Company's primary capital requirements for fiscal 2009 were the upgrading of facilities and systems and the funding of its store expansion program totaling \$23.6 million. In fiscal 2008, the Company's primary capital requirements were divided among the funding of acquisitions for \$20.2 million, as well as the upgrading of facilities and systems and the funding of its store expansion program totaling \$20.6 million. Additionally in 2009 and 2008, the Company spent approximately \$13.4 million to acquire 21 properties previously leased. (This amount is included in the aforementioned capital expenditures amounts.) In both fiscal years 2009 and 2008, these capital requirements were primarily met by cash flow from operations.

In fiscal 2010, the Company intends to open approximately five new stores. Total capital required to open a new service store ranges, on average (based upon the last five fiscal years' openings excluding the acquired stores and BJ's locations), from \$300,000 to \$900,000 depending on whether the store is leased, owned or land leased. Total capital required to open a store within a BJ's Wholesale Club is substantially less than for a greenfield store.

As announced in May 2009, the Company signed a definitive asset purchase agreement to acquire 26 Autotire Car Care Center (Autotire) locations from Am-Pac Tire Distributors Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Tire Distributors. The transaction is expected to close by the end of June 2009. The purchase price is approximately \$10 million and will be funded primarily through the Company's existing line of credit.

The Company also plans to continue to seek suitable acquisition candidates. Management believes that the Company has sufficient resources available (including cash flow from operations and bank financing) to expand its business as currently planned for the next several years.

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Payments due by period under long-term debt, other financing instruments and commitments are as follows:

| | Total | Within 1 Year | Within 2 to 3 Years | Within 4 to 5 Years | After 5 Years |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | | |
| Long-term debt | \$ 65,710 | \$ 0 | \$ 65,050 | \$ 0 | \$ 660 |
| Capital lease commitments | 33,084 | 1,696 | 3,245 | 3,792 | 24,351 |
| Operating lease commitments | 93,719 | 22,020 | 31,764 | 17,928 | 22,007 |
| Purchase obligations | 93,360 | 51,868 | 41,492 | 0 | 0 |
| Total(1) | \$ 285,873 | \$ 75,584 | \$ 141,551 | \$ 21,720 | \$ 47,018 |

(1) The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits of \$4.5 million at March 28, 2009 are not reflected in the table above as the Company can not predict with certainty the timing of expected payments.

In July 2005, the Company entered into a five-year, \$125 million Revolving Credit Facility agreement with five banks. A sixth bank was added in June 2008. Interest only is payable monthly throughout the Credit Facility's term. The facility included a provision allowing the Company to expand the amount of the overall facility to \$160 million. Amendments in January 2007 and June 2008 were made to these amounts which increased the overall facility to \$200 million. Currently, the committed sum is \$163.3 million and the accordion feature is \$36.7 million. Approximately \$65.1 million was outstanding at March 28, 2009. The facility expires in January 2012.

The terms of the Credit Facility permit the payment of cash dividends not to exceed 25% of the preceding year's net income, and allow stock buybacks subject to the Company being able to meet its existing financial covenants. The agreement requires the maintenance of specified interest and rent coverage ratios and amounts of net worth. The Company is in compliance with these requirements at March 28, 2009, and does not foresee a risk of being out of compliance for the foreseeable future. These agreements permit mortgages and specific lease financing arrangements with other parties with certain limitations.

The Credit Facility is not secured by the Company's real property, although the Company has agreed not to encumber its real property, with certain permissible exceptions.

Within the aforementioned \$163.3 million Revolving Credit Facility, the Company has available a sub-facility of \$20 million for the purpose of issuing standby letters of credit. The line requires fees aggregating .88% annually of the face amount of each standby letter of credit, payable quarterly in arrears. There were \$12.2 million in outstanding letters of credit under this line at March 28, 2009.

In addition, the Company has financed certain store properties and vehicles with capital leases, which amount to \$33.1 million and are due in installments through 2028.

During fiscal 1995, the Company purchased 12.7 acres of land for \$.7 million from the City of Rochester, New York, on which its office/warehouse facility is located. The City has provided financing for 100% of the cost of the land via

a 20-year non-interest bearing mortgage, all due and payable in 2015.

The Company enters into interest rate hedge agreements, which involve the exchange of fixed and floating rate interest payments periodically over the life of the agreement without the exchange of the underlying principal amounts. The differential to be paid or received is accrued as interest rates change and is recognized over the life of the agreements as an offsetting adjustment to interest expense. The Company entered into three \$10 million interest rate swap agreements in July 2008 which expire in July 2010. The purpose of these agreements is to limit the interest rate exposure in the Company's floating rate debt. Fixed rates under these agreements range from 3.27% to 3.29%.

The Company has entered into an agreement to purchase the land and building associated with 30 stores that are currently leased from the landlord for a price of \$20 million. Such purchases will take place over a period of time and will be completed by December 31, 2009. As of March 28, 2009, 21 properties have been purchased at a total price of \$13.4 million.

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INFLATION

The Company does not believe its operations have been materially affected by inflation. The Company has been successful, in many cases, in mitigating the effects of merchandise cost increases principally through the use of volume discounts and alternative vendors, as well as selling price increases. See additional discussion under Risk Factors.

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

See Recent Accounting Pronouncements in Note 1 to the consolidated financial statements for a discussion of the impact of recently issued accounting standards on the Company's consolidated financial statements as of March 28, 2009 and for the year then ended, as well as the expected impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements for future periods.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk

The Company is exposed to market risk from potential changes in interest rates. At year end March 2009 and 2008, approximately 47% and 1%, respectively, of the Company's long-term debt, excluding capital leases, was at fixed interest rates and therefore, the fair value is affected by changes in market interest rates. The Company's cash flow exposure on floating rate debt, which is not supported by interest rate swap agreements, would result in interest expense fluctuating approximately \$.4 million based upon the Company's debt position at fiscal year ended March 28, 2009 and \$.9 million for fiscal year ended March 29, 2008, given a 1% change in LIBOR.

The Company regularly evaluates these risks and has entered into three interest rate swap agreements, expiring in July 2010, with an aggregate notional amount of \$30.0 million. These agreements limit the interest rate exposure on the Company's floating rate debt, related specifically to the Revolving Credit Facility, via the exchange of fixed and floating rate interest payments periodically over the life of the agreements without the exchange of the underlying principal amount. The fixed rates paid by the Company under these agreements range from 3.27% to 3.29%.

The Company believes the amount of risk and the use of derivative financial instruments described above are not material to the Company's financial condition or results of operations.

Long-term debt, including current portion, had a carrying amount of \$65.7 million and a fair value of \$65.6 million as of March 28, 2009, as compared to a carrying amount of \$89.7 million and a fair value of \$89.5 million as of March 29, 2008.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To Board of Directors and Shareholders of Monro Muffler Brake, Inc.:

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements listed in the accompanying index present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Monro Muffler Brake, Inc. and its subsidiary at March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended March 28, 2009 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Also in our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of March 28, 2009, based on criteria established in *Internal Control – Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO). The Company’s management is responsible for these financial statements, for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in Management’s Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting appearing under Item 9A. Our responsibility is to express opinions on these financial statements and on the Company’s internal control over financial reporting based on our integrated audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement and whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audits of the financial statements included examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, and evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. Our audit of internal control over financial reporting included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, and testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk. Our audits also included performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinions.

As discussed in *Note 1 – Significant Accounting Policies* and *Note 8 – Income Taxes* to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed the manner in which it accounts for uncertainty in income tax provisions within the financial statements effective April 1, 2007.

As discussed in *Note 1 – Significant Accounting Policies* and *Note 12 – Employee Retirement and Profit Sharing Plans* to the consolidated financial statements, the Company changed the manner in which it accounts for defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans effective March 31, 2007.

A company’s internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company’s internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company’s assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP
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June 11, 2009

Table of Contents**MONRO MUFFLER BRAKE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET**

| | March 28, 2009 | March 29, 2008 |
|---|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and equivalents | \$ 3,336 | \$ 2,108 |
| Trade receivables | 2,051 | 2,116 |
| Federal and state income taxes receivable | 1,268 | |
| Inventories | 71,443 | 66,183 |
| Deferred income tax asset | 4,076 | 3,840 |
| Other current assets | 19,540 | 18,626 |
| Total current assets | 101,714 | 92,873 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 353,113 | 338,970 |
| Less Accumulated depreciation and amortization | (168,052) | (154,786) |
| Net property, plant and equipment | 185,061 | 184,184 |
| Goodwill | 71,816 | 71,472 |
| Intangible assets and other non-current assets | 16,401 | 18,764 |
| Long-term deferred tax asset | 1,759 | 3,176 |
| Total assets | \$ 376,751 | \$ 370,469 |
| LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Current portion of long-term debt | \$ 1,696 | \$ 1,603 |
| Trade payables | 34,751 | 27,257 |
| Federal and state income taxes payable | | 914 |
| Accrued payroll, payroll taxes and other payroll benefits | 13,534 | 10,596 |
| Accrued insurance | 9,495 | 6,356 |
| Warranty reserves | 4,569 | 4,086 |
| Other current liabilities | 7,280 | 7,499 |
| Total current liabilities | 71,325 | 58,311 |
| Long-term debt | 97,098 | 122,585 |
| Accrued rent expense | 6,552 | 6,944 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 4,350 | 4,729 |
| Long-term income taxes payable | 3,135 | 3,052 |
| Total liabilities | 182,460 | 195,621 |

Commitments

Shareholders' equity:

| | | |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Class C Convertible Preferred Stock, \$1.50 par value, \$.096 conversion value at March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008; 150,000 shares authorized; 32,500 shares and 65,000 shares issued and outstanding at March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008, respectively | 49 | 97 |
| Common Stock, \$.01 par value, 45,000,000 shares authorized; 22,999,313 and 21,683,859 shares issued at March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008, respectively | 230 | 217 |
| Treasury Stock, 3,580,829 and 3,322,392 shares at March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008, respectively, at cost | (67,454) | (62,160) |
| Additional paid-in capital | 74,443 | 66,756 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive income | (3,485) | (1,182) |
| Retained earnings | 190,508 | 171,120 |
| Total shareholders' equity | 194,291 | 174,848 |
| Total liabilities and shareholders' equity | \$ 376,751 | \$ 370,469 |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

Table of Contents**MONRO MUFFLER BRAKE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME**

| | Year Ended Fiscal March | | |
|--|--|-------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | (Amounts in thousands, except per share data) | | |
| Sales | \$ 476,106 | \$ 439,389 | \$ 417,226 |
| Cost of sales, including distribution and occupancy costs | 284,640 | 264,783 | 250,804 |
| Gross profit | 191,466 | 174,606 | 166,422 |
| Operating, selling, general and administrative expenses | 148,374 | 137,338 | 126,660 |
| Intangible amortization | 490 | 564 | 1,051 |
| Gain on disposal of assets | (1,061) | (1,670) | (2,846) |
| Total operating expenses | 147,803 | 136,232 | 124,865 |
| Operating income | 43,663 | 38,374 | 41,557 |
| Interest expense, net of interest income of \$32 in 2009, \$43 in 2008 and \$387 in 2007 | 5,979 | 5,753 | 4,564 |
| Other (income) expense, net | (430) | (799) | 2,529 |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 38,114 | 33,420 | 34,464 |
| Provision for income taxes | 14,026 | 11,499 | 12,193 |
| Net income | \$ 24,088 | \$ 21,921 | \$ 22,271 |
| Earnings per share: | | | |
| Basic | \$ 1.27 | \$ 1.08 | \$ 1.07 |
| Diluted | \$ 1.20 | \$ 1.00 | \$.97 |
| Weighted average number of common shares outstanding used in computing earnings per share: | | | |
| Basic | 18,837 | 20,024 | 20,818 |
| Diluted | 20,099 | 21,871 | 22,878 |

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Table of Contents**MONRO MUFFLER BRAKE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY**

| | Class C | | | Additional | Retained | Accumulated Other Comprehensive | Total |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|--|------------|---------------------------------------|------------|
| | Convertible Preferred Stock | Common Stock | Treasury Stock | Paid-In Capital (Dollars in thousands) | Earnings | Income | |
| Balance at March 25, 2006 | \$ 97 | \$ 140 | \$ (2,056) | \$ 57,661 | \$ 137,148 | | \$ 192,990 |
| Net income | | | | | 22,271 | | 22,271 |
| Other comprehensive loss: Adjustment to initially apply SFAS 158 for pension benefits (\$2,463 pre-tax)(1) | | | | | | \$ (1,478) | (1,478) |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | | | 20,793 |
| Cash Dividends: Preferred (\$.17 per CSE)(3) | | | | | (175) | | (175) |
| Common (\$.17 per share) | | | | | (3,610) | | (3,610) |
| Tax benefit from exercise of stock options | | | | 1,076 | | | 1,076 |
| Exercise of stock options | | 3 | | 3,606 | | | 3,609 |
| Stock option compensation | | | | 523 | | | 523 |
| Purchase of treasury shares | | | (87) | | | | (87) |
| Balance at March 31, 2007 | 97 | 143 | (2,143) | 62,866 | 155,634 | (1,478) | 215,119 |
| Net income | | | | | 21,921 | | 21,921 |
| Other comprehensive income: Pension liability adjustment (\$493 pre-tax)(1) | | | | | | 296 | 296 |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | | | 22,217 |
| Cash Dividends: Preferred (\$.23 per CSE)(3) | | | | | (230) | | (230) |
| Common (\$.23 per share) | | | | | (4,570) | | (4,570) |

| | | | | | | | |
|---|-------|--------|-------------|-----------|------------|------------|------------|
| Tax benefit from exercise of stock options | | | | 587 | | | 587 |
| Exercise of stock options | 2 | | | 1,542 | | | 1,544 |
| Shares issued in connection with three-for-two stock split (See Note 1) | 72 | | | | (72) | | 0 |
| Stock option compensation | | | | 1,761 | | | 1,761 |
| Purchase of treasury shares | | | (60,017) | | | | (60,017) |
| Adoption of FIN 48 | | | | | (1,563) | | (1,563) |
| Balance at March 29, 2008 | 97 | 217 | (62,160) | 66,756 | 171,120 | (1,182) | 174,848 |
| Net income | | | | | 24,088 | | 24,088 |
| Other comprehensive loss | | | | | | | |
| Unrealized loss on derivatives contracts (\$1,008 pre-tax)(2) | | | | | | (625) | (625) |
| Pension liability adjustment (\$2,602 pre-tax)(1) | | | | | | (1,678) | (1,678) |
| Total comprehensive income | | | | | | | 21,785 |
| Cash Dividends: | | | | | | | |
| Preferred (\$.24 per CSE)(3) | | | | | (213) | | (213) |
| Common (\$.24 per share) | | | | | (4,487) | | (4,487) |
| Tax benefit from exercise of stock options | | | | 2,266 | | | 2,266 |
| Conversion of Class C preferred stock | (48) | 5 | | 43 | | | 0 |
| Exercise of stock options | | 8 | (5,294) | 3,648 | | | (1,638) |
| Stock option compensation | | | | 1,730 | | | 1,730 |
| Balance at March 28, 2009 | \$ 49 | \$ 230 | \$ (67,454) | \$ 74,443 | \$ 190,508 | \$ (3,485) | \$ 194,291 |

(1) The balance related to the pension liability was \$(2,860), \$(1,182) and \$(1,478), respectively, at March 28, 2009, March 29, 2008 and March 31, 2007.

