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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended March 30, 2013

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from to

Commission file number: 001-33264

U.S. AUTO PARTS NETWORK, INC.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

68-0623433
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

16941 Keegan Avenue, Carson, CA 90746
(Address of Principal Executive Office) (Zip Code)

(310) 735-0085
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Indicate by check mark whether 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

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 (§232.405 of this chapter) 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 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 smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

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

As of May 2, 2013, the registrant had 33,209,442 shares of common stock outstanding, \$0.001 par value.

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 FOR THE THIRTEEN WEEKS ENDED MARCH 30, 2013**

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Unless the context requires otherwise, as used in this report, the terms "U.S. Auto Parts," "the Company," "we," "us" and "our" refer to U.S. Auto Parts Network, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The statements included in this report, other than statements or characterizations of historical or current fact, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act) and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), and we intend that such forward-looking statements be subject to the safe harbors created thereby. Any forward-looking statements included herein are based on management s beliefs and assumptions and on information currently available to management. We have attempted to identify forward-looking statements by terms such as anticipates, believes, could, estimates, expects, intends, may, plans, potential, predicts, projects, should, will, would , will likely continue, will likely result and variations of these words or similar expressions. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding future events, our future operating and financial results, financial expectations, expected growth and strategies, current business indicators, capital needs, financing plans, capital deployment, liquidity, contracts, litigation, product offerings, customers, acquisitions, competition and the status of our facilities. Forward-looking statements, no matter where they occur in this document or in other statements attributable to the Company involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our actual results, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, performances or achievements expressed or implied by the forward-looking statements. We discuss many of these risks in greater detail under the heading Risk Factors in Part II, Item 1A of this report. Given these uncertainties, you should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. You should read this report and the documents that we reference in this report and have filed as exhibits to the report completely and with the understanding that our actual future results may be materially different from what we expect. Also, forward-looking statements represent our management s beliefs and assumptions only as of the date of this report. Except as required by law, we assume no obligation to update these forward-looking statements publicly, or to update the reasons actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in these forward-looking statements, even if new information becomes available in the future.

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	March 30, 2013 (Unaudited)	December 29, 2012
ASSETS		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,297	\$ 1,030
Short-term investments	111	110
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$242 and \$221 at March 30, 2013 and December 29, 2012, respectively	7,040	7,431
Inventory	37,633	42,727
Deferred income taxes	44	39
Other current assets	3,310	4,176
Total current assets	49,435	55,513
Property and equipment, net	27,123	28,559
Intangible assets, net	3,120	3,227
Other non-current assets	1,669	1,578
Total assets	\$ 81,347	\$ 88,877
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 23,055	\$ 28,025
Accrued expenses	9,475	10,485
Revolving loan payable	12,125	16,222
Current portion of capital leases payable	35	70
Other current liabilities	4,704	4,738
Total current liabilities	49,394	59,540
Capital leases payable, net of current portion	69	70
Deferred income taxes	350	314
Other non-current liabilities	1,711	1,309
Total liabilities	51,524	61,233
Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders equity:		
Series A convertible preferred stock, \$0.001 par value; \$1.45 per share liquidation value or aggregate of \$5.8 million; 4,150 shares authorized; 4,000 and 0 shares issued and outstanding at March 30, 2013 and December 29, 2012, respectively	4	
Common stock, \$0.001 par value; 100,000 shares authorized; 31,151 and 31,128 shares issued and outstanding at March 30, 2013 and December 29, 2012, respectively	31	31

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Additional paid-in-capital	165,305	159,781
Accumulated other comprehensive income	378	384
Accumulated deficit	(135,895)	(132,552)
Total stockholders' equity	29,823	27,644
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 81,347	\$ 88,877

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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U.S. AUTO PARTS NETWORK, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE OPERATIONS

(Unaudited, In Thousands, Except Per Share Data)

	Thirteen Weeks Ended	
	March 30, 2013	March 31, 2012
Net sales	\$ 65,405	\$ 87,436
Cost of sales ⁽¹⁾	45,667	60,808
Gross profit	19,738	26,628
Operating expenses:		
Marketing	11,191	13,450
General and administrative	4,687	5,870
Fulfillment	5,381	5,918
Technology	1,515	1,536
Amortization of intangible assets	106	340
Total operating expenses	22,880	27,114
Loss from operations	(3,142)	(486)
Other income (expense):		
Other income, net	7	31
Interest expense	(187)	(209)
Total other expense, net	(180)	(178)
Loss before income taxes	(3,322)	(664)
Income tax provision	21	124
Net loss	(3,343)	(788)
Other comprehensive (loss) income, net of tax:		
Foreign currency translation adjustments	(6)	27
Unrealized gains on investments		25
Total other comprehensive (loss) income	(6)	52
Comprehensive loss	\$ (3,349)	\$ (736)
Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.11)	\$ (0.03)
Shares used in computation of basic and diluted net loss per share	31,141	30,638

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Excludes depreciation and amortization expense which is included in marketing, general and administrative and fulfillment expense as described in *Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Nature of Operations* below.

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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	Thirteen Weeks Ended	
	March 30, 2013	March 31, 2012
Operating activities		
Net loss	\$ (3,343)	\$ (788)
Adjustments to reconcile net loss to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization expense	3,638	3,747
Amortization of intangible assets	106	340
Deferred income taxes	31	126
Share-based compensation expense	409	584
Stock awards issued for non-employee director service	11	
Amortization of deferred financing costs	20	39
Loss from disposition of assets		4
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	391	(1,267)
Inventory	5,094	6,138
Other current assets	867	29
Other non-current assets	23	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	(6,243)	(9,303)
Other current liabilities	(35)	(18)
Other non-current liabilities	370	149
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	1,339	(220)
Investing activities		
Additions to property and equipment	(2,623)	(2,371)
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment		14
Cash paid for intangibles		(16)
Proceeds from sale of marketable securities and investments		1,071
Purchases of marketable securities and investments		(7)
Purchases of company-owned life insurance	(106)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,729)	(1,309)
Financing activities		
Proceeds from revolving loan payable	5,903	
Payments made on revolving loan payable	(10,000)	
Proceeds from issuance of Series A convertible preferred stock	5,800	
Payment of issuance costs from Series A convertible preferred stock	(30)	
Payments of debt financing costs		(14)
Payments on capital leases	(36)	(33)
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	23	43
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	1,660	(4)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(3)	32

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Net change in cash and cash equivalents	267	(1,501)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	1,030	10,335
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 1,297	\$ 8,834
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing and financing activities:		
Accrued asset purchases	\$ 1,294	\$ 1,717
Unpaid issuance costs related to Series A convertible preferred stock	765	
Unrealized gain on investments		17
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the period for income taxes	\$	\$
Cash paid during the period for interest	112	218

See accompanying notes to consolidated financial statements.

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U.S. AUTO PARTS NETWORK, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Nature of Operations

U.S. Auto Parts Network, Inc. (including its subsidiaries) is a distributor of aftermarket auto parts and accessories and was established in 1995. The Company entered the e-commerce sector by launching its first website in 2000 and currently derives the majority of its revenues from online sales channels. The Company sells its products to individual consumers through a network of websites and online marketplaces. Our flagship websites are located at www.autopartswarehouse.com, www.icwhitney.com, www.AutoMD.com and our corporate website is located at www.usautoparts.net. References to the Company, we, us, or our refer to U.S. Auto Parts Network, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

The Company's products consist of body parts, engine parts, performance parts and accessories. The body parts category is primarily comprised of parts for the exterior of an automobile. Our parts in this category are typically replacement parts for original body parts that have been damaged as a result of a collision or through general wear and tear. The majority of these products are sold through our websites. In addition, we sell an extensive line of mirror products, including our own private-label brand called Kool-Vue, which are marketed and sold as aftermarket replacement parts and as upgrades to existing parts. The engine parts category is comprised of engine components and other mechanical and electrical parts, which are often referred to as hard parts. These parts serve as replacement parts for existing engine parts and are generally used by professionals and do-it-yourselfers for engine and mechanical maintenance and repair. We offer performance versions of many parts sold in each of the above categories. Performance parts and accessories generally consist of parts that enhance the performance of the automobile, upgrade existing functionality of a specific part or improve the physical appearance or comfort of the automobile.

The Company is a Delaware C corporation and is headquartered in Carson, California. The Company also has employees located in Kansas, Virginia, Tennessee, Texas, Wyoming, Illinois and Ohio, as well as in the Philippines.

Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States (U.S. GAAP) for interim financial information and with the instructions to U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) Form 10-Q and Article 10 of SEC Regulation S-X. In the opinion of management, the accompanying consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments, consisting of normal recurring adjustments, necessary to present fairly the consolidated financial position of the Company as of March 30, 2013 and the consolidated results of operations for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012, and cash flows for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP have been condensed or omitted pursuant to the rules and regulations of the SEC. The Company's results of operations for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 are not necessarily indicative of those to be expected for the entire fiscal year. The accompanying consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2012, which was filed with the SEC on March 25, 2013.