(2) The balance related to the derivatives contracts was \$(625), \$0 and \$0, respectively, at March 28, 2009, March 29, 2008 and March 31, 2007.

(3) CSE Common stock equivalent

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Table of Contents**MONRO MUFFLER BRAKE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS**

| | Year Ended Fiscal March | | |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| | Increase (Decrease) in Cash | | |
| Cash flows from operating activities: | | | |
| Net income | \$ 24,088 | \$ 21,921 | \$ 22,271 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities - | | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 20,429 | 20,421 | 20,322 |
| Loss on investment in R&S Parts and Services, Inc. | | | 2,796 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 1,730 | 1,761 | 523 |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements | (2,856) | (148) | (511) |
| Net change in deferred income taxes | 2,468 | (1,268) | 816 |
| Gain on disposal of property, plant and equipment | (1,062) | (1,670) | (1,946) |
| Gain from relocation of tire store | | | (900) |
| Decrease (increase) in trade receivables | 65 | 109 | (499) |
| Increase in inventories | (5,260) | (2,820) | (974) |
| Decrease (increase) in other current assets | 684 | 305 | (1,484) |
| Increase in intangible assets and other non-current assets | (791) | (461) | (7,935) |
| Increase (decrease) in trade payables | 7,183 | (61) | 1,250 |
| Increase (decrease) in accrued expenses | 3,246 | (1,498) | 3,562 |
| Increase in federal and state income taxes payable | 70 | 636 | 719 |
| (Decrease) increase in other long-term liabilities | (1,606) | (408) | 297 |
| Increase in long-term income taxes payable | 196 | 133 | |
| Total adjustments | 24,496 | 15,031 | 16,036 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 48,584 | 36,952 | 38,307 |
| Cash flows from investing activities: | | | |
| Capital expenditures | (23,637) | (20,574) | (22,319) |
| Acquisitions, net of cash acquired | | (20,243) | (13,109) |
| Proceeds from the disposal of property, plant and equipment | 1,969 | 1,084 | 4,029 |
| Proceeds from relocation of tire store | | | 450 |
| Repayment of loan receivable from R&S Parts and Services, Inc. | | | 5,000 |
| Net cash used for investing activities | (21,668) | (39,733) | (25,949) |
| Cash flows from financing activities: | | | |
| Proceeds from borrowings | 127,759 | 193,630 | 127,338 |
| Principal payments on long-term debt and capital lease obligations | (153,329) | (126,581) | (142,759) |
| Purchase of common stock | | (60,017) | (87) |

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|---|----------|----------|----------|
| Exercise of stock options | 1,726 | 1,544 | 3,609 |
| Excess tax benefits from share-based payment arrangements | 2,856 | 148 | 511 |
| Dividends paid | (4,700) | (4,800) | (3,785) |
| Net cash (used for) provided by financing activities | (25,688) | 3,924 | (15,173) |
| Increase (decrease) in cash | 1,228 | 1,143 | (2,815) |
| Cash at beginning of year | 2,108 | 965 | 3,780 |
| Cash at end of year | \$ 3,336 | \$ 2,108 | \$ 965 |

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Table of Contents**MONRO MUFFLER BRAKE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS****NOTE 1 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES*****Background***

Monro Muffler Brake, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiary, Monro Service Corporation (the Company), is engaged principally in providing automotive undercar repair services in the United States. The Company had 710 Company-operated stores and 14 dealer-operated automotive repair centers located primarily in the northeast region of the United States as of March 28, 2009. The Company's operations are organized and managed in one operating segment.

Accounting estimates

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. The preparation of financial statements in conformity with such principles requires the use of estimates by management during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Fiscal year

The Company reports its results on a 52/53 week fiscal year ending on the last Saturday of March of each year. The following are the dates represented by each fiscal period:

Year ended Fiscal March 2009 : March 30, 2008 – March 28, 2009 (52 weeks)

Year ended Fiscal March 2008 : April 1, 2007 – March 29, 2008 (52 weeks)

Year ended Fiscal March 2007 : March 26, 2006 – March 31, 2007 (53 weeks)

Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the Company and its wholly owned subsidiary, Monro Service Corporation, after the elimination of intercompany transactions and balances.

Revenue recognition

Sales are recorded upon completion of automotive undercar repair and tire services provided to customers. The following was the Company's sales mix for fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007:

| | Year Ended Fiscal March | | |
|----------|------------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Brakes | 21% | 22% | 23% |
| Exhaust | 6 | 7 | 8 |
| Steering | 12 | 12 | 12 |

| | | | |
|-------------|------|------|------|
| Tires | 29 | 28 | 26 |
| Maintenance | 32 | 31 | 31 |
| Total | 100% | 100% | 100% |

Sales of tire road hazard warranties are accounted for in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) Technical Bulletin 90-1, Accounting for Separately Priced Extended Warranty and Product Maintenance Contracts . Revenue from the sale of these agreements is recognized on a straight-line basis over the contract period or other method where costs are not incurred ratably.

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Cash equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid instruments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Inventories

The Company's inventories consist of automotive parts and tires. Inventories are valued at the lower of cost or market value using the first-in, first-out (FIFO) method.

Barter credits

The Company accounts for the receipt of barter credits in accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force (EITF) Issue No. 93-11, Accounting for Barter Transactions .

In accordance with EITF 93-11, the Company values these credits at the fair market value of the inventory exchanged, as determined by reference to price lists for buying groups and jobber pricing. The Company uses these credits primarily to pay vendors for purchases (mainly inventory vendors for the purchase of parts and tires) or to purchase other goods or services from the barter company such as advertising and travel.

Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation of property, plant and equipment is provided on the straight-line basis. Buildings and improvements related to owned locations are depreciated over lives varying from 10 to 39 years; machinery, fixtures and equipment over lives varying from 5 to 15 years; and vehicles over lives varying from 3 to 8 years. Computer software is depreciated over lives varying from 3 to 7 years. Buildings and improvements related to leased locations are depreciated over the shorter of the asset's useful life or the reasonably assured lease term, as defined in Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 98 (SFAS 98), Accounting for Leases . When property is sold or retired, the cost and accumulated depreciation are eliminated from the accounts and a gain or loss is recorded in the Statement of Income. Expenditures for maintenance and repairs are expensed as incurred.

Certain leases have been capitalized and are classified on the balance sheet as fixed assets. These assets are being amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated lives, which coincide with the terms of the leases. (See Note 4.)

Long-lived assets

The Company accounts for impaired long-lived assets in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144 (SFAS 144), Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets . This standard prescribes the method for asset impairment evaluation for long-lived assets and certain identifiable intangibles that are either held and used or are to be disposed of. The Company evaluates the ability to recover long-lived assets whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the asset may not be recoverable. In the event assets are impaired, losses are recognized to the extent the carrying value exceeds the fair value. In addition, the Company reports assets to be disposed of at the lower of the carrying amount or the fair market value less selling costs.

Store opening and closing costs

New store opening costs are charged to expense in the fiscal year when incurred. When the Company closes a store, the estimated unrecoverable costs, including the remaining lease obligation net of sublease income, if any, are charged to expense.

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Leases

The Company recognizes rent expense, including rent escalations, on a straight-line basis over the reasonably assured lease term, as defined in SFAS 98. Generally, the lease term is the base lease term plus certain renewal option periods for which renewal is reasonably assured.

Goodwill and intangible assets

The Company has adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141 (SFAS 141), Business Combinations . All business combinations consummated on or after July 1, 2001 are accounted for in accordance with that pronouncement. In addition, in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142 (SFAS 142), Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets , effective March 31, 2002, the Company no longer amortizes goodwill.

The value of intangibles, such as customer lists and trade names, is determined during the initial purchase accounting for acquisitions via the use of experts, or by the Company applying similar methodologies on smaller acquisitions. The Company analyzes goodwill and other intangible assets for impairment on an annual basis as well as when events and circumstances indicate that an impairment may have occurred. Certain factors that may occur and indicate that an impairment exists include, but are not limited to, operating results that are lower than expected and adverse industry or market economic trends. The impairment testing requires management to estimate the fair value of the assets or reporting unit and record an impairment loss for the excess of the carrying value over the fair value. The estimate of fair value of intangible assets is generally determined on the basis of discounted future cash flows supplemented by the market approach. In estimating the fair value, management must make assumptions and projections regarding such items as future cash flows, future revenues, future earnings and other factors. The assumptions used in the estimates of fair value are generally consistent with past performance and are also consistent with the projections and assumptions that are used in current operating plans. Such assumptions are subject to change as a result of changing economic and competitive conditions. If these estimates or their related assumptions change in the future, the Company may be required to record an impairment loss for these assets.

Warranty

The Company provides an accrual for estimated future warranty costs based upon the historical relationship of warranty costs to sales. Warranty expense related to all product warranties at and for the fiscal years ended March 2009, 2008 and 2007 was not material to the Company's financial position or results of operations.

Derivative financial instruments

The Company reports derivatives and hedging activities in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133 (SFAS 133), Accounting for Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities , as amended. This statement requires that all derivative instruments be recorded on the balance sheet at fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recorded each period in current earnings or other comprehensive income, depending on whether the derivative is designated as part of a hedge transaction, and if it is, depending on the type of hedge transaction.

In March 2008, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 161 (SFAS 161), Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 . SFAS 161 requires entities to provide greater transparency about how and why the entity uses derivative instruments, how the instruments and related hedged items are accounted for under SFAS 133, and how the instruments and related hedged items affect the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows of the entity. The fair value of derivative instruments and their gains and losses need to be presented in tabular format in order to present a more complete picture of the effects of using derivative instruments. The Company provided the required disclosures in the March 28, 2009 consolidated financial statements. (See Note 16.)

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Comprehensive income

Comprehensive income is reported in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 130 (SFAS 130), Reporting Comprehensive Income . As it relates to the Company, comprehensive income is defined as net earnings as adjusted for pension liability adjustments, unrealized losses on financial instruments qualifying for cash flow hedge accounting and the adjustment to initially apply SFAS 158 for pension benefits, and is reported net of related taxes in the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Shareholders' Equity.

Income taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes using the liability method in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109 (SFAS 109), Accounting for Income Taxes . The liability method provides that deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on differences between the financial reporting and tax bases of assets and liabilities and are measured using tax rates based on currently enacted rules and legislation and anticipated rates that will be in effect when the differences are expected to reverse.

In July 2006, the FASB issued FASB Interpretation No. 48 (FIN 48), Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes . FIN 48 clarifies the accounting and reporting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in accordance with SFAS 109. This Interpretation prescribes a recognition threshold and measurement attribute for financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return, and also provides guidance on various related matters such as derecognition, interest and penalties, and disclosure. The adoption of FIN 48 in the first quarter of 2008 did not have a material impact on the Company's financial statements.

Treasury stock

In January and November 2007, the Board of Directors approved two separate share repurchase programs authorizing the Company to purchase up to \$30 million each of its common stock at market prices. Each share repurchase program had a term of 12 months.

Treasury stock is accounted for using the par value method. During the year ended March 28, 2009, the Company's Chief Executive Officer surrendered 258,000 shares of Monro common stock at fair market value to pay the exercise price and to partially satisfy tax withholding obligations on the exercise of 556,000 stock options. During the year ended March 29, 2008, the Company repurchased 2.8 million shares of its outstanding common stock for \$60.0 million including commissions. The Company's purchases of common stock are recorded as Treasury Stock and result in a reduction of Shareholders' Equity .

Stock-based compensation

In December 2004, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123R (SFAS 123R), Share-Based Payments , which replaced SFAS No. 123 (SFAS 123), Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees and superseded Accounting Principals Board Opinion No. 25 (APB 25), Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees . SFAS 123R requires companies to measure compensation cost arising from the grant of share-based payments to employees at fair value and to recognize such cost in income over the period during which the employee is required to provide service in exchange for the award, usually the vesting period. The Company

adopted SFAS 123R effective March 26, 2006 under the modified- prospective transition method. In accordance with the modified-prospective transition method of SFAS 123R, the Company did not restate prior periods. Accordingly, the Company has recognized compensation expense for all awards granted or modified after March 25, 2006. Outstanding awards at the date of adoption were fully vested and, therefore, there was no future expense associated with these awards.

SFAS 123R requires forfeitures to be estimated on the grant date and revised in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates. Prior to the adoption of SFAS 123R, the Company accounted for forfeitures as they occurred. Upon adoption of SFAS 123R, the Company elected to calculate its historical pool of windfall tax

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benefits using the long-form method described in FASB Staff Position No. 123R-3, Transition Election Related to Accounting for the Tax Effects of Share-Based Payment Awards .

Prior to the adoption of SFAS 123R, the Company used the intrinsic value method prescribed in APB 25 and also followed the disclosure requirements of SFAS 123, as amended by SFAS No. 148, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation Transition and Disclosure , which required certain disclosures on a pro forma basis as if the fair value method had been followed for accounting for such compensation.

Option awards granted subsequent to the Board's action are not included in the acceleration and vest equally over the service period established in the award, typically four years.

Upon adoption of SFAS 123R, the Company elected to recognize compensation expense using the straight-line approach. The Company estimates fair value using the Black-Scholes valuation model. Assumptions used to estimate the compensation expense are determined as follows:

Expected life of an award is based on historical experience and on the terms and conditions of the stock awards granted to employees;

Expected volatility is measured using historical changes in the market price of the Company's common stock;

Risk-free interest rate is equivalent to the implied yield on zero-coupon U.S. Treasury bonds with a remaining maturity equal to the expected term of the awards;

Forfeitures are based substantially on the history of cancellations of similar awards granted by the Company in prior years; and,

Dividend yield is based on historical experience and expected future changes.

The expected life of an award decreased in fiscal 2008 due to a significant number of awards granted to executives and directors in fiscal 2008 that had a shorter term than awards granted in other years.

The weighted average fair value of options granted during fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007 was \$5.29, \$6.36 and \$7.51, respectively. The fair values of the options granted were estimated on the date of their grant using the Black-Scholes option-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions:

| | Year Ended Fiscal March | | |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Risk-free interest rate | 3.10% | 4.45% | 4.98% |
| Expected life | 5 years | 5 years | 6 years |
| Expected volatility | 30.2% | 28.3% | 28.6% |
| Expected dividend yield | 1.38% | 1.45% | 1.37% |

Total stock-based compensation expense included in selling, general and administrative and distribution expenses in the Company's statement of operations for the years ended March 28, 2009, March 29, 2008 and March 31, 2007 was \$1,730,000, \$1,761,000 and \$523,000, respectively. The related income tax benefit was \$657,000, \$669,000 and \$210,000, respectively.

As a result of adopting SFAS 123R on March 26, 2006, the Company's income before provision for income taxes and net income for the year ended March 31, 2007, was \$523,000 lower and \$313,000 lower, respectively, than if the Company had continued to account for stock-based compensation under APB 25. The related impact to basic and diluted earnings per share for the year ended March 31, 2007 was \$.01 per share.

Prior to the adoption of SFAS 123R, the Company reported all income tax benefits resulting from the exercise of stock options as operating cash inflows in its consolidated statements of cash flow. In accordance with SFAS 123R, the Company revised its statements of cash flow presentation to include the excess tax benefits

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from the exercise of stock options as financing cash inflows. Accordingly, for the year ended March 31, 2007, the Company reported \$511,000 of excess tax benefits as a financing cash inflow.

Stock split effected in the form of a stock dividend

On August 22, 2007, the Company's Board of Directors declared a three-for-two stock split to be effected in the form of a 50% stock dividend. The stock split was distributed on October 1, 2007 to shareholders of record as of September 21, 2007. The stock split was subject to shareholder approval of an increase in the number of authorized common shares from 20,000,000 to 45,000,000. Shareholders voted in favor of this increase at the Company's regularly scheduled Annual Shareholders Meeting on August 21, 2007. All basic and diluted earnings per share, average shares outstanding information and all applicable footnotes have been adjusted to reflect the aforementioned stock split.

Earnings per share

Earnings per share for all periods have been calculated in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 128 (SFAS 128), Earnings Per Share . Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income less preferred stock dividends by the weighted average number of shares of Common Stock outstanding during the year. Diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares of Common Stock and equivalents outstanding during the year. Common Stock equivalents represent shares issuable upon assumed exercise of stock options. (See Note 10.)

Advertising

The Company expenses the production costs of advertising the first time the advertising takes place, except for direct response advertising which is capitalized and amortized over its expected period of future benefits.

Direct response advertising consists primarily of coupons for the Company's services. The capitalized costs of this advertising are amortized over the period of the coupon's validity, which ranges from six weeks to one year.

Prepaid advertising at fiscal year end March 2009 and 2008, and advertising expense for the fiscal years ended March 2009, 2008 and 2007, were not material to these financial statements.

Vendor rebates and cooperative advertising credits

In accordance with Emerging Issues Task Force Issue No. 02-16 (EITF 02-16), Accounting by a Customer (Including a Reseller) for Cash Consideration Received from a Vendor , for vendor agreements entered into or modified after December 31, 2002, the Company accounts for vendor rebates and cooperative advertising credits as a reduction of the cost of products purchased, except where the rebate or credit is a reimbursement of costs incurred to sell the vendor's product, in which case it is offset against the costs incurred. Vendor rebates and credits associated with vendor agreements entered into prior to December 31, 2002 are recognized as cooperative advertising income as earned and are classified as a reduction of selling, general and administrative expenses.

Pension expense

The Company reports all information on its pension plan benefits in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 158 (SFAS 158), Employers Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans (an amendment of FASB Statements No. 87, 88, 106 and 132(R)) .

Guarantees

In accordance with FASB Interpretation No. 45 (FIN 45), Guarantor s Accounting and Disclosure Requirements for Guarantees, Including Indirect Guarantees of Indebtedness of Others , at the time the Company

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issues a guarantee, it recognizes an initial liability for the fair value, or market value, of the obligations it assumes under that guarantee.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts in these financial statements have been reclassified to maintain comparability among the periods presented.

Recent accounting pronouncements

In September 2006, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 (SFAS 157), Fair Value Measurements . This statement defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value in generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. This Statement applies under other accounting pronouncements that require or permit fair value measurements, the FASB having previously concluded in those accounting pronouncements that fair value is the relevant measurement attribute. Accordingly, this Statement does not require any new fair value measurements. SFAS 157 is effective for financial statements issued for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007, and interim periods within those fiscal years. However in February 2008, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) No. 157-2 which delays the effective date of SFAS 157 for all non-financial assets and liabilities, except those that are recognized or disclosed at fair value in the financial statements on a recurring basis (at least annually). This FSP partially defers the effective date of SFAS 157 to fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2008, and interim periods within those fiscal years for items within the scope of the FSP. Effective March 2008, the Company adopted SFAS 157 except as it applies to those non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities as noted in FSP 157-2. There was no significant impact to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements as a result of this adoption. For details on the levels at which the Company's financial assets and liabilities are classified within the fair value hierarchy, see Note 7, Fair Value of Financial Instruments. The Company does not expect the adoption of SFAS 157 for non-financial assets and non-financial liabilities to have a material impact on the financial results or existing debt covenants of the Company.

On October 10, 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 157-3, (FSP FAS 157-3) Determining the Fair Value of a Financial Asset in a Market That Is Not Active . The FSP was effective upon issuance. The FSP clarified the application of SFAS 157 in an inactive market and provided an illustrative example to demonstrate how the fair value of a financial asset is determined when the market for that financial asset is inactive. The Company adopted the provisions of FSP FAS 157-3 as of March 28, 2009. There was no significant impact to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements as a result of this adoption.

In February 2007, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 159 (SFAS 159), The Fair Value Option for Financial Assets and Financial Liabilities Including an Amendment of FASB Statement No. 115 . SFAS 159 permits entities to choose to measure many financial instruments and certain other items at fair value. Entities that elect the fair value option will report unrealized gains and losses in earnings at each subsequent reporting date. The fair value option may be elected on an instrument-by-instrument basis, with few exceptions. SFAS 159 also establishes presentation and disclosure requirements to facilitate comparisons between companies that choose different measurement attributes for similar assets and liabilities. The Company did not elect to apply the provisions of SFAS 159 to its existing financial instruments at March 28, 2009.

In December 2007, the FASB issued the following statements of financial accounting standards applicable to business combinations:

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141 (revised 2007) (SFAS 141(R)), Business Combinations ; and

Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 160 (SFAS 160), Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements an amendment of ARB No. 51.

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In April 2009, the FASB issued FSP FAS 141(R)-1 (FSP FAS 141R-1), Accounting for Assets Acquired and Liabilities Assumed in a Business Combination That Arise from Contingencies. FSP FAS 141R-1 amends and clarifies SFAS No. 141R to address application issues on initial recognition and measurement, subsequent measurement and accounting and disclosure of assets and liabilities arising from contingencies in a business combination.

SFAS 141(R) provides guidance on how an entity will recognize and measure the identifiable assets acquired (including goodwill), liabilities assumed, and noncontrolling interests, if any, acquired in a business combination. SFAS 160 will change the accounting and reporting for minority interests, which will be treated as noncontrolling interests and classified as a component of equity. These standards are effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2008, and are applicable to the Company for fiscal 2010. Early adoption is prohibited. The Company is currently evaluating both standards. However, the standards will result in an increase in expense during times when the Company is acquisitive.

In March 2008, the FASB issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 161, (SFAS 161), Disclosures about Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities, an amendment of FASB Statement No. 133 , which requires additional disclosures about the objectives of the derivative instruments and hedging activities, the method of accounting for such instruments under SFAS No. 133 and its related interpretations, and a tabular disclosure of the effects of such instruments and related hedged items on the Company s financial position, financial performance, and cash flows. SFAS No. 161 is effective for interim periods beginning after November 15, 2008. The Company adopted SFAS 161 effective December 28, 2008, and the required disclosures are included in Note 7, Fair Value of Financial Instruments.

In December 2008, the FASB issued FSP FAS 132(R)-1, Employers Disclosure about Postretirement Benefit Plan Assets, which amends Statement 132(R) to require more detailed disclosures about employers pension plan assets. New disclosures will include more information on investment strategies, major categories of plan assets, concentrations of risk within plan assets and valuation techniques used to measure the fair value of plan assets. This new standard requires new disclosures only, and will have no impact on the Company s Consolidated Financial Statements. This standard is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2009, and is applicable to the Company for fiscal 2011.

NOTE 2 ACQUISITIONS

The Company s acquisitions are strategic moves in its plan to fill in and expand its presence in its existing and contiguous markets, and leverage fixed operating costs such as distribution and advertising.

Subsequent Event

In May 2009, the Company signed a definitive asset purchase agreement to acquire 26 Autotire Car Care Center (Autotire) locations from Am-Pac Tire Distributors Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of American Tire Distributors, for approximately \$10 million. The transaction is expected to close by the end of June 2009. The 26 Autotire locations purchased in Missouri and Illinois will expand Monroe s footprint into St. Louis and the surrounding area. These stores will operate under the Autotire name.

Fiscal 2008

On July 21, 2007, the Company acquired 11 retail tire and automotive repair stores located primarily in the Philadelphia, PA market from Valley Forge Tire & Auto Centers (Valley Forge), on July 28, 2007, the Company acquired eight retail tire and automotive repair stores located in the northern Virginia market from Craven Tire & Auto (Craven) and on January 26, 2008 the Company acquired seven retail tire and automotive repair stores located in Buffalo, NY from the Broad Elm Group (Broad Elm). These stores produce approximately \$27 million in sales annually based on unaudited pre-acquisition historical information. The Company purchased the business and substantially all of the operating assets of these stores, which consist mainly of inventory and equipment, and

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assumed certain liabilities. The total purchase price of these stores was approximately \$20.2 million in cash which was financed through the Company's existing bank facility. These stores all operate under the Mr. Tire brand name. The results of operations of Valley Forge, Craven and Broad Elm are included in the Company's results from July 21, 2007, July 28, 2007 and January 26, 2008, respectively.

Fiscal 2007

On April 29, 2006, the Company acquired 75 automotive maintenance and repair service stores located in eight metropolitan areas throughout Ohio and Pennsylvania from ProCare Automotive Service Solutions LLC (ProCare). The Company acquired the business and substantially all of the operating assets of these stores, which consist primarily of inventory and equipment, and assumed certain liabilities. The purchase price was \$14.7 million in cash which was financed through the Company's existing bank facility. The excess of the purchase price over the fair values of assets acquired and liabilities assumed was allocated to goodwill. The Company converted 31 of the acquired ProCare stores to tire stores which are operating under the Mr. Tire brand name. The remaining stores are operating as service stores under the Monroe brand name. The results of operations of the acquired ProCare stores are included in the Company's results from April 29, 2006. In connection with the acquisition, the Company recorded a reserve for accrued restructuring costs of approximately \$1.1 million. This reserve relates to costs associated with the closing of three duplicative or poorly performing ProCare stores, and included charges for rent and real estate taxes (net of anticipated sublease income) since the April 2007 closure date, as well as the write down of assets to their fair market value. The closures brought the number of ProCare service stores down to 43 and the ProCare tire stores down to 29 stores.

NOTE 3 OTHER CURRENT ASSETS

The composition of other current assets is as follows:

| | Year Ended Fiscal March | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| Vendor rebates receivable | \$ 5,912 | \$ 6,222 |
| Barter credit receivable | 2,850 | 2,700 |
| Prepaid real estate taxes | 1,824 | 1,748 |
| Prepaid inventory | 1,746 | 116 |
| Other receivables | 1,669 | 1,132 |
| Prepaid advertising | 1,203 | 1,575 |
| Prepaid insurance | 1,155 | 813 |
| Insurance receivable | 1,014 | 616 |
| Receivable for inventory returns | 733 | 1,207 |
| Notes receivable | 561 | 1,125 |
| Other | 873 | 1,372 |

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The major classifications of property, plant and equipment are as follows:

| | March 28, 2009 | | | March 29, 2008 | | |
|---|-------------------------|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--------------|
| | Assets Owned | Assets Under Capital Lease | Total | Assets Owned | Assets Under Capital Lease | Total |
| | | | (Dollars in thousands) | | | |
| Land | \$ 45,833 | | \$ 45,833 | \$ 41,721 | | \$ 41,721 |
| Buildings and Improvements | 137,063 | \$ 31,222 | 168,285 | 133,775 | \$ 31,338 | 165,113 |
| Equipment, signage and fixtures | 122,507 | | 122,507 | 118,470 | | 118,470 |
| Vehicles | 13,017 | 67 | 13,084 | 12,518 | 80 | 12,598 |
| Construction-in-progress | 3,404 | | 3,404 | 1,068 | | 1,068 |
| | 321,824 | 31,289 | 353,113 | 307,552 | 31,418 | 338,970 |
| Less Accumulated depreciation and amortization | 159,602 | 8,450 | 168,052 | 147,990 | 6,796 | 154,786 |
| | \$ 162,222 | \$ 22,839 | \$ 185,061 | \$ 159,562 | \$ 24,622 | \$ 184,184 |

Capitalized interest costs aggregated \$68,000 and \$79,000 in fiscal 2009 and 2008, respectively.

Amortization expense recorded under capital leases totaled \$2,162,000, \$2,128,000 and \$1,881,000 for the fiscal years ended March 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

NOTE 5 GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

The changes in goodwill during fiscal 2009 and 2008 were as follows:

| | (Dollars in thousands) | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------|
| Balance at March 31, 2007 | \$ | 52,897 |
| Acquisitions or other adjustments | | 18,575 |
| Balance at March 29, 2008 | | 71,472 |
| Other adjustments | | 344 |
| Balance at March 28, 2009 | \$ | 71,816 |

In fiscal 2009, the other adjustments relates to purchase accounting adjustments for the Valley Forge, Craven and Broad Elm Acquisitions.

In fiscal 2008, approximately \$3.9 million, \$11.1 million and \$2.4 million of goodwill relates to the Valley Forge, Craven and Broad Elm Acquisitions, respectively. (See Note 2.) The goodwill from the acquisitions is tax deductible.

In fiscal 2008, approximately \$.8 million of the other adjustments relates to purchase accounting adjustments for the ProCare Acquisition.

The Company performed its required annual impairment test of goodwill during the third quarter of fiscal 2009. No impairment loss resulted from that annual impairment test.