During the first quarter of 2013, the Company incurred a net loss of \$3.3 million and revenues declined to \$65.4 million from \$87.4 million in the first quarter of 2012, after incurring a net loss of \$36.0 million and \$15.1 million in fiscal year 2012 and 2011. Based on our current operating plan, we believe that our existing cash, cash equivalents, investments, cash flows from operations and available debt financing, including the net proceeds from the issuance of Series A convertible preferred stock (refer to *Note 7 Stockholders' Equity and Share-Based Compensation* for additional details), sale of common stock in an offering under the Company's shelf registration statement (refer to *Note 13 Subsequent Events* for additional details) and the Company's sale/leaseback of its property in LaSalle, Illinois (refer to *Note 13 Subsequent Events* for additional details), will be sufficient to finance our operational cash needs through at least the next twelve months. However, we expect the downward trend in our revenues and net loss to continue in 2013. This trend could severely impact our liquidity as we may not be able to provide positive cash flows from operations in order to meet our working capital requirements. We may need to borrow additional funds from our credit facility, which under certain circumstances may not be available, sell our assets or seek equity or additional debt financing in the future. There can be no assurance that we would be able to raise such additional financing or engage in such asset sales on acceptable terms, or at all. If our expected downward trend in revenues, and net loss continues for longer than we expect because our strategies to return to positive sales growth and profitability are not successful or otherwise, and if we are not able to raise adequate additional financing or proceeds from additional asset sales to continue to fund our ongoing operations, we will need to defer, reduce or eliminate significant planned expenditures, restructure or significantly curtail our operations.

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Fiscal Periods

The Company's fiscal year is based on a 52/53 week fiscal year ending on the Saturday closest to December 31. Quarterly periods are based on the thirteen weeks ending on the Saturday closest to the calendar quarter end date.

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. Intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U.S. GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Significant estimates made by management include, but are not limited to, those related to revenue recognition, uncollectible receivables, valuation of inventory, valuation of deferred tax assets and liabilities, valuation of intangible assets including goodwill and other long-lived assets, recoverability of software development costs, contingencies and share-based compensation expense that results from estimated grant date fair values and vesting of issued equity awards. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

Statement of Cash Flows

The net change in the Company's book overdraft is presented net of accounts payable in the operating activity of the consolidated statement of cash flows. The book overdraft represents a credit balance in the Company's general ledger but the Company has a positive bank account balance.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all money market funds and short-term investments purchased with original maturities of ninety days or less to be cash equivalents.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying values of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate fair value at March 30, 2013 and December 29, 2012 due to their short-term maturities. Marketable securities and investments are carried at fair value, as discussed below. Based on the borrowing rates currently available to the Company for bank loans with similar terms and average maturities, the fair value of our revolving loan payable, classified as current liability in our consolidated balance sheet, approximates its carrying amount because the interest rate is variable. If the Company's revolving loan payable (see *Note 6 Borrowings*) had been measured at fair value at March 30, 2013, it would be categorized in Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy, as the estimated value would be based on the quoted market prices for the same or similar issues or on the current rates available to the Company for debt of the same or similar terms. Accordingly, financial instruments that are not measured at fair value include accounts receivable, accounts payable and debt. Refer to *Note 3 Fair Value Measurements* for additional fair value information.

Accounts Receivable and Concentration of Credit Risk

Accounts receivable are stated net of allowance for doubtful accounts. The allowance for doubtful accounts is determined primarily on the basis of past collection experience and general economic conditions. The Company determines terms and conditions for its customers primarily based on the volume purchased by the customer, customer creditworthiness and past transaction history.

Concentrations of credit risk are limited to the customer base to which the Company's products are sold. The Company does not believe significant concentrations of credit risk exist.

Marketable Securities and Investments

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Marketable securities and investments were comprised of closed-end funds primarily invested in mutual funds. Mutual funds are classified as short-term investments available-for-sale and recorded at fair market value, based on quoted prices of identical assets that are trading in active markets as of the end of the period for which the values are determined.

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All of the Company's marketable securities and investments are subject to a periodic impairment review. The Company recognizes an impairment charge when a decline in the fair value of its investments below the cost basis is judged to be other-than-temporary. The Company considers various factors in determining whether to recognize an impairment charge, including the length of time and extent to which the fair value has been less than the Company's cost basis, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the investee, and the Company's intent and ability to hold the investment for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in the market value. No other-than-temporary impairment charges were recorded on any investments during the thirteen week periods ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012.

Inventory

Inventories consist of finished goods available-for-sale and are stated at the lower of cost or market value, determined using the first-in first-out (FIFO) method. The Company purchases inventory from suppliers both domestically and internationally, and routinely enters into supply agreements with U.S. based suppliers and its primary drop-ship vendors. The Company believes that its products are generally available from more than one supplier and seeks to maintain multiple sources for its products, both internationally and domestically. The Company primarily purchases products in bulk quantities to take advantage of quantity discounts and to ensure inventory availability. Inventory is reported at the lower of cost or market, adjusted for slow moving, obsolete or scrap product. Inventory at March 30, 2013 and December 29, 2012 was \$37.6 million and \$42.7 million, respectively, which included items in-transit to our warehouses, in the amount of \$3.2 million and \$6.4 million, respectively.

Website and Software Development Costs

The Company capitalizes certain costs associated with website and software developed for internal use according to ASC 350-50 Intangibles Goodwill and Other Website Development Costs and ASC 350-40 Intangibles Goodwill and Other Internal-Use Software, when both the preliminary project design and testing stage are completed and management has authorized further funding for the project, which it deems probable of completion and to be used for the function intended. Capitalized costs include amounts directly related to website and software development such as payroll and payroll-related costs for employees who are directly associated with, and who devote time to, the internal-use software project. Capitalization of such costs ceases when the project is substantially complete and ready for its intended use. These amounts are amortized on a straight-line basis over two to three years once the software is placed into service. During the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company recorded an impairment loss of \$0.9 million related to website and software development costs. No such charges were recorded during the first quarter of 2013 or 2012. However, future deterioration in the Company's cash flows could result in additional impairment.

Long-Lived Assets and Intangibles Subject to Amortization

The Company accounts for the impairment and disposition of long-lived assets, including intangibles subject to amortization, in accordance with ASC 360 *Property, Plant and Equipment* (ASC 360). Management assesses potential impairments whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying value of an asset or asset group may not be recoverable. An impairment loss will result when the carrying value exceeds the undiscounted cash flows estimated to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset or asset group. Impairment losses will be recognized in operating results to the extent that the carrying value exceeds the discounted future cash flows estimated to result from the use and eventual disposition of the asset or asset group. The Company continually uses judgment when applying these impairment rules to determine the timing of the impairment tests, undiscounted cash flows used to assess impairments, and the fair value of a potentially impaired asset or asset group. The reasonableness of our judgments could significantly affect the carrying value of our long-lived assets. During the fourth quarter of 2012, the Company recognized an impairment loss on property and equipment and intangible assets subject to amortization of \$1.9 million and \$1.7 million, respectively. No such charges were recorded during the first quarter of 2013 or 2012. However, future deterioration in the Company's cash flows could result in additional impairment.

Revenue Recognition

The Company recognizes revenue from product sales and shipping revenues, net of promotional discounts and return allowances, when the following four revenue recognition criteria are met: persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, both title and risk of loss or damage have transferred, delivery has occurred, the selling price is fixed or determinable, and collectability is reasonably assured. The Company retains the risk of loss or damage during transit, therefore, revenue from product sales is recognized at the delivery date to customer, not upon shipment. Return allowances, which reduce product revenue by the Company's best estimate of expected product returns, are estimated using historical experience.

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Revenue from sales of advertising is recorded when performance requirements of the related advertising program agreement are met.

The Company evaluates the criteria of ASC 605-45 *Revenue Recognition Principal Agent Considerations* in determining whether it is appropriate to record the gross amount of product sales and related costs or the net amount earned as commissions. Generally, when the Company is the primary party obligated in a transaction, the Company is subject to inventory risk, has latitude in establishing prices and selecting suppliers, or has several but not all of these indicators, revenue is recorded at gross.

Payments received prior to the delivery of goods to customers are recorded as deferred revenue.

The Company periodically provides incentive offers to its customers to encourage purchases. Such offers include current discount offers, such as percentage discounts off current purchases and other similar offers. Current discount offers, when accepted by the Company's customers, are treated as a reduction to the purchase price of the related transaction.

Sales discounts are recorded in the period in which the related sale is recognized. Sales return allowances are estimated based on historical amounts and are recorded upon recognizing the related sales. Credits are issued to customers for returned products.

Cost of Sales

Cost of sales consists of the direct costs associated with procuring parts from suppliers and delivering products to customers. These costs include direct product costs, outbound freight and shipping costs, warehouse supplies and warranty costs, partially offset by purchase discounts and cooperative advertising. Depreciation and amortization expenses are excluded from cost of sales and included in marketing, general and administrative and fulfillment expenses as noted below.

Warranty Costs

The Company or the vendors supplying its products provide the Company's customers limited warranties on certain products that range from 30 days to lifetime. In most cases, the Company's vendors are the party primarily responsible for warranty claims. Standard product warranties sold separately by the Company are recorded as deferred revenue and recognized ratably over the life of the warranty, ranging from one to five years. The Company also offers extended warranties that are imbedded in the price of selected private label products we sell. The product brands that include the extended warranty coverage are offered at three different service levels: (a) a five year unlimited product replacement, (b) a five year one-time product replacement, and (c) a three year one-time product replacement. Warranty costs relating to merchandise sold under warranty not covered by vendors are estimated and recorded as warranty obligations at the time of sale based on each product's historical return rate and historical warranty cost. The standard and extended warranty obligations are recorded as warranty liabilities and included in other current liabilities in the Consolidated Balance Sheets. For the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012, the activity in our aggregate warranty liabilities was as follows (in thousands):

	March 30, 2013	March 31, 2012
Warranty liabilities, beginning of period	\$ 282	\$ 384
Adjustments to preexisting warranty liabilities		(15)
Additions to warranty liabilities	50	96
Reductions to warranty liabilities	(14)	(50)
Warranty liabilities, end of period	\$ 318	\$ 415

Marketing Expense

Marketing costs, including advertising, are expensed as incurred. The majority of advertising expense is paid to internet search engine service providers and internet commerce facilitators. For the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012, the Company recognized advertising costs of \$4.3 million and \$6.1 million, respectively. Marketing costs also include depreciation and amortization expense and share-based compensation expense.