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The composition of other intangible assets and other non-current assets is as follows:

| | Year Ended Fiscal March | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| | 2009 | | 2008 | |
| | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization | Gross Carrying Amount | Accumulated Amortization |
| Customer list | \$ 6,011 | \$ 1,659 | \$ 6,314 | \$ 1,175 |
| Trade name | 2,322 | 2,322 | 2,322 | 2,322 |
| Other intangible assets | 66 | 36 | 436 | 400 |
| Total intangible assets | 8,399 | 4,017 | 9,072 | 3,897 |
| Barter receivable | 9,363 | | 9,223 | |
| Prepaid pension asset | 907 | | 3,343 | |
| Other non-current assets | 1,749 | | 1,023 | |
| Total non-current assets | 12,019 | | 13,589 | |
| Total other intangible assets and non-current assets | \$ 20,418 | \$ 4,017 | \$ 22,661 | \$ 3,897 |

The Company's intangible assets are being amortized over their estimated useful lives. The weighted average useful lives of the Company's intangible assets are 15 years for customer lists and eight years for other intangible assets.

Amortization of intangible assets during fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007 totaled \$490,000, \$564,000 and \$1,051,000, respectively.

Estimated future amortization of intangible assets is as follows:

| Year Ending Fiscal March | (Dollars in thousands) |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 2010 | \$ 484 |
| 2011 | 484 |
| 2012 | 392 |
| 2013 | 384 |
| 2014 | 384 |
| Thereafter | 2,254 |
| | \$ 4,382 |

NOTE 6 LONG-TERM DEBT

Long-term debt consists of the following:

| | March 28, 2009 | March 29, 2008 |
|--|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| Revolving Credit Facility, LIBOR-based(a) | \$ 65,050 | \$ 89,073 |
| Mortgage Note Payable, non-interest bearing, secured by warehouse and office land, due in one installment in 2015 | 660 | 660 |
| Obligations under capital leases at various interest rates, secured by store properties and certain equipment, due in installments through 2028 | 33,084 | 34,455 |
| | 98,794 | 124,188 |
| Less Current portion | 1,696 | 1,603 |
| | \$ 97,098 | \$ 122,585 |

(a) The London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) at March 28, 2009 was .52%.

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In July 2005, the Company entered into a five-year, \$125 million Revolving Credit Facility agreement with five banks. A sixth bank was added in June 2008. Interest only is payable monthly throughout the Credit Facility's term. The facility included a provision allowing the Company to expand the amount of the overall facility to \$160 million. Amendments in January 2007 and June 2008 were made to these amounts which increased the overall facility to \$200 million. Currently, the committed sum is \$163.3 million and the accordion feature is \$36.7 million. Approximately \$65.1 million was outstanding at March 28, 2009. The facility expires in January 2012.

The terms of the Credit Facility permit the payment of cash dividends not to exceed 25% of the preceding year's net income, and allows stock buybacks subject to the Company being able to meet its existing financial covenants. The Agreement requires the maintenance of specified interest and rent coverage ratios and amounts of net worth. The Company is in compliance with these requirements at March 28, 2009. These agreements permit mortgages and specific lease financing arrangements with other parties with certain limitations.

The Credit Facility is not secured by the Company's real property, although the Company has agreed not to encumber its real property, with certain permissible exceptions.

Within the aforementioned \$163.3 million Revolving Credit Facility, the Company has available a sub-facility of \$20 million for the purpose of issuing standby letters of credit. The line requires fees aggregating .88% annually of the face amount of each standby letter of credit, payable quarterly in arrears. There were \$12.2 million in outstanding letters of credit under this line at March 28, 2009.

In addition, the Company has financed certain store properties and vehicles with capital leases, which amount to \$33.1 million and are due in installments through 2028.

During fiscal 1995, the Company purchased 12.7 acres of land for \$.7 million from the City of Rochester, New York, on which its office/warehouse facility is located. The City has provided financing for 100% of the cost of the land via a 20-year non-interest bearing mortgage, all due and payable in 2015.

Aggregate debt maturities over the next five years and thereafter are as follows:

| Year Ending Fiscal March | Capital Leases | | | Total |
|--------------------------|------------------|--|----------------|----------|
| | Aggregate Amount | Imputed Interest (Dollars in thousands) | All Other Debt | |
| 2010 | \$ 4,809 | \$ (3,113) | | \$ 1,696 |
| 2011 | 4,578 | (2,915) | | 1,663 |
| 2012 | 4,349 | (2,767) | \$ 65,050 | 66,632 |
| 2013 | 4,393 | (2,608) | | 1,785 |
| 2014 | 4,427 | (2,420) | | 2,007 |
| Thereafter | 36,746 | (12,395) | 660 | 25,011 |

Total

\$ 98,794

NOTE 7 FAIR VALUE OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157 (SFAS 157), Fair Value Measurements , as of March 30, 2008. SFAS 157, among other things, defines fair value, establishes a consistent framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosure for each major asset and liability category measured at fair value on either a recurring or nonrecurring basis. SFAS 157 clarifies that fair value is an exit price, representing the amount that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants. As such, fair value is a market-based measurement that should be determined based on assumptions that market participants would use in pricing an asset or liability. As a basis for considering such

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assumptions, SFAS 157 establishes a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value as follows:

Level 1. Observable inputs such as quoted prices in active markets;

Level 2. Inputs, other than the quoted prices in active markets, that are observable either directly or indirectly; and

Level 3. Unobservable inputs in which there is little or no market data, which require the reporting entity to develop its own assumptions.

Assets and liabilities measured at fair value are based on one or more of the following three valuation techniques:

a.) Market approach. Prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities.

b.) Cost approach. Amount that would be required to replace the service capacity of an asset (replacement cost).

c.) Income approach. Techniques to convert future amounts to a single present amount based on market expectations (including present value techniques, option-pricing and excess earnings models).

A financial instrument's level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. The following table represents the financial assets and liabilities on the consolidated balance sheet as of March 28, 2009 that are subject to SFAS 157 and the valuation approach applied to each of these items.

| | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) Amount (Dollars in thousands) |
|--------------------|--|
| Liabilities | |
| Derivatives | \$ 967 |

Financial instruments consist of the following:

| | March 28, 2009 | | | March 29, 2008 | | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Notional Amount | Carrying Amount | Fair Value | Notional Amount | Carrying Amount | Fair Value |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | | | |

Liabilities

| | | | | |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Long-term debt, including current portion and excluding capital leases | \$ 65,710 | \$ 65,554 | \$ 89,733 | \$ 89,541 |
|--|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

The fair value of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximated book value at March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008 because their maturity is generally less than one year in duration. The fair value of long-term debt was estimated based on discounted cash flow analyses using either quoted market prices for the same or similar issues, or the current interest rates offered to the Company for debt with similar maturities.

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The components of the provision for income taxes are as follows:

| | Year Ended Fiscal March | | |
|----------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| Current | | | |
| Federal | \$ 10,539 | \$ 12,125 | \$ 10,542 |
| State | 1,019 | 642 | 835 |
| | 11,558 | 12,767 | 11,377 |
| Deferred | | | |
| Federal | 2,705 | (1,248) | 913 |
| State | (237) | (20) | (97) |
| | 2,468 | (1,268) | 816 |
| Total | \$ 14,026 | \$ 11,499 | \$ 12,193 |

Deferred tax (liabilities) assets consist of the following:

| | March 28, | March 29, | March 31, |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| Goodwill | \$ (3,832) | \$ (2,384) | \$ (1,377) |
| Prepaid expenses | (896) | (839) | (624) |
| Property and equipment | (690) | (168) | (2,830) |
| Pension | (305) | (1,231) | (997) |
| Other | (168) | (136) | (124) |
| Total deferred tax liabilities | (5,891) | (4,758) | (5,952) |
| Insurance reserves | 2,466 | 2,885 | 1,949 |
| Deferred rent | 2,319 | 2,363 | 2,593 |
| Stock options | 1,508 | 1,742 | 1,157 |
| Accrued compensation | 1,457 | 1,025 | 874 |
| Warranty and other reserves | 1,041 | 1,422 | 1,679 |

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|---|----------|----------|----------|
| Indirect effect of unrecognized tax benefits in other jurisdictions | 778 | 729 | |
| Inventory capitalization | 369 | 367 | 566 |
| Other | 1,788 | 1,241 | 1,170 |
| Subtotal deferred tax assets | 11,726 | 11,774 | 9,988 |
| Valuation allowance | | | (78) |
| Total deferred tax assets | 11,726 | 11,774 | 9,910 |
| Net deferred tax assets | \$ 5,835 | \$ 7,016 | \$ 3,958 |

The Company has \$1.6 million of state net operating loss carryforwards available as of March 28, 2009. The carryforwards expire in varying amounts through 2029. Based on all available evidence, the Company has determined that sufficient taxable income of the appropriate character within the carryforward period will exist for the realization of the tax benefits on existing state net operating loss carryforwards.

The Company determined that the previously recorded valuation allowance was no longer required.

The Company believes it is more likely than not that all other future tax benefits will be realized as a result of current and future income.

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A reconciliation between the U.S. Federal statutory tax rate and the effective tax rate reflected in the accompanying financial statements is as follows:

| | 2009 | | Year Ended Fiscal March 2008 | | 2007 | |
|---|------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|---------|-----------|---------|
| | Amount | Percent | Amount | Percent | Amount | Percent |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | | | | |
| Federal income tax based on statutory tax rate applied to income before taxes | \$ 13,340 | 35.0 | \$ 11,697 | 35.0 | \$ 12,062 | 35.0 |
| State income tax, net of federal income tax benefit | 425 | 1.1 | 416 | 1.2 | 480 | 1.4 |
| Other | 261 | .7 | (614) | (1.8) | (349) | (1.0) |
| | \$ 14,026 | 36.8 | \$ 11,499 | 34.4 | \$ 12,193 | 35.4 |

The Company adopted FASB Interpretation No. 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109 (FIN 48) on April 1, 2007. The interpretation clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes recognized in a company s financial statements in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes . Specifically, the pronouncement prescribes a recognition threshold and a measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of a tax position taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The interpretation also provides guidance on the related derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, accounting for interim periods, disclosure and transition of uncertain tax positions. The cumulative effect of adopting FIN 48 of \$1.6 million was recorded as a reduction to retained earnings.

The following is a rollforward of the Company s liability for income taxes associated with unrecognized tax benefits:

| | (Dollars in thousands) |
|---|------------------------|
| Balance at April 1, 2007 | \$ 2,796 |
| Tax positions related to current year: | |
| Additions | 1,109 |
| Reductions | |
| Tax positions related to prior years: | |
| Additions | 280 |
| Reductions | |
| Settlements | |
| Lapses in statutes of limitations | (315) |
| Balance at March 29, 2008 | 3,870 |
| Tax positions related to current year: | |

| | | |
|--|----|-------|
| Additions | | 1,175 |
| Reductions | | |
| Tax positions related to prior years: | | |
| Additions | | 39 |
| Reductions | | (400) |
| Settlements | | |
| Lapses in statutes of limitations | | (191) |
| Balance at March 28, 2009 | \$ | 4,493 |

The total amount of unrecognized tax benefits was \$4.5 million at March 28, 2009, the majority of which, if recognized, would affect the effective tax rate.

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The Company historically had classified unrecognized tax benefits in current taxes payable. As a result of adoption of FIN 48, unrecognized tax benefits were primarily reclassified to long-term income taxes payable.

The Company's policy to include interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits within the provision for taxes on the Consolidated Statement of Income did not change as a result of implementing the provisions of FIN 48. As of the date of adoption of FIN 48, the Company had accrued \$.3 million for the payment of interest and penalties relating to unrecognized tax benefits.

In the normal course of business, the Company provides for uncertain tax positions and the related interest and penalties, and adjusts its unrecognized tax benefits and accrued interest and penalties accordingly. During the years ended March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008, the Company recognized interest and penalties of approximately \$.1 million for each year in income tax expense. Additionally, the Company had approximately \$.5 million and \$.4 million of interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax benefits accrued as of March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008, respectively.

The Company is currently under audit by certain state tax jurisdictions for the fiscal 2001 to 2007 tax years. It is reasonably possible that the examination phase of the audits for these years may conclude in the next 12 months, and that the related unrecognized tax benefits for tax positions taken regarding previously filed tax returns may change from those recorded as liabilities for uncertain tax positions in the Company's financial statements as of March 28, 2009. However, based on the status of the examinations, it is not possible to estimate the effect of any amount of such change to previously recorded uncertain tax positions.

The Company files U.S. Federal income tax returns and income tax returns in various state jurisdictions. The Company's fiscal 2005 through fiscal 2008 U.S. Federal tax years and various state tax years remain subject to income tax examinations by tax authorities.

NOTE 9 CONVERTIBLE PREFERRED STOCK AND COMMON STOCK

A summary of the changes in the number of shares of common stock, Class C preferred stock and treasury stock is as follows:

| | Common Stock Shares Issued | Class C Convertible Preferred Stock Shares Issued | Treasury Stock Shares |
|--|---|--|--------------------------------------|
| Balance at March 25, 2006 | 13,976,630 | 65,000 | 331,628 |
| Stock options exercised | 365,421 | | |
| Purchase of treasury shares | | | 2,500 |
| Balance at March 31, 2007 | 14,342,051 | 65,000 | 334,128 |
| Shares issued in connection with three-for-two stock split | 7,219,595 | | 280,445 |

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|--------------------------------|------------|----------|-----------|
| Stock options exercised | 122,213 | | |
| Purchase of treasury shares | | | 2,707,819 |
| Balance at March 29, 2008 | 21,683,859 | 65,000 | 3,322,392 |
| Conversion of preferred shares | 506,755 | (32,500) | |
| Stock options exercised | 808,699 | | 258,437 |
| Balance at March 28, 2009 | 22,999,313 | 32,500 | 3,580,829 |

In August 2007, the Board of Directors authorized an amendment to the Company's Restated Certificate of Incorporation to increase the number of authorized shares of Common Stock from 20,000,000 to 45,000,000. This amendment was approved by the Company's shareholders in August 2007.

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Additionally, the Board authorized a three-for-two stock split that was paid in October 2007 to shareholders of record as of September 21, 2007. All share amounts have been adjusted for this stock split.

Holders of at least 60% of the Class C preferred stock must approve any action authorized by the holders of common stock. In addition, there are certain restrictions on the transferability of shares of Class C preferred stock. In the event of a liquidation, dissolution or winding-up of the Company, the holders of the Class C preferred stock would be entitled to receive \$1.50 per share out of the assets of the Company before any amount would be paid to holders of common stock. The conversion value of the Class C convertible preferred stock is \$.096 per share at March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008.

The 1989 Incentive Stock Option Plan authorized 1,689,837 shares for issuance (as retroactively adjusted for stock dividends and stock splits).

In November 1998, the Board of Directors authorized the 1998 Incentive Stock Option Plan, reserving 1,687,500 shares (as retroactively adjusted for stock splits) of common stock for issuance to officers and key employees. The Plan was approved by shareholders in August 1999.

In May 2003, the Board of Directors authorized an additional 450,000 shares (as retroactively adjusted for stock splits) for issuance under the 1998 Plan, which was approved by shareholders in August 2003. In June 2005, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors (the Compensation Committee) authorized an additional 540,000 shares (as retroactively adjusted for the stock splits), which were approved by shareholders in August 2005.

Generally, employee options vest within the first five years of their term, and have a duration of ten years. See Note 1 for a discussion of the fiscal 2006 acceleration of vesting of all unvested stock options. Outstanding options are exercisable for various periods through February 2019.

In August 1994, the Board of Directors authorized a non-employee directors' stock option plan which was approved by shareholders in August 1995. The Plan initially reserved 150,417 shares of common stock (as retroactively adjusted for stock dividends and stock splits), and provides for (i) the grant to each non-employee director as of August 1, 1994 of an option to purchase 6,839 shares of the Company's common stock (as retroactively adjusted for stock dividends and the stock splits) and (ii) the annual grant to each non-employee director of an option to purchase 6,839 shares (as retroactively adjusted for stock dividends and the stock splits) on the date of the annual meeting of shareholders beginning in 1995. The options expire ten years from the date of grant at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the Company's common stock on the date of grant. Options issued to directors generally vest immediately upon issuance.

In May 1997 and May 1999, the Board of Directors authorized an additional 153,563 and 146,250 shares, respectively (both amounts as retroactively adjusted for stock dividends and stock splits) for issuance under the Plan. These amounts were approved by shareholders in August 1997 and August 1999, respectively.

In May 2003, the Board of Directors authorized the 2003 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan, reserving 135,000 shares (as retroactively adjusted for stock splits) of common stock for issuance to outside directors, which was approved by shareholders in August 2003. The provisions of the Plan are similar to the 1994 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plan, except that options expire five years from the date of grant.

In June 2005, the Compensation Committee authorized an additional 75,000 shares (as retroactively adjusted for stock splits), which were approved by shareholders in August 2005.

In June 2007, the Board of Directors authorized the 2007 Incentive Stock Option Plan, reserving 582,000 shares (as retroactively adjusted for stock splits) of common stock for issuance to eligible employees and all non-employee directors. This 2007 Plan replaced the Company's 1998 Employee Stock Option Plan and 2003 Non-Employee Directors' Stock Option Plans. Immediately upon the shareholders' approval of the 2007 Plan, all shares of Common Stock available for award under either the 1998 or 2003 Plans were transferred to, and made available for award under the 2007 Plan. Stock options currently outstanding under the 1998 and 2003 Plans will

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remain outstanding in accordance with the terms of those plans and the stock option agreements entered into under those plans. The 2007 Plan was approved by shareholders in August 2007.

A summary of changes in outstanding stock options is as follows:

| | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Outstanding | Exercisable | Available For Grant |
|--------------------|--|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|
| At March 25, 2006 | \$ 8.44 | 2,569,269 | 2,569,269 | 758,433 |
| Granted | \$ 23.38 | 236,945 | 47,870 | (236,945) |
| Became exercisable | | | 4,500 | |
| Exercised | \$ 6.58 | (548,132) | (548,132) | |
| Canceled | \$ 19.76 | (21,816) | (10,041) | 21,547 |
| At March 31, 2007 | \$ 10.37 | 2,236,266 | 2,063,466 | 543,035 |
| Authorized | | | | 582,000 |
| Granted | \$ 21.97 | 716,958 | 141,630 | (716,958) |
| Became exercisable | | | 41,709 | |
| Exercised | \$ 9.03 | (170,834) | (170,834) | |
| Canceled | \$ 19.62 | (35,611) | (17,689) | 18,873 |
| At March 29, 2008 | \$ 13.36 | 2,746,779 | 2,058,282 | 426,950 |
| Granted | \$ 18.66 | 141,430 | 47,880 | (141,430) |
| Became exercisable | | | 205,841 | |
| Exercised | \$ 4.52 | (808,698) | (808,698) | |
| Canceled | \$ 21.75 | (22,451) | (7,337) | 4,275 |
| At March 28, 2009 | \$ 17.11 | 2,057,060 | 1,495,968 | 289,795 |

The weighted average contractual term of all options outstanding at March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008 was 4.0 years and 3.6 years, respectively. The aggregate intrinsic value of all options outstanding at March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008 was \$18.3 million and \$14.1 million, respectively.

The weighted average contractual term of all options exercisable at March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008 was 3.3 years and 2.7 years, respectively. The aggregate intrinsic value of all options exercisable at March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008 was \$15.7 million and \$14.1 million, respectively.

A summary of the status of and changes in nonvested stock options granted as of and during fiscal years 2009 and 2008 is presented below:

| | Shares | | Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value (per Share) |
|-----------------------------|---------------|----|---|
| Nonvested at March 31, 2007 | 172,800 | \$ | 7.87 |
| Granted | 716,958 | \$ | 6.36 |
| Vested | (183,339) | \$ | 7.09 |
| Canceled | (17,922) | \$ | 7.54 |
| Nonvested at March 29, 2008 | 688,497 | \$ | 6.54 |
| Granted | 141,430 | \$ | 5.29 |
| Vested | (253,721) | \$ | 6.33 |
| Canceled | (15,114) | \$ | 6.80 |
| Nonvested at March 28, 2009 | 561,092 | \$ | 6.32 |

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The following table summarizes information about fixed stock options outstanding at March 28, 2009:

| Range of Exercise Prices | Shares Under Option | Options Outstanding | | Options Exercisable | |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|--|
| | | Weighted Average Remaining Life | Weighted Average Exercise Price | Shares Under Option | Weighted Average Exercise Price |
| \$ 3.33 - \$ 9.00 | 425,210 | 2.87 | \$ 6.96 | 425,210 | \$ 6.96 |
| \$ 9.01 - \$17.50 | 559,289 | 2.72 | \$ 15.99 | 552,164 | \$ 15.98 |
| \$17.51 - \$23.00 | 772,173 | 4.25 | \$ 20.86 | 374,586 | \$ 21.31 |
| \$23.01 - \$25.31 | 300,388 | 6.98 | \$ 23.90 | 144,008 | \$ 24.16 |

During the fiscal years ended March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008, the fair value of awards vested under the Company's stock plans was \$1.6 million and \$1.3 million, respectively.

The aggregate intrinsic value in the preceding tables is based on the Company's closing stock price of \$26.01 and \$16.36 as of the last trading day of the periods ended March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008, respectively. The aggregate intrinsic value of options (the amount by which the market price of the stock on the date of exercise exceeded the exercise price of the option) exercised during the fiscal years ended March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008 was \$12.5 million and \$2.5 million, respectively. As of March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008, there was \$2.7 million and \$3.7 million, respectively, of unrecognized compensation expense related to non-vested fixed stock options that is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of 1.9 years and 2.6 years, respectively.

Cash received from option exercises under all stock option plans was \$1.7 million, \$1.5 million and \$3.6 million for the fiscal years ended March 28, 2009, March 29, 2008 and March 31, 2007, respectively. The actual tax benefit realized for the tax deductions from option exercises was \$2.3 million, \$.6 million and \$1.1 million for the fiscal years ended March 28, 2009, March 29, 2008 and March 31, 2007, respectively.

The Company issues new shares of common stock upon exercise of stock options.

NOTE 10 EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE

The following is a reconciliation of basic and diluted earnings per common share for the respective years:

| Year Ended Fiscal March | | |
|---|------|------|
| 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| (Amounts in thousands, except per share data) | | |

Numerator for earnings per common share calculation:

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| | | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Net Income | \$ 24,088 | \$ 21,921 | \$ 22,271 |
| Less: Preferred stock dividends | (213) | (230) | (175) |
| Income available to common stockholders | \$ 23,875 | \$ 21,691 | \$ 22,096 |
| Denominator for earnings per common share calculation: | | | |
| Weighted average common shares, basic | 18,837 | 20,024 | 20,818 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | | |
| Preferred stock | 812 | 1,013 | 1,013 |
| Stock options | 450 | 834 | 1,047 |
| Weighted average common shares, diluted | 20,099 | 21,871 | 22,878 |
| Basic earnings per common share: | \$ 1.27 | \$ 1.08 | \$ 1.07 |
| Diluted earnings per common share: | \$ 1.20 | \$ 1.00 | \$.97 |

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The computation of diluted earnings per common share for fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007 excludes the effect of assumed exercise of approximately 921,000, 873,000 and 174,000, respectively, of stock options, as the exercise price of these options was greater than the average market value of the Company's Common Stock for those periods, resulting in an anti-dilutive effect on diluted earnings per share.

NOTE 11 OPERATING LEASES AND OTHER COMMITMENTS

The Company leases retail facilities under noncancellable lease agreements which expire at various dates through fiscal year 2027. In addition to stated minimum payments, certain real estate leases have provisions for contingent rentals when retail sales exceed specified levels. Generally, the leases provide for renewal for various periods at stipulated rates. Most of the facilities' leases require payment of property taxes, insurance and maintenance costs in addition to rental payments, and several provide an option to purchase the property at the end of the lease term.

In recent years, the Company has entered into agreements for the sale/leaseback of certain stores and into agreements for the sale/leaseback of store equipment. Realized gains are deferred and are credited to income as rent expense adjustments over the lease terms. The Company has lease renewal options under the real estate agreements at projected future fair market values and has both purchase and renewal options under the equipment lease agreements.

Future minimum payments required under noncancellable leases (including closed stores) are as follows:

| Year Ending Fiscal March | Leases | Less Sublease Income | Net |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| 2010 | \$ 22,838 | \$ (818) | \$ 22,020 |
| 2011 | 17,724 | (488) | 17,236 |
| 2012 | 14,877 | (349) | 14,528 |
| 2013 | 11,136 | (195) | 10,941 |
| 2014 | 7,064 | (77) | 6,987 |
| Thereafter | 22,321 | (314) | 22,007 |
| Total | \$ 95,960 | \$ (2,241) | \$ 93,719 |

Rent expense under operating leases, net of sublease income, totaled \$24,030,000, \$22,842,000 and \$20,684,000 in fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively, including contingent rentals of \$103,000, \$323,000 and \$347,000 in each respective fiscal year. Sublease income totaled \$446,000, \$460,000 and \$440,000 respectively, in fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007.

The Company has entered into various contracts with parts and tire suppliers, certain of which require the Company to buy up to 100% of its annual purchases of specific products including brakes, exhaust, oil and ride control at market prices. The agreements expire at various dates through January 2013. The Company believes these agreements

provide it with high quality, branded merchandise at preferred pricing, along with strong marketing and training support.

On October 1, 2007, the Company entered into a new Employment Agreement with its Chief Executive Officer. The Agreement became effective on October 1, 2007 and has a five-year term. Under the Agreement, Mr. Gross (i) is paid a base salary of \$840,000; (ii) is eligible to earn a target annual bonus, pursuant to the terms of the Company's Management Incentive Compensation Plan, of up to 150% of his base salary upon the achievement of certain predetermined corporate objectives and (iii) participates in the Company's other incentive and welfare and benefit plans made available to executives. Mr. Gross also receives a special bonus of \$750,000, payable in five annual installments of \$150,000, which began on October 1, 2007 (the "Special Bonus"). If the Agreement

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terminates before October 1, 2012 either for Cause (as defined therein) or as the result of Mr. Gross's resignation without Good Reason (as defined therein), then Mr. Gross will be required to repay a portion of the last-received annual installment of the Special Bonus, pro-rata to the date of termination. In consideration for Mr. Gross's covenant not-to-compete with the Company or to solicit its employees, the Company will pay him an additional \$750,000, payable in five equal installments of \$150,000, beginning on October 1, 2012 or the earlier termination of the Agreement (the Non-Compete Payment). Finally, Mr. Gross is entitled to certain payments upon death, disability, a termination without Cause (as defined therein), a resignation by Mr. Gross for Good Reason (as defined therein) or a termination in the event of a Change in Control of the Company (as defined therein), all as set forth in detail in the Agreement.

On October 2, 2007, and in consideration for Mr. Gross's execution of the Agreement, the Company's Compensation Committee awarded to Mr. Gross an option to purchase 375,000 shares of Common Stock (calculated following the Company's three-for-two stock split) at an exercise price of \$22.80 per share (the closing price of the Company's stock on the date of the award), pursuant to the Company's 2007 Stock Incentive Plan.

The Company amended its employment agreement effective May 19, 2005, with Catherine D. Amico, its Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and, in July 2005, entered into an employment agreement with Joseph Tomarchio Jr., its Executive Vice President of Store Operations, effective May 19, 2005. The agreements each provided a base salary to be reviewed annually, plus a bonus, based upon the Company's achievement of performance targets set by the Compensation Committee. Ms. D. Amico's and Mr. Tomarchio's agreements both were set to expire on June 30, 2008. The agreements included a covenant against competition with the Company for up to two years after termination. The agreements provided Ms. D. Amico and Mr. Tomarchio with a minimum of one year's salary and certain additional rights in the event of a termination without cause (as defined therein), or a termination in the event of a change in control (as defined therein).

In January 2008, the Company entered into Employment Agreements with Ms. D. Amico and Mr. Tomarchio, as well as with its President, John W. Van Heel. All three Agreements became effective on January 1, 2008 and have a three-year term.

Under the Agreements, Messrs. Van Heel and Tomarchio and Ms. D. Amico (i) are paid a base salary; (ii) are eligible to earn a target bonus, pursuant to the terms of the Company's bonus plan, equal to up to 87.5% of the executive's base salary upon the achievement of certain predetermined corporate objectives and (iii) participate in the Company's other incentive and welfare and benefit plans made available to executives.

Finally, each executive is entitled to certain payments upon death, disability, a termination without Cause (as defined therein), a resignation by the executive for Good Reason (as defined therein) or a termination in the event of a Change in Control of the Company (as defined therein), all as set forth in detail in the Agreements.

Also, on January 10, 2008 and in consideration of the executives' execution of the Agreements, the Company's Compensation Committee awarded to Messrs. Van Heel and Tomarchio an option to purchase 75,000 and 40,000 shares of Common Stock, respectively, at an exercise price of \$18.17 per share (the closing price of the Company's stock on the date of the award), pursuant to the Company's 2007 Stock Incentive Plan. On January 11, 2008 and in consideration of Ms. D. Amico's execution of the Agreement, the Company's Compensation Committee awarded her an option to purchase 30,000 shares of Common Stock at an exercise price of \$17.53 per share (the closing price

of the Company's stock on the date of the award), pursuant to the Company's 2007 Stock Incentive Plan.

NOTE 12 EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT AND PROFIT SHARING PLANS

The Company sponsors a noncontributory defined benefit pension plan for Monro employees and the former Kimmel Automotive, Inc. employees. In fiscal 2005, the previously separate Monro and Kimmel pension plans were merged. The plan provides benefits to certain full-time employees who were employed with Monro and with Kimmel prior to April 2, 1998 and May 15, 2001, respectively. Effective as of those dates, each company's Board of Directors approved plan amendments whereby the benefits of each of the defined benefit plans would be frozen and the plans

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would be closed to new participants. Prior to these amendments, coverage under the plans began after employees completed one year of service and attainment of age 21. Benefits under both plans, and now the merged plans, are based primarily on years of service and employees' pay near retirement. The funding policy for the Company's merged plan is consistent with the funding requirements of Federal law and regulations. The measurement date used to determine the pension plan measurements disclosed herein is March 31 for both 2009 and 2008.