General and Administrative Expense

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General and administrative expense consists primarily of administrative payroll and related expenses, merchant processing fees, legal and professional fees and other administrative costs. General and administrative expense also includes depreciation and amortization expense and share-based compensation expense.

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Fulfillment Expense

Fulfillment expense consists primarily of payroll and related costs associated with warehouse employees and the Company's purchasing group, facilities rent, building maintenance, depreciation and other costs associated with inventory management and wholesale operations. Fulfillment expense also includes share-based compensation expense.

Technology Expense

Technology expense consists primarily of payroll and related expenses of our information technology personnel, the cost of hosting the Company's servers, communications expenses and Internet connectivity costs, computer support and software development amortization expense. Technology expense also includes share-based compensation expense.

Share-Based Compensation

The Company accounts for share-based compensation in accordance with ASC 718 *Compensation - Stock Compensation* (ASC 718). All stock options issued to employees are recognized as share-based compensation expense in the financial statements based on their respective grant date fair values, and are recognized within the statement of comprehensive income or loss as marketing, general and administrative, fulfillment or technology expense, based on employee departmental classifications. Under this standard, the fair value of each share-based payment award is estimated on the date of grant using an option pricing model that meets certain requirements. The Company currently uses the Black-Scholes option pricing model to estimate the fair value of share-based payment awards, with the exception of options granted containing market conditions (none in fiscal year 2013 and 2012), for which the Company estimates the fair value using a Monte Carlo model. The determination of the fair value of share-based payment awards utilizing the Black-Scholes and Monte Carlo model is affected by the Company's stock price and a number of assumptions, including expected volatility, expected life, risk-free interest rate and expected dividends.

The Company incorporated its own historical volatility into the grant-date fair value calculations. The expected term of an award is based on combining historical exercise data with expected weighted time outstanding. Expected weighted time outstanding is calculated by assuming the settlement of outstanding awards is at the midpoint between the remaining weighted average vesting date and the expiration date. The risk-free interest rate assumption is based on observed interest rates appropriate for the expected life of awards. The dividend yield assumption is based on the Company's expectation of paying no dividends on its common stock. Forfeitures are estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures significantly differ from those estimates. The Company considers many factors when estimating expected forfeitures, including employee class, economic environment, and historical experience.

The Company accounts for equity instruments issued in exchange for the receipt of services from non-employee directors in accordance with the provisions of ASC 718. The Company accounts for equity instruments issued in exchange for the receipt of goods or services from other than employees in accordance with ASC 505-50 *Equity-Based Payments to Non-Employees*. Costs are measured at the estimated fair market value of the consideration received or the estimated fair value of the equity instruments issued, whichever is more reliably measurable. The value of equity instruments issued for consideration other than employee services is determined on the earlier of a performance commitment or completion of performance by the provider of goods or services. Equity instruments awarded to non-employees are periodically re-measured as the underlying awards vest unless the instruments are fully vested, immediately exercisable and non-forfeitable on the date of grant.

Other Income, net

Other income, net consists of miscellaneous income or expense such as gains/losses from disposition of assets, and interest income comprised primarily of interest income on investments.

Interest Expense

Interest expense consists primarily of interest expense on our outstanding loan balance, deferred financing cost amortization, and capital lease interest.

Income Taxes

The Company accounts for income taxes in accordance with ASC 740 *Income Taxes* (ASC 740). Under ASC 740, deferred tax assets and liabilities are recognized for the future tax consequences attributable to temporary differences between the financial statement carrying amount of existing assets and liabilities and their respective tax bases. Deferred tax assets and liabilities are measured using enacted tax rates expected to apply to taxable income in the years in which those temporary differences are expected to be recovered or settled. When appropriate, a valuation

allowance is established to reduce deferred

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tax assets, which include tax credits and loss carry forwards, to the amount that is more likely than not to be realized. In making such determination, the Company considers all available positive and negative evidence, including future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, future taxable income exclusive of reversing temporary differences and carryforwards, taxable income in prior carryback years, tax planning strategies and recent financial operations.

The Company utilizes a two-step approach to recognizing and measuring uncertain tax positions. The first step is to evaluate the tax position for recognition by determining if the weight of available evidence indicates it is more likely than not that the position will be sustained on audit, including resolution of related appeals or litigation processes. The second step is to measure the tax benefit as the largest amount which is more than 50% likely of being realized upon ultimate settlement. The Company considers many factors when evaluating and estimating our tax positions and tax benefits, which may require periodic adjustments and which may not accurately forecast actual outcomes. As of March 30, 2013, the Company had no material unrecognized tax benefits, interest or penalties related to federal and state income tax matters. The Company's policy is to record interest and penalties as income tax expense.

Taxes Collected from Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities

We present taxes collected from customers and remitted to governmental authorities in accordance with the guidance on How Taxes Collected from Customers and Remitted to Governmental Authorities Should Be Presented in the Income Statement (That Is, Gross versus Net Presentation), on a net basis.

Leases

The Company analyzes lease agreements for operating versus capital lease treatment in accordance with ASC 840 *Leases*. Rent expense for leases designated as operating lease is expensed on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

Foreign Currency Translation

For each of the Company's foreign subsidiaries, the functional currency is its local currency. Assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated into U.S. dollars using the current exchange rates, and revenues and expenses are translated into U.S. dollars using average exchange rates. The effects of the foreign currency translation adjustments are included as a component of accumulated other comprehensive income or loss in the Company's consolidated balance sheets.

Comprehensive Income

The Company reports comprehensive income or loss in accordance with ASC 220 *Comprehensive Income*. Accumulated other comprehensive income or loss, included in the Company's consolidated balance sheets, includes foreign currency translation adjustments related to the Company's foreign operations, and unrealized holding gains and losses from available-for-sale marketable securities and investments. The Company presents the components of net income or loss and other comprehensive income or loss, in its consolidated statements of comprehensive operations.

Segment Data

The Company operates in two reportable segments and reporting revenues by product line or geographic location is impracticable. Certain long-lived assets are held in the Philippines (refer to Note 4 Property and Equipment, Net). The criteria the Company used to identify its reporting segment are primarily the nature of the products the Company sells and the consolidated operating results that are regularly reviewed by the Company's chief operating decision maker to assess performance and make operating decisions. We identified two reporting units, Base USAP, which is the core auto parts business, and AutoMD, an online automotive repair source, in accordance with ASC 280 Segment Reporting. There were no significant revenues generated from Auto MD. AutoMD incurred total expenses of \$0.5 million each in the first quarter of 2013 and 2012, which are primarily related to depreciation and amortization expense of capitalized website and software development costs. Total assets for AutoMD were \$2.3 million and \$2.1 million as of March 30, 2013 and December 29, 2012, respectively, which are primarily related to capitalized website and software development costs.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

In February 2013, the FASB issued ASU 2013-02 to improve the reporting reclassifications out of accumulated other comprehensive income of various components. The guidance requires presentation of significant amounts reclassified from each component of accumulated other comprehensive income and the income statement line items affected by the reclassification either parenthetically on the face of the financial

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statements or in the notes. The Company adopted the provisions of ASU 2013-02 beginning fiscal year 2013. The adoption of the amendments did not have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

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As of March 30, 2013 the Company held the following securities and investments, recorded at fair value (in thousands):

	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Mutual funds ⁽¹⁾	\$ 111	\$	\$	\$ 111

As of December 29, 2012, the Company held the following securities and investments, recorded at fair value (in thousands):

	Amortized Cost	Unrealized Gains	Unrealized Losses	Fair Value
Mutual funds ⁽¹⁾	\$ 110	\$	\$	\$ 110

⁽¹⁾ Mutual funds are classified as short-term investments available-for-sale and recorded at fair market value, based on quoted prices of identical assets that are trading in active markets as of the end of the period for which the values are determined.

Proceeds from the sale of available-for-sale securities are disclosed separately in the accompanying consolidated statements of cash flow. For the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013, there was no sale of available-for-sale securities. For the thirteen weeks ended March 31, 2012, the Company recognized a realized loss of \$4,000 from the sale of mutual funds.

Note 3 Fair Value Measurements

Fair value is defined as 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.

Provisions of ASC 820 establish a three-tier fair value hierarchy, which prioritizes the inputs used in measuring fair value. These tiers include:

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

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

Level 3 Unobservable inputs in which little or no market data exists, therefore, requiring an entity to develop its own assumptions.

We measure our financial assets and liabilities at fair value on a recurring basis using the following valuation techniques:

(a) Market Approach uses prices and other relevant information generated by market transactions involving identical or comparable assets or liabilities.

(b) Income Approach uses valuation techniques to convert future estimated cash flows to a single present amount based on current market expectations about those future amounts, using present value techniques.

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As of March 30, 2013 and December 29, 2012, the Company held certain assets that are required to be measured at fair value on a recurring basis. These included the Company's financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents and investments. The following table represents our fair value hierarchy and the valuation techniques used for financial assets measured at fair value on a recurring basis (in thousands):

	As of March 30, 2013				Valuation Techniques
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,297	\$ 1,297	\$	\$	(a)
Investments - mutual funds ⁽²⁾	111	111			(a)
	\$ 1,408	\$ 1,408	\$	\$	

	As of December 29, 2012				Valuation Techniques
	Total	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	
Assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,030	\$ 1,030	\$	\$	(a)
Investments - mutual funds ⁽²⁾	110	110			(a)
	\$ 1,140	\$ 1,140	\$	\$	

(1) Cash equivalents consist primarily of money market funds and short-term investments with original maturity dates of three months or less at the date of purchase, for which the Company determines fair value through quoted market prices.