The overfunded status of the Company's defined benefit plan is recognized as an asset in the Consolidated Statement of Financial Position as of March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008.

The funded status of each plan is set forth below:

| | Year Ended Fiscal March | |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | |
| Change in Plan Assets: | | |
| Fair value of plan assets at beginning of year | \$ 14,742 | \$ 14,986 |
| Actual return on plan assets | (2,544) | 246 |
| Employer contribution | 0 | 0 |
| Benefits paid | (567) | (490) |
| Fair value of plan assets at end of year | 11,631 | 14,742 |
| Change in Projected Benefit Obligation: | | |
| Benefit obligation at beginning of year | 11,399 | 12,493 |
| Interest cost | 751 | 728 |
| Actuarial gain | (859) | (1,332) |
| Benefits paid | (567) | (490) |
| Benefit obligation at end of year | 10,724 | 11,399 |
| Funded status of plan | \$ 907 | \$ 3,343 |

The projected and accumulated benefit obligations were equivalent at March 29, 2008 and March 28, 2009.

Amounts recognized in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income consist of:

| | Year Ended Fiscal March | |
|--|------------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |

(Dollars in thousands)

| | | |
|---------------------------|------------|--------|
| Net transition obligation | \$ 0 | \$ 0 |
| Prior service cost | 0 | 0 |
| Net actuarial (loss) gain | (2,642) | 493 |
| Total | \$ (2,642) | \$ 493 |

Pension income included the following components:

| | Year Ended Fiscal March | | |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | |
| Interest cost on projected benefit obligation | \$ 752 | \$ 728 | \$ 718 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (1,013) | (1,178) | (1,075) |
| Amortization of unrecognized actuarial loss | 55 | 93 | 286 |
| Net pension income | \$ (206) | \$ (357) | \$ (71) |

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The weighted-average assumptions used to determine benefit obligations are as follows:

| | Year Ended Fiscal March | |
|---------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Discount rate | 7.36% | 6.75% |

The weighted-average assumptions used to determine net periodic pension costs are as follows:

| | Year Ended Fiscal March | | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| Discount rate | 6.75% | 6.00% | 5.75% |
| Expected long-term return on assets | 7.00% | 8.00% | 8.00% |

The expected long-term rate of return on plan assets is established based upon assumptions related to historical returns and the future expectations for returns for each asset class, as well as the target asset allocation of the pension portfolio.

The investment strategy of the plan is to conservatively manage the assets in order to meet the plan's long-term obligations while maintaining sufficient liquidity to pay current benefits. This is achieved by holding equity investments while investing a portion of assets in long duration bonds to match the long-term nature of the liabilities. Going forward, the Company's general target allocation for the plan is 40% fixed income and 60% equity securities.

The Company's weighted average asset allocations, by asset category, are as follows:

| | Year Ended Fiscal March | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 2.9% | 4.6% |
| Fixed income | 41.6% | 38.4% |
| Equity securities | 55.5% | 57.0% |
| Total | 100.0% | 100.0% |

There are no required or expected contributions in fiscal 2010 to the plan.

The following pension benefit payments are expected to be paid:

| | Year Ended Fiscal March (Dollars in thousands) |
|-----------|---|
| 2010 | \$ 534 |
| 2011 | 527 |
| 2012 | 559 |
| 2013 | 572 |
| 2014 | 577 |
| 2015-2019 | 3,442 |
| Total | \$ 6,211 |

The Company has a 401(K)/Profit Sharing Plan that covers full-time employees who meet the age and service requirements of the plan. The 401(K) salary deferral option was added to the plan during fiscal 2000. The first employee deferral occurred in March 2000. The Company makes matching contributions consistent with the provisions of the plan. Charges to expense for the Company's matching contributions for fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007

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amounted to approximately \$642,000, \$675,000 and \$637,000, respectively. The Company may also make annual profit sharing contributions to the plan at the discretion of the Company's Compensation Committee.

The Company has a deferred compensation plan (the Deferred Compensation Plan) to provide an opportunity for additional tax-deferred savings to a select group of management or highly compensated employees. The Deferred Compensation Plan permits participants to defer all or any portion of the compensation that would otherwise be payable to them for the calendar year. In addition, the Company will credit to the participants' accounts such amounts as would have been contributed to the Company's 401(K)/Profit Sharing Plan but for the limitations that are imposed under the Internal Revenue Code based upon the participants' status as highly compensated employees. The Company may also make such additional discretionary allocations as are determined by the Compensation Committee. No amounts credited under the Deferred Compensation Plan are funded and the Company maintains accounts to reflect the amounts owed to each participant. At least annually, the accounts are credited with earnings or losses calculated on the basis of an interest rate or other formula as determined by the Company's Compensation Committee. The total liability recorded in the Company's financial statements at March 28, 2009 and March 29, 2008 related to the Deferred Compensation Plan was \$662,000 and \$606,000, respectively.

The Company's management bonus plan provides for the payment of annual cash bonus awards to participating employees, as selected by the Board of Directors, based primarily on the Company's attaining pre-tax income targets established by the Board of Directors. Charges to expense applicable to the management bonus plan totaled \$2,034,000, \$225,000 and \$96,000 for the fiscal years ended March 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively.

NOTE 13 RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company is currently a party to leases for certain facilities where the lessor is an officer of the Company, or family members of such officer. Six leases were assumed in March 2004 in connection with the Mr. Tire Acquisition. These payments under such operating and capital leases amounted to \$616,000, \$602,000 and \$588,000 for the fiscal years ended March 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively. No amounts were payable at March 28, 2009, March 29, 2008 or March 31, 2007. No related party leases, other than the six assumed as part of the Mr. Tire Acquisition in March 2004, have been entered into, and no new leases are contemplated.

The Company has a management agreement with an investment banking firm associated with a principal shareholder/director of the Company to provide financial advice. The agreement provides for an annual fee of \$300,000, plus reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses. During each of the fiscal years 2009, 2008 and 2007, the Company incurred fees of \$300,000, under this agreement. In addition, this investment banking firm, from time to time, provides additional investment banking services to the Company for customary fees. Approximately half of all payments made to the investment banking firm under the management agreement are paid to another principal shareholder/director of the Company.

NOTE 14 SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION

The following transactions represent non-cash investing and financing activities during the periods indicated:

Year ended March 28, 2009

During the year ended March 28, 2009, the Company recorded purchase accounting adjustments for the Valley Forge, Craven and Broad Elm Acquisitions that increased goodwill by \$386,000 and current liabilities by \$23,000 and reduced fixed assets by \$60,000 and intangible assets by \$303,000. Adjustments were related to the finalization of fixed asset appraisals and customer list valuations, and were recorded within one year of the acquisition.

In connection with recording the value of the Company's interest rate swap contracts, other comprehensive income decreased by \$625,000 and other long-term liabilities and long-term deferred tax assets increased by \$1,008,000 and \$383,000, respectively.

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In connection with the recording of capital leases, the Company increased both fixed assets and long-term debt by \$550,000.

In connection with the termination of capital leases, the Company reduced debt by \$378,000, fixed assets by \$171,000 and increased other long-term liabilities by \$207,000.

In connection with the recording of the pension liability adjustment, the Company increased other comprehensive income by \$1,678,000 and long-term deferred taxes by \$1,004,000 and decreased other non-current assets by \$2,682,000.

In connection with the accounting for income tax benefits related to the exercise of stock options, the Company reduced current liabilities by \$2,280,000 and long-term deferred tax assets by \$14,000 and increased paid-in capital by \$2,266,000.

In connection with the exercise of stock options by the Company's Chief Executive Officer (see Note 1), the Company increased current liabilities, common stock, paid-in capital and treasury stock by \$3,364,000, \$5,000, \$1,925,000 and \$5,294,000, respectively.

In connection with the conversion of preferred stock to common stock (see Note 18), the Company increased common stock and paid-in capital by \$5,000 and \$43,000, respectively and decreased preferred stock by \$48,000.

Year ended March 29, 2008

In connection with the Craven, Valley Forge and Broad Elm Acquisitions (see Note 2), liabilities were assumed as follows:

| | |
|---|--------------|
| Fair value of assets acquired | \$ 4,661,000 |
| Goodwill recorded | 18,124,000 |
| Cash paid in FY08, net of cash acquired | (20,243,000) |
| Liabilities assumed | \$ 2,542,000 |

During the year ended March 29, 2008, the Company recorded purchase accounting adjustments for the ProCare Acquisition that increased goodwill by \$823,000, reduced fixed assets by \$1,592,000, increased debt by \$142,000, reduced current liabilities by \$31,000, reduced long-term liabilities by \$331,000 and increased long-term deferred taxes by \$549,000. (All material adjustments occurred in the first quarter of fiscal 2008, including the finalization of fixed asset appraisals, and within one year of the acquisition.)

In connection with the recording of capital leases, the Company increased both fixed assets and long-term debt by \$1,485,000.

In connection with the termination of capital leases, the Company reduced debt and fixed assets by \$785,000.

In connection with the recording of the pension liability adjustment, the Company increased other non-current assets by \$493,000 and other comprehensive income by \$296,000 and decreased long-term deferred tax assets by \$197,000.

In connection with the accounting for income tax benefits related to the exercise of stock options, the Company reduced current liabilities and increased paid-in capital by \$587,000.

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In connection with the ProCare Acquisition (see Note 2), liabilities were assumed as follows:

| | |
|---|---------------|
| Fair value of assets acquired | \$ 23,135,000 |
| Goodwill recorded | 15,152,000 |
| Cash paid in FY06 | (1,600,000) |
| Cash paid in FY07, net of cash acquired | (13,109,000) |
| Liabilities assumed | \$ 23,578,000 |

In connection with the recording of capital leases, the Company increased both fixed assets and long-term debt by \$2,217,000.

In connection with the implementation of SFAS 158, the Company increased accumulated other comprehensive income by \$1,478,000 and long-term deferred income tax liability by \$985,000 and decreased other non-current assets by \$2,463,000.

In connection with the accounting for income tax benefits related to the exercise of stock options, the Company reduced current liabilities and increased paid-in capital by \$1,076,000.

Interest and Income Taxes Paid

| | Year Ended Fiscal March | | |
|--|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------|
| | 2009 | 2008 | 2007 |
| | (Dollars in thousands) | | |

| | | | |
|----------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Cash paid during the year: | | | |
| Interest, net | \$ 5,702 | \$ 5,406 | \$ 4,462 |
| Income taxes | \$ 11,355 | \$ 12,394 | \$ 10,510 |

NOTE 15 LITIGATION

The Company was the defendant in a lawsuit filed in December 2007, in the Supreme Court of the State of New York, that claimed that the Company violated federal and state laws related to the calculation and payment of overtime to certain headquarters employees. In May 2008, subject to Court approval, the Company and the plaintiffs agreed upon the financial terms of a settlement of all claims in the lawsuit (the Settlement). In doing so, the Company did not admit any wrongdoing with respect to the matters involved in the lawsuit. The Company obtained final court approval of the Settlement in March 2009. The Company recorded a reserve for the Settlement, including an estimate of all costs to bring the matter to a close, in the amount of \$.9 million in fiscal 2008. This amount was reduced by approximately \$.1 million in fiscal 2009 due to lower than anticipated costs to resolve the matter.

The Company is not a party or subject to any other legal proceedings other than certain routine claims and lawsuits that arise in the normal course of its business. The Company does not believe that such routine claims or lawsuits, individually or in the aggregate, will have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operations.

NOTE 16 DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The Company reports derivatives and hedging activities in accordance with SFAS 133. This statement requires that all derivative instruments be recorded on the balance sheet at fair value. Changes in the fair value of derivatives are recorded each period in current earnings or other comprehensive income, depending on whether the derivative is designated as part of a hedge transaction, and if it is, depending on the type of hedge transaction.

Table of Contents**MONRO MUFFLER BRAKE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Continued)**

The notional amount of derivative financial instruments, which consisted solely of three interest rate swaps used to minimize the risk and/or costs associated with changes in interest rates, was \$30.0 million at March 28, 2009. These swaps mature in July 2010. Fixed rates under these agreements range from 3.27% to 3.29%.

The Company manages exposure to changes in market interest rates. The Company's use of derivative instruments is limited to highly effective interest rate swaps to hedge the risk of changes in cash flows (future interest payments) attributable to changes in LIBOR swap rates, the designated benchmark interest rate being hedged on certain of the Company's LIBOR-indexed variable-rate debt. The interest rate swaps effectively fix the Company's interest payments on certain LIBOR-indexed variable-rate debt.

The Company reflects the current fair value of all interest rate hedge instruments in its consolidated balance sheets as a component of other long-term liabilities. All of the Company's interest rate hedge instruments are designated as cash flow hedges.

The related gains and losses related to the fair value of interest rate hedges are deferred in stockholders' equity as a component of other comprehensive income or loss. The deferred loss at March 28, 2009 was \$625,000. These deferred gains and losses are recognized in income as a decrease or increase to interest expense in the period in which the related cash flows being hedged are recognized in expense. However, to the extent that the change in value of an interest rate hedge instrument does not perfectly offset the change in the value of the cash flows being hedged, that ineffective portion is immediately recognized in the income statement. The Company's hedge instruments have been determined to be highly effective as of March 28, 2009.

The Company primarily executes derivative transactions of relatively short duration with strong creditworthy counterparties. These counterparties expose the Company to credit risk in the event of non-performance. The amount of such exposure is limited to the unpaid portion of amounts due to the Company pursuant to the terms of the derivative financial instruments, if any. Although there are no collateral requirements, if a downgrade in the credit rating of these counterparties occurs, management believes that this exposure is mitigated by provisions in the derivative agreements which allow for the legal right of offset of any amounts due to the Company from the counterparties with amounts payable, if any, to the counterparties by the Company. Management considers the risk of counterparty default to be minimal.

The following table presents the Company's derivative financial instruments measured at fair value at March 28, 2009:

| | March 28, 2009 | | | | | Fair Value |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|----------------|--------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| | Notional Amount of | Fixed Rate | Year of | Transaction | Maturity | |
| | Underlying Debt | | | | | |
| Interest Rate Swaps | | | | | | |

Swaps associated with:

| | | | | | |
|--------------------|-----------|-------|------|------|----------|
| 1 month U.S. LIBOR | \$ 10,000 | 3.29% | 2008 | 2010 | \$ (326) |
| 1 month U.S. LIBOR | 10,000 | 3.27% | 2008 | 2010 | (321) |
| 1 month U.S. LIBOR | 10,000 | 3.27% | 2008 | 2010 | (320) |
| | \$ 30,000 | | | | \$ (967) |

The location and amounts of derivative fair values in the balance sheet as of March 28, 2009 were as follows:

Liability Derivatives as of March 28, 2009
Balance Sheet Location Fair Value
(Dollars in thousands)

| | | |
|--|-----------------------------|--------|
| Interest rate contracts designated as hedging instruments under SFAS 133 | Other long-term liabilities | \$ 967 |
|--|-----------------------------|--------|

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While it is not the Company's intention to terminate its derivative financial instruments, fair values were estimated based on quotes from financial institutions, which represented the amounts that the Company would receive or pay if the instruments were terminated at the respective balance sheet date. These fair values indicated that the termination of interest rate swaps would result in a \$967,000 loss as of March 28, 2009.

NOTE 17 COMMITMENT

The Company has entered into an agreement to purchase the land and building associated with 30 stores that are currently leased from the landlord for a price of \$20 million. Such purchases will take place over a period of time and are expected to be completed by December 31, 2009. As of March 28, 2009, 21 properties have been purchased at a total price of \$13.4 million.

NOTE 18 PREFERRED STOCK CONVERSION

In FY 2009, preferred stockholders converted 32,500 shares of Class C preferred stock to 506,755 shares of common stock.

NOTE 19 OTHER ITEMS

On November 1, 2005, the Company acquired a 13% interest in R&S Parts and Service, Inc. (R&S), a privately owned automotive aftermarket parts and service chain, for \$2.0 million from GDJ Retail LLC. As part of the transaction, the Company also loaned R&S \$5.0 million under a secured subordinated debt agreement that had a five-year term and carried an 8% interest rate. The loan was repaid in full in December 2006.

On August 11, 2006, the Company announced that it would not exercise its option to purchase the remaining 87% of R&S, originally negotiated for an additional \$12.0 million in cash and \$1.0 million of Monro stock. In addition, the Company recorded an after-tax impairment charge of \$1.7 million with respect to the original 13% equity investment, as well as due diligence costs related to R&S. Management reached this conclusion after learning that R&S had filed petitions for relief under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. The impairment charge was reflected within Other Expenses on the Consolidated Statement of Income for the twelve months ended March 31, 2007.

Under the terms of the R&S debtor-in-possession financing, the Bankruptcy Court ordered the payment to Monro of the \$5 million secured loan, plus a portion of legal and other fees incurred by Monro in connection with the issuance and repayment of the loan. In February 2007, the Creditors' Committee appointed in R&S's bankruptcy commenced an action seeking repayment of the \$5 million.

In response, the Company filed a complaint against GDJ Retail, LLC and its principal, Glen Langberg, for breach of contract, contractual indemnification and negligent misrepresentation arising from the Company's purchase of a 13% interest in R&S in November 2005.

In May 2007, the Bankruptcy Court approved a global settlement of both actions. As a result of the settlement, the Company received \$325,000 from R&S. The settlement has been reflected within Other Income on the Consolidated Statement of Income for the twelve months ended March 31, 2007. All claims against the Company, GDJ Retail, LLC, Glen Langberg and R&S have been dismissed.

NOTE 20 SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

In May 2009, the Company's Board of Directors declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$.07 per common share or common share equivalent to be paid to shareholders of record as of June 9, 2009. The dividend will be paid on June 19, 2009.

See Note 2 for a discussion of the Autotire acquisition which was announced in May 2009.

Table of Contents**MONRO MUFFLER BRAKE, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES****SELECTED QUARTERLY FINANCIAL INFORMATION (UNAUDITED)**

The following table sets forth consolidated statement of income data by quarter for the fiscal years ended March 2009 and 2008. Earnings per share and weighted average share information has been adjusted for the Company's three-for-two stock split. Individual line items summed by quarters may not agree to the annual amounts reported due to rounding.

| | Fiscal Quarter Ended | | | |
|---|--|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | June 2008 | Sept. 2008 | Dec. 2008 | March 2009 |
| | (Amounts in thousands, except per share data) | | | |
| Sales | \$ 120,369 | \$ 119,912 | \$ 118,680 | \$ 117,144 |
| Cost of sales | 69,480 | 69,511 | 73,465 | 72,184 |
| Gross profit | 50,889 | 50,401 | 45,215 | 44,960 |
| Operating, selling, general and administrative expenses | 36,852 | 36,786 | 35,694 | 39,043 |
| Intangible amortization | 123 | 133 | 112 | 121 |
| Gain on disposal of assets | (32) | (286) | (510) | (233) |
| Total operating expenses | 36,943 | 36,633 | 35,296 | 38,931 |
| Operating income | 13,946 | 13,768 | 9,919 | 6,029 |
| Interest expense, net | 1,519 | 1,592 | 1,536 | 1,330 |
| Other income, net | (72) | (188) | (99) | (70) |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 12,499 | 12,364 | 8,482 | 4,769 |
| Provision for income taxes | 4,705 | 4,692 | 2,904 | 1,725 |
| Net income | \$ 7,794 | \$ 7,672 | \$ 5,578 | \$ 3,044 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$.42 | \$.41 | \$.29 | \$.15 |
| Diluted earnings per share(a) | \$.39 | \$.38 | \$.28 | \$.15 |
| Weighted average number of common shares used in computing earnings per share | | | | |
| Basic | 18,387 | 18,531 | 19,040 | 19,691 |
| Diluted | 20,105 | 20,230 | 20,095 | 20,199 |

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| | June 2007 | Sept. 2007 | Dec. 2007 | March 2008 |
|---|---|-----------------------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| | (Amounts in thousands, except per share data) | | | |
| Sales | \$ 107,622 | \$ 112,043 | \$ 112,514 | \$ 107,211 |
| Cost of sales | 60,945 | 66,505 | 70,065 | 67,270 |
| Gross profit | 46,677 | 45,538 | 42,449 | 39,941 |
| Operating, selling, general and administrative expenses | 32,684 | 33,805 | 34,377 | 36,473 |
| Intangible amortization | 123 | 141 | 149 | 150 |
| Loss (gain) on disposal of assets | 53 | 101 | (1,006) | (819) |
| Total operating expenses | 32,860 | 34,047 | 33,520 | 35,804 |
| Operating income | 13,817 | 11,492 | 8,929 | 4,137 |
| Interest expense, net | 1,189 | 1,255 | 1,508 | 1,801 |
| Other income, net | (415) | (155) | (114) | (114) |
| Income before provision for income taxes | 13,043 | 10,391 | 7,535 | 2,450 |
| Provision for income taxes | 4,861 | 3,890 | 2,233 | 514 |
| Net income | \$ 8,182 | \$ 6,501 | \$ 5,302 | \$ 1,936 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$.39 | \$.31 | \$.27 | \$.10 |
| Diluted earnings per share(a) | \$.36 | \$.29 | \$.25 | \$.10 |
| Weighted average number of common shares used in computing earnings per share | | | | |
| Basic | 20,952 | 20,866 | 19,718 | 18,464 |
| Diluted | 22,910 | 22,791 | 21,553 | 20,168 |

(a) Earnings per share for each period was computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of shares of Common Stock and Common Stock Equivalents outstanding during the respective quarters.

Significant fourth quarter adjustments

There were no material, extraordinary, unusual or infrequently occurring items recognized in the fourth quarter of fiscal 2009.

During the fourth quarter of fiscal 2008, the Company recorded two significant adjustments. The Company reduced income tax expense by \$.6 million for the resolution of state tax accounting matters. Offsetting this was a \$.2 million charge resulting from a reduction in the Company's state income tax rate used to calculate deferred taxes. In addition, the Company recorded \$.9 million related to a reserve for litigation as discussed in Note 15 to the Financial Statements.

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Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure

None.

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

The Company maintains disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports that the Company files or submits pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Security and Exchange Commission's (SEC) rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

In conjunction with the close of each fiscal quarter and under the supervision of the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the Company conducts an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures. It is the conclusion of the Company's Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, based upon an evaluation completed as of the end of the most recent fiscal quarter reported on herein, and subject to the limitations discussed below, that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were sufficiently effective in ensuring that any material information relating to the Company was recorded, processed, summarized and reported to its principal officers to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external reporting purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (i) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company; (ii) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and (iii) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the Company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Management conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this evaluation, management concluded that the Company's internal control over financial reporting was effective as of March 28, 2009, the end of our fiscal year. Management has reviewed the results of its assessment with the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. The effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of March 28, 2009 has been audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, as stated in their report which appears herein.

Inherent Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls

The Company's management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that its disclosure controls and procedures or its internal control over financial reporting will prevent or detect all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the control system's objectives will be met. The design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Further, because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that misstatements due to error or fraud will not occur or that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within the Company have been detected. These inherent limitations include the realities that judgments

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in decision-making can be faulty and that breakdowns can occur because of simple error or mistake. Controls can also be circumvented by the individual acts of some persons, by collusion of two or more people, or by management override of the controls. The design of any system of controls is based in part on certain assumptions about the likelihood of future events, and there can be no assurance that any design will succeed in achieving its stated goals under all potential future conditions. Projections of any evaluation of controls effectiveness to future periods are subject to risks. Over time, controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions or deterioration in the degree of compliance with policies or procedures.

Changes in Internal Controls over Financial Reporting

There were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended March 28, 2009 that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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PART III

Item 10. Directors and Executive Officers of the Company and Corporate Governance

Information concerning the directors and executive officers of the Company is incorporated herein by reference to the section captioned Election of Directors and Executive Officers, respectively, in the Proxy Statement.

Information concerning required Section 16(a) disclosure is incorporated herein by reference to the section captioned Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act in the Proxy Statement.

The Company's directors and executive officers are subject to the provisions of the Company's Code of Ethics for Management Employees, Officers and Directors (the Code), which is available in the Investor Information section of the Company's web site, www.monro.com. Changes to the Code and any waivers are also posted on the Company's web site in the Investor Information section.

Item 11. Executive Compensation

Information concerning executive compensation is incorporated herein by reference to the section captioned Executive Compensation in the Proxy Statement.

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

Information concerning the Company's shares authorized for issuance under its equity compensation plans at March 28, 2009 and security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management is incorporated herein by reference to the sections captioned Security Ownership of Principal Shareholders, Directors and Executive Officers and Equity Compensation Plan Information in the Proxy Statement.

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions and Director Independence

Information concerning certain relationships and related transactions is incorporated herein by reference to the sections captioned Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation and Certain Transactions in the Proxy Statement.

Item 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services

Information concerning the Company's principal accounting fees and services is incorporated herein by reference to the section captioned Approval of Independent Accountants in the Proxy Statement.

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PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

Financial Statements

Reference is made to Item 8 of Part II hereof.

Financial Statement Schedules

Schedules have been omitted because they are inapplicable, not required, the information is included elsewhere in the Financial Statements or the notes thereto or is immaterial. Specific to warranty reserves and related activity, as stated in the Financial Statements, these amounts are immaterial.

Exhibits

Reference is made to the Index to Exhibits accompanying this Form 10-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company will furnish to any shareholder, upon written request, any exhibit listed in such Index to Exhibits upon payment by such shareholder of the Company's reasonable expenses in furnishing any such exhibit. The agreements accompanying this Form 10-K or incorporated herein by reference may contain representations, warranties and other provisions that were made, among other things, to provide the parties thereto with specified rights and obligations and to allocate risk among them, and such agreements should not be relied upon by buyers, sellers or holders of the Company's securities.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

MONRO MUFFLER BRAKE, INC.
(Registrant)

By /s/ Robert G. Gross

Robert G. Gross
Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board

Date: June 11, 2009

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities indicated as of June 11, 2009.

| Signature | Title |
|---|---|
| /s/ Catherine D Amico Catherine D Amico | Executive Vice President-Finance Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer) |
| /s/ Richard A. Berenson* Richard A. Berenson | Director |
| /s/ Frederick M. Danziger* Frederick M. Danziger | Director |
| /s/ Donald Glickman* Donald Glickman | Director |
| /s/ Peter J. Solomon* Peter J. Solomon | Director |
| /s/ Lionel B. Spiro* Lionel B. Spiro | Director |
| /s/ Francis R. Strawbridge* Francis R. Strawbridge | Director |

/s/ Elizabeth A. Wolszon*

Director

Elizabeth A. Wolszon

*By /s/ Robert G. Gross

Robert G. Gross

Chief Executive Officer,

Director and as Attorney-in-Fact

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INDEX TO EXHIBITS

The following is a list of all exhibits filed herewith or incorporated by reference herein:

| Exhibit No. | Document |
|--------------------|---|
| 3.01* | Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, dated July 23, 1991, with Certificate of Amendment, dated November 1, 1991. (1992 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 3.01) |
| 3.01a* | Certificate of Change of the Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, dated January 26, 1996. (August 2004 Form S-3, Exhibit 4.1(b)) |
| 3.01b* | Certificate of Amendment to Restated Certificate of Incorporation, dated April 15, 2004. (August 2004 Form S-3, Exhibit No. 4.1(c)) |
| 3.01c* | Certificate of Amendment to Restated Certificate of Incorporation, dated October 10, 2007. (2008 Form 10-K, Exhibit 3.01c) |
| 3.02* | Restated By-Laws of the Company, dated July 23, 1991. (Amendment No. 1, Exhibit No. 3.04) |
| 10.01* | 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, effective as of June 29, 2007. (May 2008 Form S-8, Exhibit No. 4)** |
| 10.01a* | Amendment No. 1 to the 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, dated August 9, 2007. (May 2008 Form S-8, Exhibit No. 4.1)** |
| 10.01b* | Amendment No. 2 to the 2007 Stock Incentive Plan, dated September 27, 2007. (May 2008 Form S-8, Exhibit No. 4.2)** |
| 10.02* | 1994 Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan. (March 2001 Form S-8, Exhibit No. 4.1)** |
| 10.02a* | Amendment, dated as of May 12, 1997, to the 1994 Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan. (March 2001 Form S-8, Exhibit No. 4.2)** |
| 10.02b* | Amendment, dated as of May 18, 1999, to the 1994 Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan. (March 2001 Form S-8, Exhibit No. 4.3)** |
| 10.02c* | Amendment, dated as of August 2, 1999, to the 1994 Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan. (2002 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.02c)** |
| 10.02d* | Amendment, dated as of June 12, 2002, to the 1994 Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan. (2002 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.02d)** |
| 10.03* | 1989 Employees Incentive Stock Option Plan, as amended through December 23, 1992. (December 1992 Form S-8, Exhibit No. 4.3)** |
| 10.03a* | Amendment, dated as of January 25, 1994, to the 1989 Employees Incentive Stock Option Plan. (1994 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.03a and March 2001 Form S-8, Exhibit No. 4.2)** |
| 10.03b* | Amendment, dated as of May 17, 1995, to the 1989 Employees Incentive Stock Option Plan. (1995 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.03b and March 2001 Form S-8, Exhibit No. 4.3)** |
| 10.03c* | Amendment, dated as of May 12, 1997, to the 1989 Employees Incentive Stock Option Plan. (1997 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.03c and March 2001 Form S-8, Exhibit No. 4.4)** |
| 10.03d* | Amendment, dated as of January 29, 1998, to the 1989 Employees Incentive Stock Option Plan. (1998 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.03d)** |
| 10.03e* | Amendment, dated as of September 26, 2007, to the 1989 Employees Incentive Stock Option Plan. (2008 Form 10-K, Exhibit 10.03e)** |
| 10.04* | GUST Amendment and Restatement of the Monro Muffler Brake, Inc. Retirement Plan, dated April 1, 2002. (2007 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.04)** |
| 10.04a* | Amendment No. 1 to GUST Restatement, dated as of July 31, 2002. (2007 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.04a)** |
| 10.04b* | Amendment No. 2 to GUST Restatement, dated July 31, 2002. (2007 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.04b)** |
| 10.04c* | |