(2) Investments consist of mutual funds, classified as short-term investments available-for-sale and recorded at fair market value, based on quoted prices of identical assets that are trading in active markets as of the end of the period for which the values are determined.

During the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012, there were no transfers into or out of Level 1 and Level 2 assets.

Non-Financial Assets Valued on a Non-Recurring Basis

The Company's long-lived assets, including intangible assets subject to amortization, are measured at fair value on a non-recurring basis. These assets are measured at cost but are written-down to fair value, if necessary, as a result of impairment. As of March 30, 2013, the Company's long-lived assets did not indicate a potential impairment under the provisions of ASC 360, as such, they were not measured at fair value. If such non-financial assets had been measured at fair value, they would be categorized in Level 3 of the fair value hierarchy, as the Company would be required to develop its own assumptions and analysis to determine if such non-financial assets were impaired.

Note 4 Property and Equipment, Net

The Company's fixed assets are stated at cost less accumulated depreciation, amortization and impairment. Depreciation and amortization expense are provided for in amounts sufficient to relate the cost of depreciable and amortizable assets to operations over their estimated service lives. Depreciation and amortization expense for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012 was \$3.6 million and \$3.7 million, respectively. The cost and related accumulated depreciation of assets retired or otherwise disposed of are removed from the accounts and the resultant gain or loss is reflected in earnings.

Property and equipment consisted of the following at March 30, 2013 and December 29, 2012 (in thousands):

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	March 30, 2013	December 29, 2012
Land	\$ 630	\$ 630
Building	10,680	10,680
Machinery and equipment	13,269	13,249
Computer software (purchased and developed) and equipment	49,111	46,884
Vehicles	261	261
Leasehold improvements	2,370	2,364
Furniture and fixtures	1,134	1,131
Construction in process	3,004	3,043
	80,459	78,242
Less accumulated depreciation, amortization and impairment	(53,336)	(49,683)
Property and equipment, net	\$ 27,123	\$ 28,559

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Construction in process primarily relates to the Company's internally developed software (refer to caption *Website and Software Development Costs* in *Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Nature of Operations*). Certain of the Company's net property and equipment were located in the Philippines as of March 30, 2013 and December 29, 2012, in the amount of \$0.9 million and \$1.0 million, respectively.

Depreciation of property and equipment is provided using the straight-line method for financial reporting purposes, at rates based on the following estimated useful lives:

	Years
Building	19
Machinery and equipment	2 - 5
Computer software (purchased and developed)	2 - 3
Computer equipment	2 - 5
Vehicles	3 - 5
Leasehold improvements*	3 - 5
Furniture and fixtures	3 - 7

* The estimated useful life is the lesser of 3-5 years or the lease term.

Note 5 Intangible Assets

Intangible assets consisted of the following at March 30, 2013 and December 29, 2012 (in thousands):

	Useful Life	March 30, 2013			December 29, 2012		
		Gross Carrying Amount	Accumulated Amortization	Net Carrying Amount	Gross Carrying Amount	Accum. Amort. and Impairment	Net Carrying Amount
Intangible assets subject to amortization:							
Websites	5 years	\$ 2,035	\$ (2,035)	\$	\$ 2,035	\$ (2,035)	\$
Internet platform intellectual property	10 months	4,300	(4,300)		4,300	(4,300)	
Product design intellectual property	9 years	2,750	(798)	1,952	2,750	(722)	2,028
Customer relationships	4 years	2,050	(2,050)		2,050	(2,050)	
Assembled workforce	7 years	512	(512)		512	(512)	
Favorable lease	2.5 years	78	(78)		78	(78)	
Domain and trade names ⁽¹⁾	10 years	1,199	(31)	1,168	5,067	(3,868)	1,199
Total		\$ 12,924	\$ (9,804)	\$ 3,120	\$ 16,792	\$ (13,565)	\$ 3,227

⁽¹⁾ Prior to the fourth quarter of 2012, domain and trade names had an indefinite useful life. During the fourth quarter of 2012, after an impairment charge was recognized, the gross carrying amount was based on the fair value of domain and trade name and the Company determined an estimated useful life of 10 years.

Intangibles subject to amortization are expensed on a straight-line basis. Amortization expense relating to intangibles assets for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012 was \$0.1 million, and \$0.3 million, respectively.

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The following table summarizes the future estimated annual amortization expense for these assets over the next five years (in thousands):

2013	\$ 319
2014	425
2015	425
2016	425
2017	425
Thereafter	1,101
Total	\$ 3,120

Note 6 Borrowings

On April 26, 2012, the Company, certain of its wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as sole lender and administrative agent entered into a Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement"). The Credit Agreement provides for a revolving commitment in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$40,000,000 (the "Credit Facility"), which is subject to a borrowing base derived from certain receivables, inventory and property and equipment. The Credit Facility matures on April 26, 2017. The Company used the proceeds of the loans borrowed on the closing date to repay in full its previous credit facility with Silicon Valley Bank. At March 30, 2013, our outstanding revolving loan balance was \$12.1 million. The customary events of default under the Credit Facility (discussed below) include certain subjective acceleration clauses, which management has determined the likelihood of such acceleration is more than remote, considering the recurring losses experienced by the Company, therefore a current classification of our revolving loan payable was required.

Loans drawn under the Credit Facility bear interest, at the Company's option, at a per annum rate equal to either (a) LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 1.50%, or (b) an alternate base rate minus an applicable margin of 0.50%. Each applicable margin as set forth in the prior sentence is subject to increase or decrease by 0.25% per annum based upon the Company's fixed charge coverage ratio. At March 30, 2013, the Company's LIBOR based interest rate was 2.0% (on \$10 million principal) and the Company's prime based rate was 3.0% (on \$2.1 million principal). A commitment fee, based upon undrawn availability under the Credit Facility bearing interest at a rate of 0.20% per annum, is payable monthly. Under the terms of the Credit Agreement, cash receipts are deposited into a lock-box, which are at the Company's discretion unless the cash dominion period is in effect, during which cash receipts will be used to reduce amounts owing under the Credit Agreement. The cash dominion period is triggered in an event of default or if excess availability is less than \$6,000,000 at any time, as defined, and will continue until, during the preceding 60 consecutive days, no event of default existed and excess availability has been greater than \$7,000,000 at all times. The Company's excess availability was \$12.1 million at March 30, 2013. On March 12, 2013, we entered into a first amendment to the Credit Agreement ("First Amended Credit Agreement"). The First Amended Credit Agreement includes an amendment to the definition of covenant testing trigger period to commence on any day that excess availability is less than \$4 million solely during the period March 1, 2013 through and including April 15, 2013 and continuing until excess availability has been greater than or equal to \$4 million solely during the period of March 1, 2013 through and including April 15, 2013 at all times for 45 consecutive calendar days. As of the date hereof, the cash dominion period has not been in effect; accordingly no principal payments are currently due.

Certain of the Company's wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries are co-borrowers (together with the Company, the "Borrowers") under the Credit Agreement, and certain other wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries are guarantors (the "Guarantors" and, together with the Borrowers, the "Loan Parties") under the Credit Agreement. The Borrowers and the Guarantors are jointly and severally liable for the Borrowers' obligations under the Credit Agreement. The Loan Parties' obligations under the Credit Agreement are secured, subject to customary permitted liens and certain exclusions, by a perfected security interest in (a) all tangible and intangible assets and (b) all of the capital stock owned by the Loan Parties (limited, in the case of foreign subsidiaries, to 65% of the capital stock of such foreign subsidiaries). The Borrowers may voluntarily prepay the loans at any time without payment of a premium. The Borrowers are required to make mandatory prepayments of the loans (without payment of a premium) with net cash proceeds received upon the occurrence of certain prepayment events, which include certain sales or other dispositions of collateral, certain casualty or condemnation events, certain equity issuance or capital contributions, and the incurrence of certain debt. On April 17, 2013, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Whitney Automotive Group ("WAG"), Inc. closed the sale of its facility in LaSalle, Illinois for \$9,750,000 pursuant to the purchase and sale agreement dated April 17, 2013 between WAG and STORE Capital Acquisitions, LLC. The Company used the net proceeds from this sale to reduce its revolving loan payable. Refer to *Note 13 Subsequent Events* for additional details.

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Upon the satisfaction of certain conditions, the Borrowers have the right to increase the revolving commitments up to and above \$60,000,000. Borrowers may make a maximum of three such requests in a minimum amount of \$5,000,000 each. Upon approval of such an increase, the aggregate revolving commitment amount will be revised and the Credit Agreement amended as appropriate. The Company, to date, has not requested such increases.

The Credit Agreement contains customary representations and warranties and customary affirmative and negative covenants applicable to the Company and its subsidiaries, including, among other things, restrictions on indebtedness, liens, fundamental changes, investments, dispositions, prepayment of other indebtedness, mergers, and dividends and other distributions. Concurrent with the Company's issuance of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (Series A Preferred), the Company, certain of its wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries and JPMorgan entered into a second amendment to the Credit Agreement (Second Amended Credit Agreement) amending the Credit Agreement to, among other things, allow the Company to pay cash dividends on the Series A Preferred in an aggregate amount of up to \$400,000 per year and pay cash in lieu of issuing fractional shares upon conversion of or in payment of dividends on the Series A Preferred, each subject to certain restrictions set forth in the Second Amended Credit Agreement but without having to satisfy certain other conditions that would have otherwise applied to the payment of such dividends.

Under the Credit Agreement, the Company is not required to maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio, unless excess availability is less than \$6,000,000, as defined, whereby a ratio of 1.0 to 1.0 will be required. Events of default under the Credit Agreement include: failure to timely make payments due under the Credit Agreement; material misrepresentations or misstatements under the Credit Agreement and other related agreements; failure to comply with covenants under the Credit Agreement and other related agreements; certain defaults in respect of other material indebtedness; insolvency or other related events; certain defaulted judgments; certain ERISA-related events; certain security interests or liens under the loan documents cease to be, or are challenged by the Company or any of its subsidiaries as not being, in full force and effect; any loan document or any material provision of the same ceases to be in full force and effect; and certain criminal indictments or convictions of any Loan Party. As of March 30 2013, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under the Credit Agreement.

As of March 30, 2013, the Company had capital leases payable of \$104,000.

Note 7 Stockholders Equity and Share-Based Compensation

Common Stock

The Company has 100,000,000 shares of common stock authorized. We have never paid cash dividends on our common stock. The following issuances of common stock were made during the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013:

The Company issued 17,226 shares of common stock from option exercises under its various share-based compensation plans, as discussed below.

5,806 shares of common stock were awarded and issued to one non-employee member of the Board of Directors for service fees earned in the aggregate amount of \$10,625.

Series A Convertible Preferred Stock

On March 25, 2013, the Company authorized the issuance of 4,149,997 shares of Series A Preferred and entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell up to an aggregate of 4,149,997 shares of our Series A Preferred, \$0.001 par value per share at a purchase price per share of \$1.45 for aggregate proceeds to the Company of approximately \$6.0 million. On March 25, 2013, we sold 3,999,997 shares of Series A Preferred for aggregate proceeds of \$5.8 million. On April 5, 2013, we sold the remaining 150,000 shares of Series A Preferred for an aggregate proceeds of \$217,500. The Company incurred issuance costs of approximately \$0.8 million and used the net proceeds from the sale of the Series A Preferred to reduce its revolving loan payable.

Each share of Series A Preferred is convertible into shares of our common stock at the initial conversion price of \$1.45 per share or one share of common stock for each share of Series A Preferred. The conversion price will be adjusted for certain non-price based events, such as dividends and distributions on the common stock, stock splits, combinations, recapitalizations, reclassifications, mergers, or consolidations. If not previously converted by the holder, the Series A Preferred will automatically convert to common stock if the volume weighted average price for the Common Stock for any 30 consecutive trading days is equal to or exceeds \$4.35 per share. The shares that would be issued if the contingently convertible Series A Preferred were converted are excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share due to the Company's

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net loss position for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 (refer to *Note 8 Net Loss Per Share* for anti-dilutive securities).

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In the event of any liquidation event, which includes changes of control of the Company and sales or other dispositions by the Company of more than 50% of its assets, the Series A Preferred is entitled to receive, prior and in preference to any distribution to the common stock, an amount per share equal to \$1.45 per share of Series A Preferred, plus all then accrued but unpaid dividends on such Series A Preferred. Following this distribution, if assets or surplus funds remain, the holders of the common stock shall share ratably in all remaining assets of the Company, based on the number of shares of common stock then outstanding. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if, in connection with any liquidation event, a holder of Series A Preferred would receive an amount greater than \$1.45 per share of Series A Preferred by converting such shares held by such holder into shares of common stock, then such holder shall be treated as though such holder had converted such shares of Series A Preferred into shares of common stock immediately prior to such liquidation event, whether or not such holder had elected to so convert.

Dividends on the Series A Preferred are payable quarterly at a rate of \$0.058 per share per annum in cash, in shares of common stock or in any combination of cash and common stock as determined by the Company's Board of Directors. Certain conditions are required to be satisfied in order for the Company to pay dividends on the Series A Preferred in shares of common stock, including (i) the common stock being registered pursuant to Section 12(b) or (g) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, (ii) the common stock being issued having been approved for listing on a trading market and (iii) the common stock being issued either being covered by an effective registration statement or being freely tradable without restriction under Rule 144 (subject to certain exceptions). The Series A Preferred shall each be entitled to one vote per share for each share of common stock issuable upon conversion thereof (excluding from any such calculation any dividends accrued on such shares) and shall vote together with the holders of common stock as a single class on any matter on which the holders of common stock are entitled to vote. In addition, the Company must obtain the consent of holders of at least a majority of the then outstanding Series A Preferred in connection with (a) any amendment, alteration or repeal of any provision of the certificate of incorporation or bylaws of the Company as to adversely affect the preferences, rights or voting power of the Series A Preferred, or (b) the creation, authorization or issuance of any additional Series A Preferred or any other class or series of capital stock of the Company ranking senior to or on parity with the Series A Preferred or any security convertible into, or exchangeable or exercisable for Series A Preferred or any other class or series of capital stock of the Company ranking senior to or on parity with the Series A Preferred. Concurrent with the Company's issuance of Series A Preferred, the Company, certain of its wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries and JPMorgan entered into a Second Amended Credit Agreement to allow the Company to pay cash dividends on the Series A Preferred in an aggregate amount of up to \$400,000 per year and pay cash in lieu of issuing fractional shares upon conversion of or in payment of dividends on the Series A Preferred. Refer to *Note 6 Borrowings* of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details.

Share-Based Compensation Plan Information

The Company adopted the 2007 Omnibus Incentive Plan (the 2007 Omnibus Plan) in January 2007, which became effective on February 8, 2007, the effective date of the registration statement filed in connection with the Company's initial public offering. Under the 2007 Omnibus Plan, the Company was previously authorized to issue 2.4 million shares of common stock, under various instruments to eligible employees and non-employees of the Company, plus an automatic annual increase on the first day of each of the Company's fiscal years beginning on January 1, 2008 and ending on January 1, 2017 equal to (i) the lesser of (A) 1,500,000 shares of common stock or (B) five percent (5%) of the number of shares of common stock outstanding on the last day of the immediately preceding fiscal year or (ii) such lesser number of shares of common stock as determined by the Company's Board of Directors. Options granted under the 2007 Omnibus Plan generally expire no later than ten years from the date of grant and generally vest over a period of four years. The exercise price of all option grants must be equal to 100% of the fair market value on the date of grant. The 2007 Omnibus Plan also provides for automatic grant of options to purchase common stock and common stock awards to non-employee directors. As of March 30, 2013, 1,911,632 shares were available for future grants under the 2007 Omnibus Plan.

The Company adopted the 2007 New Employee Incentive Plan (the 2007 New Employee Plan) in October 2007. Under the 2007 New Employee Plan, the Company is authorized to issue 2 million shares of common stock under various instruments solely to new employees. Options granted under the 2007 New Employee Plan generally expire no later than ten years from the date of grant and generally vest over a period of four years. The exercise price of all option grants must not be less than 100% of the fair market value on the date of grant. As of March 30, 2013, 781,667 shares were available for future grants under the 2007 New Employee Plan.

The Company adopted the U.S. Auto Parts Network, Inc. 2006 Equity Incentive Plan (the 2006 Plan) in March 2006. All stock options to purchase common stock granted to employees in 2006 were granted under the 2006 Plan and had exercise prices equal to the fair value of the underlying stock, as determined by the Company's Board of Directors on the applicable option grant date. After fiscal year 2008, no shares have been available for future grants under the 2006 Plan.

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The following table summarizes the Company's stock option activity for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013, and details regarding the options outstanding and exercisable at March 30, 2013:

	Shares	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Term (in years)	Aggregate Intrinsic Value ⁽¹⁾
Options outstanding, December 29, 2012	7,428,240	\$ 5.13	6.23	
Granted	10,000	\$ 1.46		
Exercised	(17,226)	\$ 1.31		
Expired	(23,684)	\$ 6.88		
Forfeited	(25,418)	\$ 4.08		
Options outstanding, March 30, 2013	7,371,912	\$ 5.14	5.86	\$
Vested and expected to vest at March 30, 2013	7,096,695	\$ 5.16	5.75	\$
Options exercisable, March 30, 2013	6,059,321	\$ 5.13	5.28	\$

⁽¹⁾ These amounts represent the difference between the exercise price and the closing price of U.S. Auto Parts Network, Inc. stock on March 30, 2013 as reported on the NASDAQ National Market, for all options outstanding that have an exercise price currently below the closing price.

The weighted-average fair value of options granted during the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012 was \$0.90 and \$2.85, respectively. The intrinsic value of stock options at the date of the exercise is the difference between the fair value of the stock at the date of exercise and the exercise price. During the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012, the total intrinsic value of the exercised options was \$4,000 and \$52,000, respectively. The Company had \$1.7 million of unrecognized share-based compensation expense related to stock options outstanding as of March 30, 2013, which expense is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.45 years.

Warrants

On May 5, 2009, the Company issued warrants to purchase up to 30,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$2.14 per share, which warrants terminate seven years after their grant date. The warrants were issued in connection with the financial advisory services provided by a consultant to the Company. The warrants vested in thirty-six equal monthly increments of 833 shares each on the last calendar day of each calendar month commencing May 5, 2009. The grant date fair value of these warrants issued on May 5, 2009 was \$1.09 per share. Accordingly, these non-employee equity instruments were re-measured as they vested over the requisite service period. These warrants became fully vested during the second quarter of 2012, in which the final re-measured fair value was \$3.14 per share.

On April 27, 2010, the Company issued additional warrants to purchase up to 20,000 shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$8.32 per share, to the same consultant in connection with the financial advisory services provided to the Company. The warrants terminate seven years after their grant date. The warrants vested in twenty-four equal monthly increments of 833 shares each on the last calendar day of each calendar month commencing April 27, 2010. The grant date fair value of the additional warrants issued on April 27, 2010 was \$2.12 per share. Accordingly, these non-employee equity instruments were re-measured as they vested over the requisite service period. These warrants became fully vested during the quarter ended March 31, 2012, in which the final re-measured fair value was \$1.42 per share.