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Amendment No. 3 to GUST Restatement, dated March 29, 2005. (2007 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.04c)**

10.04d* Amendment No. 4 to GUST Restatement, dated December 21, 2006. (2007 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.04d)**

10.05* Profit Sharing Plan, amended and restated as of April 1, 1993. (1995 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.05)**

10.05a* Amendment, dated as of March 1, 2000, to the Profit Sharing Plan. (June 2001 Form S-8, Exhibit No. 4)**

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| Exhibit No. | Document |
|--------------------|--|
| 10.06* | Employment Agreement, dated October 1, 2007, between the Company and Robert G. Gross. (October 2007 Form 8-K, Exhibit No. 99.1)** |
| 10.07* | Employment Agreement, dated January 10, 2008 and effective January 1, 2008, between the Company and Joseph Tomarchio, Jr. (January 2008 Form 8-K, Exhibit No. 99.1)** |
| 10.08* | 1998 Employee Stock Option Plan, effective November 18, 1998. (December 1998 Form 10-Q, Exhibit No. 10.3 and March 2001 Form S-8, Exhibit No. 4)** |
| 10.08a* | Amendment, dated May 20, 2003, to the 1998 Employee Stock Option Plan. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.08a)** |
| 10.08b* | Amendment, dated June 8, 2005, to the 1998 Employee Stock Option Plan. (April 2006 Form S-8 for the 1998 Plan, Exhibit No. 4.2)** |
| 10.08c* | Amendment, dated September 26, 2007, to the 1998 Employee Stock Option Plan. (2008 Form 10-K, Exhibit 10.08c)** |
| 10.09* | Kimmel Automotive, Inc. Pension Plan, as amended and restated effective January 1, 1989, adopted December 29, 1994. (2003 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.09)** |
| 10.09a* | First amendment, dated January 1, 1989, to the Kimmel Automotive, Inc. Pension Plan. (2003 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.09a)** |
| 10.09b* | Second amendment, dated January 1, 1989, to the Kimmel Automotive, Inc. Pension Plan. (2003 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.09b)** |
| 10.09c* | Third amendment, dated May 2001, to the Kimmel Automotive, Inc. Pension Plan. (2003 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.09c)** |
| 10.10* | 2003 Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan, effective August 5, 2003. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.10)** |
| 10.10a* | Amendment, dated June 8, 2005, to the 2003 Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan. (April 2006 Form S-8 for the 2003 Plan, Exhibit No. 4.1)** |
| 10.11* | Credit Agreement, dated as of July 13, 2005, by and among the Company, Charter One Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, and certain lenders party thereto. (June 2005 Form 10-Q, Exhibit No. 10.1) |
| 10.11a* | Amendment No. 1 to Credit Agreement, dated January 12, 2007, by and among the Company, Charter One Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent, and certain lenders party thereto. (December 2006 Form 10-Q, Exhibit No. 10.11a) |
| 10.11b* | Amendment No. 2 to Credit Agreement, dated June 6, 2008, by and among the Company and RBS Citizens, N.A. (successor by merger to Charter One Bank, N.A.), as Administrative Agent for lenders party thereto. (June 2008 Form 8-K, Exhibit No. 10.11b) |
| 10.12* | Security Agreement, dated as of July 13, 2005, by and among the Company, Monro Service Corporation, Monro Leasing, LLC and Charter One Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent for the lenders party to the Credit Agreement. (June 2005 Form 10-Q, Exhibit No. 10.2) |
| 10.13* | Guaranty, dated as of July 13, 2005, of Monro Service Corporation. (June 2005 Form 10-Q, Exhibit No. 10.3) |
| 10.15* | Negative Pledge Agreement, dated as of July 13, 2005, by and among the Company, Monro Service Corporation, Monro Leasing, LLC and Charter One Bank, N.A., as Administrative Agent for the lenders party to the Credit Agreement. (June 2005 Form 10-Q, Exhibit No. 10.5) |
| 10.18* | Resale Restriction Agreement by and between the Company and each of its executive officers and certain senior-level managers, effective as of March 24, 2006. (March 2006 Form 8-K/A, Exhibit No. 10.1) |
| 10.62* | Mortgage Agreement, dated September 28, 1994, between the Company and the City of Rochester, New York. (1995 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.60) |
| 10.63* | |

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Lease Agreement, dated October 11, 1994, between the Company and the City of Rochester, New York. (1995 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.61)

- 10.66* Amendment to Lease Agreement, dated September 19, 1995, between the Company and the County of Monroe Industrial Development Agency. (September 1995 Form 10-Q, Exhibit No. 10.00)
- 10.67* Employment Agreement, dated January 10, 2008 and effective as of January 1, 2008, between the Company and John W. Van Heel. (January 2008 Form 8-K, Exhibit No. 99.2)**
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| Exhibit No. | Document |
|--------------------|---|
| 10.68* | Employment Agreement, dated January 11, 2008 and effective as of January 1, 2008, between the Company and Catherine D Amico. (January 2008 Form 8-K, Exhibit No. 99.3)** |
| 10.69* | Supply Agreement, by and between the Company and The Valvoline Company, dated July 10, 2006 and effective as of April 1, 2006. (September 2006 Form 10-Q, Exhibit No. 10.1) |
| 10.70 | Agreement of Purchase and Sale, by and among the Company, as Buyer, and BSA II LLC, CJA I LLC, Lane Dworkin Properties, LLC, AA&L II LLC, Seven Cousins of Rochester, LLC, Forus Properties LLC, Stoneridge 7 Partnership, 35 Howard Road Joint Venture, August, August, Lane of Rochester, LLC, The Charles J. and Burton S. August Family Foundation, Barbara S. Lane and Wendy Dworkin as Trustees under the Will of Sheldon A. Lane f/b/o Barbara A. Lane, Charles J. August and Burton S. August, as Sellers, dated as of March 14, 2008, with respect to Store Nos. 3, 7, 9, 10, 12, 14, 15, 17, 23, 25, 28, 29, 30, 31, 33, 34, 35, 36, 43, 44, 48, 49, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 57, 58 and 60. |
| 10.71* | Supply Agreement, dated April 11, 2007 and effective as of February 1, 2007, by and between Monro Service Corporation and AP Exhaust Products, Inc. (2007 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.71) |
| 10.71a | Amendment to Supply Agreement, dated as of February 20, 2009. |
| 10.76* | Tenneco Automotive Ride Control Products Supply Agreement between Tenneco Automotive Operating Company Inc. and Monro Service Corporation, effective July 1, 2001. (2002 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.76) |
| 10.77* | Management Incentive Compensation Plan, effective as of June 1, 2002. (2002 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.77)** |
| 10.79* | Agreement, dated January 1, 1998, between F&J Properties, Inc. and Mr. Tire, Inc., as predecessor-in-interest to the Company, effective January 1, 1998, with respect to Store No. 750. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.79) |
| 10.79a* | Assignment and Assumption of Lease, dated March 1, 2004, between Mr. Tire, Inc. and the Company, with respect to Store No. 750. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.79a) |
| 10.79b* | Landlord s Consent and Estoppel Certificate, dated as of February 27, 2004, by F&J Properties, Inc., with respect to Store No. 750. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.79b) |
| 10.79c* | Renewal Letter, dated April 16, 2007, from the Company to F&J Properties, Inc. with respect to Store No. 750. (2007 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.79c) |
| 10.80* | Agreement, dated January 1, 1997, between The Three Marquees and Mr. Tire, Inc., as predecessor-in-interest to the Company, with respect to Store No. 753. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.80) |
| 10.80a* | Assignment and Assumption of Lease, dated March 1, 2004, between Mr. Tire, Inc. and the Company, with respect to Store No. 753. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.80a) |
| 10.80b* | Landlord s Consent and Estoppel Certificate, dated as of February 27, 2004, by The Three Marquees, with respect to Store No. 753. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.80b) |
| 10.80c* | Renewal Letter, dated March 6, 2006, from the Company to The Three Marquees, with respect to Store No. 753. (2006 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.80c) |
| 10.81* | Agreement, dated April 1, 1998, between 425 Manchester Road, LLC and Mr. Tire, Inc., as predecessor-in-interest to the Company, with respect to Store No. 754. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.81) |
| 10.81a* | Assignment and Assumption of Lease, dated March 1, 2004, between Mr. Tire, Inc. and the Company, with respect to Store No. 754. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.81a) |
| 10.81b* | Landlord s Consent and Estoppel Certificate, dated as of February 27, 2004, by 425 Manchester Road, LLC, with respect to Store No. 754. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.81b) |
| 10.81c* | |

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- Renewal Letter, dated June 8, 2007, from the Company to 425 Manchester Road LLC, with respect to Store No. 754. (2008 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.81c)
- 10.82* Agreement, dated January 1, 1997, between The Three Marquees and Mr. Tire, Inc., as predecessor-in-interest to the Company, with respect to Store No. 756. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.82)
- 10.82a* Assignment and Assumption of Lease, dated March 1, 2004, between Mr. Tire, Inc. and the Company, with respect to Store No. 756. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.82a)
- 10.82b* Landlord s Consent and Estoppel Certificate, dated as of February 27, 2004, by The Three Marquees, with respect to Store No. 756. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.82b)
- 10.82c* Renewal Letter, dated March 6, 2006, from the Company to The Three Marquees, with respect to Store No. 756. (2006 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.82c)
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| 10.83* | Agreement, dated January 1, 1997, between The Three Marquees and Mr. Tire, Inc., as predecessor-in-interest to the Company, with respect to Store No. 758. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.83) |
| 10.83a* | Assignment and Assumption of Lease, dated March 1, 2004, between Mr. Tire, Inc. and the Company, with respect to Store No. 758. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.83a) |
| 10.83b* | Landlord's Consent and Estoppel Certificate, dated as of February 27, 2004, by The Three Marquees, with respect to Store No. 758. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.83b) |
| 10.83c* | Renewal Letter, dated March 6, 2006, from the Company to The Three Marquees, with respect to Store No. 758. (2006 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.83c) |
| 10.84* | Agreement, dated September 2, 1999, between LPR Associates and Mr. Tire, Inc., as predecessor-in-interest to the Company, with respect to Store No. 765. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.84) |
| 10.84a* | Assignment and Assumption of Lease, dated March 1, 2004, between Mr. Tire, Inc. and the Company, with respect to Store No. 765. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.84a) |
| 10.84b* | Landlord's Consent and Estoppel Certificate, dated as of February 27, 2004, by LPR Associates, with respect to Store No. 765. (2004 Form 10-K, Exhibit No. 10.84b) |
| 10.84c | Renewal Letter, dated October 29, 2008, from the Company to LPR Associates with respect to Store No. 765. |
| 10.86* | Supply Agreement by and between the Company and Wagner Brake, a division of Federal-Mogul Corporation, dated as of November 2, 2004 and effective as of February 1, 2005. (December 2004 Form 10-Q, Exhibit No. 10.86) |
| 21.01 | Subsidiaries of the Company. |
| 23.01 | Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP. |
| 24.01 | Powers of Attorney. |
| 31.1 | Certification of Robert G. Gross, Chief Executive Officer. |
| 31.2 | Certification of Catherine D Amico, Executive Vice President Finance and Chief Financial Officer. |
| 32.1 | Certification Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350 (Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002). |

** Management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement required to be filed as an exhibit to this Form 10-K pursuant to Item 14(c) hereof.

An asterisk * following an exhibit number indicates that the exhibit is incorporated herein by reference to an exhibit to one of the following documents: (1) the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (Registration No. 33-41290), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 19, 1991 (Form S-1); (2) Amendment No. 1 thereto, filed July 22, 1991 (Amendment No. 1); (3) the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1992 (1992 Form 10-K); (4) the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 24, 1992 (December 1992 Form S-8); (5) the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1994 (1994 Form 10-K); (6) the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1995 (1995 Form 10-K); (7) the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 30, 1995 (September 1995 Form 10-Q); (8) the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1997 (1997 Form 10-K); (9) the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 1998 (1998 Form 10-K); (10) the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended December 31, 1998 (December 1998 Form 10-Q); (11) the Company's Registration Statements on Forms S-8, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 22, 2001 (each a March 2001

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Form S-8); (12) the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-8, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on June 26, 2001 (June 2001 Form S-8); (13) the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 30, 2002 (2002 Form 10-K); (14) the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 28, 2003 (2003 Form 10-K); (15) the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 27, 2004 (2004 Form 10-K); (16) the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-3 (Registration No. 333-118176), filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 12, 2004 (August 2004 Form S-3); (17) the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended December 25, 2004 (December 2004 Form 10-Q); (18) the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal

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quarter ended June 25, 2005 (June 2005 Form 10-Q); (19) the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed March 31, 2006 (March 2006 Form 8-K/A); (20) the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-133044) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 6, 2006. (April 2006 Form S-8 for 2003 Plan); (21) the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-133045) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 6, 2006. (April 2006 Form S-8 for 1998 Plan); (22) the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 25, 2006 (2006 Form 10-K); (23) the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended September 23, 2006 (September 2006 Form 10-Q); (24) the Company s Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended December 23, 2006 (December 2006 Form 10-Q); (25) the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2007 (2007 Form 10-K); (26) the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed October 4, 2007 (October 2007 Form 8-K); (27) the Company s Current Report on Form 8-K, filed January 14, 2008 (January 2008 Form 8-K); (28) the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal year ended March 29, 2008 (2008 Form 10-K); (29) the Company s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Registration No. 333-151196) filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 27, 2008 (May 2008 Form S-8); and (30) the Company s Current Report on Form 8, filed on June 11, 2008 (June 2008 Form 8-K). The appropriate document and exhibit number are indicated in parentheses.