The Company determined the fair value of the warrants at the date of grant, and upon the re-measurement dates, using the Black-Scholes option pricing model based on the fair value of the underlying common stock, the exercise price, remaining contractual term, risk-free rate and expected volatility. No warrants were exercised during the first quarter of 2013. As of March 30, 2013, warrants to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock were outstanding and exercisable. The aggregate intrinsic value of outstanding and exercisable warrants was \$0 as of March 30, 2013, which was calculated as the difference between the exercise price of underlying awards and the closing price of the Company's common stock for warrants that were in-the-money. Total warrants share-based compensation expense recognized during the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012 was \$0 and \$10,000, respectively. The Company had no unrecognized share-based compensation expense related to warrants outstanding as of March 30, 2013.

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The fair value of each option grant was estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model with the following assumptions for each of the periods ended:

	Thirteen Weeks Ended	
	March 30, 2013	March 31, 2012
Expected life	5.73 years	5.73 years
Risk-free interest rate	1.0%	1.2%
Expected volatility	72%	73%
Expected dividend yield	0%	0%

Share-based compensation from options, warrants and stock awards, is included in our consolidated statements of comprehensive operations, as follows (in thousands):

	Thirteen Weeks Ended	
	March 30, 2013	March 31, 2012
Marketing expense	\$ 84	\$ 44
General and administrative expense	282	422
Fulfillment expense	31	93
Technology expense	12	25
Total share-based compensation expense	\$ 409	\$ 584

The share-based compensation expense is net of amounts capitalized to internally-developed software of \$81,000 and \$51,000 during the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012, respectively.

Under ASC 718, forfeitures are estimated at the time of grant and revised, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures significantly differ from those estimates. The Company's estimated forfeiture rates are calculated based on actual historical forfeitures experienced under our equity plans. The Company's forfeiture rates were 16% to 34% for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012.

Note 8 Net Loss Per Share

Net loss per share has been computed in accordance with ASC 260 *Earnings per Share*. The following table sets forth the computation of basic and diluted net loss per share (in thousands, except per share data):

	Thirteen Weeks Ended	
	March 30, 2013	March 31, 2012
Net loss per share:		
Numerator:		
Net loss	\$ (3,343)	\$ (788)
Denominator:		
Weighted-average common shares outstanding (basic)	31,141	30,638
Common equivalent shares from common stock options, warrants and Series A Convertible Preferred Stock		
Weighted-average common shares outstanding (diluted)	31,141	30,638

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Basic and diluted net loss per share	\$ (0.11)	\$ (0.03)
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The weighted-average anti-dilutive securities, which are excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share due to the Company's net loss position for the periods then ended (including securities that would otherwise be excluded from the calculation of diluted earnings per share due to the Company's stock price), are as follows (in thousands):

	Thirteen Weeks Ended March 30, 2013	Thirteen Weeks Ended March 31, 2012
Common stock warrants	50	20
Series A Convertible Preferred Stock	174	
Options to purchase common stock	7,401	4,365
Total	7,625	4,385

Note 9 Income Taxes

As discussed in *Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Nature of Operations*, the Company applies the current U.S. GAAP on accounting for uncertain tax positions, which prescribe a recognition threshold and a measurement attribute for the financial statement recognition and measurement of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. For those benefits to be recognized, a tax position must be more-likely-than-not to be sustained upon examination by taxing authorities. The amount recognized is measured as the largest amount of benefit that has greater than 50 percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. We consider many factors when evaluating and estimating our tax positions and tax benefits, which may require periodic adjustments and which may not accurately forecast actual outcomes. As of March 30, 2013, the Company had no material unrecognized tax benefits, interest or penalties related to federal and state income tax matters. The Company's policy is to record interest and penalties as income tax expense.

The Company is subject to U.S. federal income tax as well as income tax of foreign and state tax jurisdictions. The tax years 2008-2011 remain open to examination by the major taxing jurisdictions to which the Company is subject, except the Internal Revenue Service for which the tax years 2009-2011 remain open. The Company does not anticipate a significant change to the amount of unrecognized tax benefits within the next twelve months.

For the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012, the effective tax rate for the Company was (0.6)% and (18.7)%, respectively. The Company's effective tax rate for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate primarily as a result of the recording of valuation allowance against the pre-tax losses. The Company's effective tax rate for the thirteen weeks ended March 31, 2012 differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate primarily as a result of the recording of valuation allowance against the pre-tax losses and the increase in deferred tax liabilities related to tax deductible indefinite-lived intangible assets.

Note 10 Commitments and Contingencies**Facilities Leases**

The Company's corporate headquarters and warehouse facilities are located in Carson, California. As of March 30, 2013, we maintained multiple separate leases for the Carson, California facilities. The Company's corporate headquarters has an initial lease term of five years through October 2016, and optional renewals through January 2020. The Company also leases warehouse space in Chesapeake, Virginia under an agreement scheduled to expire in June 2016. The Company also leases office and warehouse space in Independence, Ohio on a month-to-month basis since the agreement expired in January 2013. The Company's Philippines subsidiary leases office space under a sixty-three month agreement through May 2015, renewable for an additional sixty months through April 2020. As of the date hereof, the Company has not committed to any facilities lease renewals.

Facility rent expense for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012 was \$0.6 million and \$0.6 million, respectively. The Company's facility rent expense was inclusive of amounts charged from a related party during the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012 of \$94,000 each.

On April 17, 2013, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Whitney Automotive Group, Inc. closed the sale of its facility in LaSalle, Illinois. Under the terms of the Purchase and Sale Agreement (the "Agreement"), simultaneously with the execution of the Agreement and the closing of the sale of the property, the Company entered into a lease agreement with STORE Master Funding III, LLC for 20 years commencing upon the

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execution of the lease and terminating on April 30, 2033. The Company's initial base annual rent is \$853,125 for the first year subject to an annual increase by the lesser of 1.5% or 1.25 times the change in the Consumer Price Index. Refer to *Note 13 Subsequent Events* for additional details.

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Legal Matters

Asbestos. A wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, Automotive Specialty Accessories and Parts, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary WAG, are named defendants in several lawsuits involving claims for damages caused by installation of brakes during the late 1960 s and early 1970 s that contained asbestos. WAG marketed certain brakes, but did not manufacture any brakes. WAG maintains liability insurance coverage to protect its and the Company s assets from losses arising from the litigation and coverage is provided on an occurrence rather than a claims made basis, and the Company is not expected to incur significant out-of-pocket costs in connection with this matter that would be material to its consolidated financial statements.

The Company is subject to legal proceedings and claims which arise in the ordinary course of its business. As of the date hereof, the Company believes that the final disposition of such matters will not have a material adverse effect on the financial position, results of operations or cash flow of the Company. The Company maintains liability insurance coverage to protect the Company s assets from losses arising out of or involving activities associated with ongoing and normal business operations.

Note 11 Employee Retirement Plan and Deferred Compensation Plan

Effective February 17, 2006, the Company adopted a 401(k) defined contribution retirement plan covering all full time employees who have completed one month of service. The Company may, at its sole discretion, match fifty cents per dollar up to 6% of each participating employee s salary. The Company s contributions vest in annual installments over three years. Discretionary contributions made by the Company totaled \$78,000 and \$79,000 for thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012, respectively.

In January 2010, the Company adopted the U.S. Auto Parts Network, Inc. Management Deferred Compensation Plan (the Deferred Compensation Plan), for the purpose of providing highly compensated employees a program to meet their financial planning needs. The Deferred Compensation Plan provides participants with the opportunity to defer up to 90% of their base salary and up to 100% of their annual earned bonus, all of which, together with the associated investment returns, are 100% vested from the outset. The Deferred Compensation Plan, which is designed to be exempt from most provisions of the Employee Retirement Security Act of 1974, is informally funded by the Company through the purchase of Company-owned life insurance policies with the Company (employer) as the owner and beneficiary, in order to preserve the tax-deferred savings advantages of a non-qualified plan. The plan assets are the cash surrender value of the Company-owned life insurance policies and not associated with the deferred compensation liability. The deferred compensation liabilities (consisting of employer contributions, employee deferrals and associated earnings and losses) are general unsecured obligations of the Company. Liabilities under the Deferred Compensation Plan are recorded at amounts due to participants, based on the fair value of participants selected investments. The Company may at its discretion contribute certain amounts to eligible employee accounts. In January 2010, the Company began to contribute 50% of the first 2% of participants eligible contributions into their Deferred Compensation Plan accounts. In September 2010, the Company established and transferred its ownership to a rabbi trust to hold the Company-owned life insurance policies. As of March 30, 2013, the assets and associated liabilities of the Deferred Compensation Plan were \$0.8 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, and are included in other non-current assets and other non-current liabilities, respectively, in our consolidated balance sheets. As of December 29, 2012, the assets and associated liabilities of the Deferred Compensation Plan were \$0.7 million each and are included in other non-current assets and other non-current liabilities, respectively, in our consolidated balance sheets. For the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013, the associated liabilities mainly include the employee contributions of \$544,000 and the Company contributions of \$117,000. For the thirteen weeks ended March 31, 2012, the associated liabilities mainly include the employee contributions of \$0.4 million and the Company contributions of \$81,000. For the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012, included in other income, the Company recorded a net gain of \$31,000 and \$35,000, respectively, for the change in the cash surrender value of the Company-owned life insurance policies.

Note 12 Restructuring Costs

As part of the Company s initiatives to reduce labor costs and improve operating efficiencies in response to the challenges in the marketplace and general market conditions, we reduced our workforce in January 2013. We laid off 13 employees in the United States and 163 employees in the Philippines reducing our workforce to a total of 1,194 employees. The severance charges of approximately \$498,000 were recorded in marketing expense, general and administrative expense, fulfillment expense and technology expense for \$253,000, \$94,000, \$42,000 and \$109,000, respectively, in January 2013. We did not incur material additional charges subsequent to January 2013. As of March 30, 2013, severance payable was \$50,000.

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Note 13 Subsequent Events

On March 27, 2013, the Company entered into a Common Stock Purchase Agreement with William Blair & Company, LLC pursuant to which U.S. Auto Parts agreed to sell up to 2,050,000 shares of its common stock at a purchase price per share of \$1.09 for aggregate proceeds to the Company of approximately \$2.2 million. The transaction closed on April 3, 2013 and the Company incurred issuance costs of approximately \$0.6 million. The Company used the net proceeds to reduce its revolving loan payable.

On April 17, 2013, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Whitney Automotive Group (WAG), Inc. closed the sale of its facility in LaSalle, Illinois for \$9,750,000 pursuant to the purchase and sale agreement dated April 17, 2013 between WAG and STORE Capital Acquisitions, LLC. The Company used the net proceeds of \$9.6 million from this sale to reduce its revolving loan payable. Under the terms of the purchase and sale agreement, simultaneously with the execution of the purchase and sale agreement and the closing of the sale of the property, the Company entered into a lease agreement with STORE Master Funding III, LLC (STORE) whereby we leased back the property for our continued use as an office, retail and warehouse facility for storage, sale and distribution of automotive parts, accessories and related items for 20 years commencing upon the execution of the lease and terminating on April 30, 2033. The Company's initial base annual rent is \$853,125 for the first year (Base Rent Amount), after which the rental amount will increase annually on May 1 by the lesser of 1.5% or 1.25 times the change in the Consumer Price Index as published by the U.S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics, except that in no event will the adjusted annual rental amount fall below the Base Rent Amount. We were not required to pay any security deposit. Under the terms of the lease, we are required to pay all taxes associated with the lease, pay for any required maintenance on the property, maintain certain levels of insurance and indemnify STORE for losses incurred that are related to our use or occupancy of the property. We expect the lease to be accounted for as a capital lease and the \$0.4 million excess of the net proceeds over the net carrying amount of the property will be amortized on a straight-line basis over the lease term of 20 years.

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ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Cautionary Statement

You should read the following discussion and analysis in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the related notes thereto contained in Part I, Item 1 of this report. Certain statements in this report, including statements regarding our business strategies, operations, financial condition, and prospects are forward-looking statements. Use of the words anticipates, believes, could, estimates, expects, intends, may, plans, potential, predicts, projects, should, will, would, will likely continue, will likely result and similar expressions that future events may identify forward-looking statements.

The information contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q is not a complete description of our business or the risks associated with an investment in our common stock. We urge you to carefully review and consider the various disclosures made by us in this report and in our other reports filed with the SEC, including our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2012 and subsequent reports on Forms 10-Q and 8-K, which discuss our business in greater detail, which are available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>. The section entitled Risk Factors set forth below in Part II, Item 1A of this report, and similar discussions in our other SEC filings, describe some of the important factors, risks and uncertainties that may affect our business, results of operations and financial condition and could cause actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by these or any other forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf. You are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which are based on current expectations and reflect management's opinions only as of the date thereof. We do not assume any obligation to revise or update forward-looking statements. Finally, our historic results should not be viewed as indicative of future performance.

Overview

We are one of the largest online providers of aftermarket auto parts, including body parts, engine parts, and performance parts and accessories. Our user-friendly websites provide customers with a broad selection of SKUs, with detailed product descriptions and photographs. Our proprietary product database maps our SKUs to product applications based on vehicle makes, models and years. We principally sell our products to individual consumers through our network of websites and online marketplaces. Our flagship websites are located at www.autopartswarehouse.com, www.icwhitney.com, www.AutoMD.com and our corporate website is located at www.usautoparts.net. We believe our strategy of disintermediating the traditional auto parts supply chain and selling products directly to customers over the Internet allows us to more efficiently deliver products to our customers while generating higher margins.

Our History. We were formed in Delaware in 1995 as a distributor of aftermarket auto parts and launched our first website in 2000. We rapidly expanded our online operations, increasing the number of SKUs sold through our e-commerce network, adding additional websites, improving our Internet marketing proficiency and commencing sales in online marketplaces. Additionally, in August 2010, through our acquisition of WAG, we expanded our product-lines and increased our customer reach in the DIY automobile and off-road accessories market. As a result, our business has grown since 2000.

International Operations. In April 2007, we established offshore operations in the Philippines. Our offshore operations allow us to access a workforce with the necessary technical skills at a significantly lower cost than comparably experienced U.S.-based professionals. Our offshore operations are responsible for a majority of our website development, catalog management, and back office support. Our offshore operations also house our main call center. We had 716 employees in the Philippines as of March 30, 2013. In addition to our operations in the Philippines, we have a Canadian subsidiary to facilitate sales of our products in Canada; the subsidiary has no distribution center or employees. We also ship parts directly to Canada and through a freight forwarding partner throughout the world. In 2012, we shipped auto parts to over 160 different countries. We believe that the cost advantages of our offshore operations provide us with the ability to grow our business in a cost-effective manner.

Acquisitions. From time to time, we may acquire certain businesses, websites, domain names, or other assets. In 2009, we completed the acquisition of the assets of a small website and the related domain names which further expanded and enhanced our product offering and our ability to reach more customers. In the first quarter of 2010, we completed two additional website and domain name asset acquisitions, which increased our net sales and internet traffic. In August 2010, Go Fido, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of ours, completed the purchase of all of the outstanding capital stock of Automotive Specialty Accessories and Parts, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiary Whitney Automotive Group, Inc. (referred to herein as WAG). WAG's Midwest facility expanded our distribution network and the merchandise WAG offers extended our go-to market product-lines into all terrain vehicles, recreational vehicles and motorcycles, as well as provides us with deep product knowledge into niche segments like Jeep, Volkswagen and trucks. This expansion of our product line increased our customer reach in the DIY automobile and off-road accessories market. We may pursue additional acquisition opportunities in the future to increase our share of the aftermarket auto parts market or expand our product offerings.

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To understand revenue generation through our network of e-commerce websites, we monitor several key business metrics, including the following:

	Thirteen Weeks Ended	
	March 30, 2013	March 31, 2012
Unique Visitors (millions) ^{1 2}	36.8	47.9
Total Number of Orders (thousands)	529	705
Average Order Value	\$ 109	\$ 116
Revenue Capture	82.2%	83.7%

¹ Visitors do not include traffic from media properties (e.g. AutoMD).

² As we consolidate to fewer websites, we changed the measurement source of our consolidated unique visitors data to another third-party provider in the first quarter of 2013. Previously reported operating metrics data was revised to conform to the current third-party provider's data.

Unique Visitors: A unique visitor to a particular website represents a user with a distinct IP address that visits that particular website. We define the total number of unique visitors in a given month as the sum of unique visitors to each of our websites during that month. We measure unique visitors to understand the volume of traffic to our websites and to track the effectiveness of our online marketing efforts. The number of unique visitors has historically varied based on a number of factors, including our marketing activities and seasonality. We believe an increase in unique visitors to our websites will result in an increase in the number of orders. We seek to increase the number of unique visitors to our websites by attracting repeat customers and improving search engine marketing and other internet marketing activities. During the first quarter of 2013, our unique visitors decreased by 23.2% compared to the first quarter of 2012. We expect declines in our unique visitors to continue in 2013 as we address the challenges we are experiencing from changes search engines have made to the formulas, or algorithms, that they use to optimize their search results, as described in further detail under *Executive Summary* below.

Total Number of Orders: We monitor the total number of orders as an indicator of future revenue trends. During the first quarter of 2013, the total number of orders was down by 25.0% due to the decrease in unique visitors combined with overall increased competition. We expect the downward trend in the total number of orders to continue in 2013 due to continued declines in unique visitors and increased competition. We recognize revenue associated with an order when the products have been delivered, consistent with our revenue recognition policy.

Average Order Value: Average order value represents our net sales on a placed orders basis for a given period of time divided by the total number of orders recorded during the same period of time. During the first quarter of 2013, our average order value decreased by 6.0% compared to the first quarter of 2012. We expect this trend to continue in 2013 primarily due to increased competition, as described in further detail under *Executive Summary* below. We seek to increase the average order value as a means of increasing net sales. Average order values vary depending upon a number of factors, including the components of our product offering, the order volume in certain online sales channels, macro-economic conditions, and the competition online.

Revenue Capture: Revenue capture is the amount of actual dollars retained after taking into consideration returns, credit card declines and product fulfillment. During the first quarter of 2013, our revenue capture decreased by 1.5% to 82.2% compared to 83.7% in the first quarter of 2012. The decrease in revenue capture was due to higher returns, credit card declines and product fulfillment in the first quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2012. We expect our revenue capture level to stay the same in 2013 as we continue to improve our customers purchase experience.

Executive Summary

For the first quarter of 2013, the Company generated net sales of \$65.4 million, compared with \$87.4 million for the first quarter of 2012, representing a decrease of 25.2%. Net loss for the first quarter of 2013 was \$3.3 million, or \$0.11 per share. This compares to a net loss of \$0.7 million, or \$0.03 per share, for the first quarter of 2012. We generated net income (loss) before interest expense, net, income tax provision, depreciation and amortization expense, amortization of intangible assets plus share-based compensation expense and restructuring costs (Adjusted EBITDA) of \$1.5 million in the first quarter of 2013 compared to \$4.2 million in the first quarter of 2012. Adjusted EBITDA is presented because such measure is used by rating agencies, securities analysts, investors and other parties in evaluating the Company. It should not be considered, however, as an alternative to operating income, as an indicator of the Company's operating performance, or as an alternative to cash flows, as measures of the Company's overall liquidity, as presented in the Company's consolidated financial statements. Further, the

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Adjusted EBITDA measure shown for the Company may not be comparable to similarly titled measures used by other companies. Refer to the table presented below for reconciliation of net loss to Adjusted EBITDA.

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Total revenues decreased in the first quarter of 2013 compared to the same period in 2012 due to our decreased online sales. Our online sales, which include our e-commerce, online marketplace sales channels and online advertising, contributed 89.6% of total revenues, and our offline sales, which consist of our Kool-View and wholesale operations, contributed 10.4% of total revenues. Our online sales for the first quarter of 2013 decreased by \$23.0 million, or 28.2%, to \$58.6 million compared to \$81.7 million in the first quarter of 2012. Our offline sales performed well this quarter.

Like most e-commerce retailers, our success depends on our ability to attract online consumers to our websites and convert them into customers in a cost-effective manner. Historically, marketing through search engines provided the most efficient opportunity to reach millions of on-line auto part buyers. We are included in search results through paid search listings, where we purchase specific search terms that will result in the inclusion of our listing, and algorithmic searches that depend upon the searchable content on our websites. We decreased the amount we spent on paid search listings, as we have determined that it does not generate a sufficient amount of revenues to justify the expense. Algorithmic listings cannot be purchased and instead are determined and displayed solely by a set of formulas utilized by the search engine. We have had a history of success with our search engine marketing techniques, which gave our different websites preferred positions in search results. But search engines, like Google, revise their algorithms from time to time in an attempt to optimize their search results. Since 2011, Google has released changes to Google's search results ranking algorithm aimed to lower the rank of certain sites and return other sites near the top of the search results based upon the quality of the particular site as determined by Google. Google made additional updates throughout fiscal year 2012. We were negatively impacted by the changes in methodology for how Google displayed or selected our different websites for customer search results. This reduced our unique visitor count which adversely affected our financial results. Our unique visitor count decreased by 11.1 million, or 23.2%, for the first quarter of 2013 to 35.9 million unique visitors compared to 36.8 million unique visitors in the first quarter of 2012. We believe we were affected by these search engine algorithm changes due to the use of our product catalog across multiple websites. To address this issue we are consolidating to a significantly smaller number of websites to ensure unique catalog content. As we are significantly dependent upon search engines for our website traffic, if we are unable to attract unique visitors, our business and results of operations will be harmed.

Barriers to entry in the automotive aftermarket industry are low, and current and new competitors can launch websites at a relatively low cost. We experienced significant competitive pressure from certain of our suppliers as they are now selling their products online. Since our suppliers have access to merchandise at very low costs, they were able to sell products at lower prices and maintain higher gross margins, thus our financial results were negatively impacted by the increased level of competition. Total orders for the first quarter of 2013 went down by 25.0% to 0.5 million compared to 0.7 million for the first quarter of 2012 and our average order value went down by \$7, or 6.0%, for the first quarter of 2013 to \$109 compared to \$116 in the first quarter of 2012 as a result of increased pricing competition. Our current and potential customers may decide to purchase directly from our suppliers. Continuing increased competition from our suppliers that have access to products at lower prices than us could result in reduced sales, lower operating margins, reduced profitability, loss of market share and diminished brand recognition. In addition, some of our competitors have used and may continue to use aggressive pricing tactics. We expect that competition will further intensify in the future as Internet use and online commerce continue to grow worldwide. We are taking a number of steps during 2013 to attempt to reduce the selling prices of our products while increasing margins, which are discussed below.

Total expenses decreased compared to the same period in 2012. Our expenses primarily consist of direct costs associated with procuring parts from suppliers and delivering products to customers, which include direct product costs, outbound freight and shipping costs, warehouse supplies and warranty costs, advertising expenses and personnel costs, as well as depreciation and amortization expense. Our personnel costs, which consist of compensation, benefits and payroll related taxes, and are primarily a function of our headcount, decreased in the first quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2012. Our employees at the end of the first quarter of 2013 decreased to 1,101 compared to 1,542 at the end of the first quarter of 2012. Our employees in the Philippines decreased to 716 at the end of the first quarter of 2013 compared to 1,035 at the end of the first quarter of 2012. In January 2013, as part of the Company's initiatives to reduce labor costs and improve operating efficiencies in response to the challenges in the marketplace and general market conditions, we reduced our workforce by 176 employees (for additional details, refer to *Note 12-Restructuring Costs* of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Part I, Item 1 of this report). In addition, our headcount decreased due to the closure of our call center operations in La Salle, Illinois in August 2012. If the downward trend in our revenues, and net loss continue in 2014, we may be required to further reduce our labor costs. In addition, total expenses decreased in the first quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2012 primarily due to the decrease in direct costs resulting from lower revenues, reduction in online advertising expense, decrease in merchant fees due to lower online sales and lower amortization of intangible assets due to certain acquired intangible assets that were impaired in the fourth quarter of 2012.

Overall, we expect the downward trend in our revenues and net loss to continue in 2013 primarily due to the factors mentioned above. This trend could severely impact our liquidity as we may not be able to provide positive cash flows from operations in order to meet our working capital requirements. We may need to borrow additional funds from our credit

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facility, which under certain circumstances may not be available, sell additional assets or seek additional equity or additional debt financing in the future. Refer to *Liquidity and Capital Resources* section below for additional details. There can be no assurance that we would be able to raise such additional financing or engage in such asset sales on acceptable terms, or at all. If our expected downward trend in revenues and net loss continues for longer than we expect because our strategies to return to positive sales growth and profitability are not successful or otherwise, and if we are not able to raise adequate additional financing or proceeds from additional asset sales to continue to fund our ongoing operations, we will need to defer, reduce or eliminate significant planned expenditures, restructure or significantly curtail our operations.

Our strategies to return to positive sales growth and profitability are to attempt to accomplish the following in 2013:

Return to positive e-commerce growth by consolidating our websites to ensure unique catalog content and providing better content on our websites thereby improving our ranking on the search results. In addition, we intend to build mobile enabled websites to take advantage of shifting consumer behaviors. We expect this to increase unique visitors to our website and help us grow our revenues.

Improve the website purchase experience for our customers by (1) helping our customers find the parts they want to buy by reducing failed searches and increasing user purchase confidence; (2) selling more highly customized accessories by partnering with manufacturers to build custom shopping experiences; (3) increasing order size across our sites through improved recommendation engines; and (4) completing the roll out of high quality images and videos with emphasis on accessory product lines. We expect this to increase the conversion rate of our visitors to customers, total number of orders and average order value, and contribute to our revenue growth.

Become one of the lowest priced options in the market. We will lower our prices by increasing foreign sourced products as they provide more low-cost products. We expect this to improve the conversion rate for our visitors to our website, grow our revenues and improve our margins.

Increase product selection by being the first to market with new SKUs. We will seek to add new categories and expand our existing specialty categories. We expect this to increase the total number of orders and contribute to our revenue growth.

Be the consumer advocate for auto repair through AutoMD.com. We will continue to devote resources to AutoMD.com and its system development. We expect this to improve our brand recognition and contribute to our revenue growth.

As we redesign our approach to attracting customers through search engines, we hope to offset much of the revenue loss by pursuing revenue opportunities in third-party online marketplaces, a number of which are growing in excess of 10% per year. Auto parts buyers are finding third-party online marketplaces to be a very attractive environment, for many reasons, the top four being: (1) the security of their personal information; (2) the ability to easily compare product offerings from multiple sellers; (3) transparency (consumers can leave positive or negative feedback about their experience); and (4) favorable pricing. Successful selling in these third-party online marketplaces depends on product innovation, and strong relationships with suppliers, both of which we believe to be our core competencies.

There are various macro-economic factors that indirectly affect our business, including the impact of the recession, continued high unemployment, and other challenging economic conditions. These factors decrease the overall discretionary spending of our customers and we believe it becomes more likely that consumers will keep their current vehicles longer, thus will need replacement parts as a result of general wear and tear, and perform repair and maintenance in order to keep those vehicles well maintained. At the same time, higher gas prices are negatively impacting the industry as consumers drive less and reduce the wear and tear on their vehicles. Given the nature of these factors, and the volatility of the overall economic environment, we cannot predict whether or for how long these trends will continue, nor can we predict to what degree these trends will impact us in the future.

The table below reconciles net loss to Adjusted EBITDA for the periods presented (in thousands):

Thirteen Weeks Ended

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	March 30, 2013	March 31, 2012
Consolidated		
Net loss	\$ (3,343)	\$ (788)
Interest expense, net	185	199
Income tax provision	21	124
Amortization of intangibles	106	340
Depreciation and amortization	3,638	3,747
EBITDA	607	3,622
Share-based compensation	409	584
Restructuring costs ⁽¹⁾	498	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 1,514	\$ 4,206

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- (1) We incurred restructuring costs in the first quarter of 2013 related to the Company's initiatives to reduce labor costs and improve operating efficiencies in response to the challenges in the marketplace and general market conditions. Refer to *Note 12 Restructuring Costs* of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details.

Basis of Presentation

Net Sales. Online and offline sales represent two different sales channels for our products. We generate online net sales primarily through the sale of auto parts to individual consumers through our network of e-commerce websites and online marketplaces, including online advertising. E-commerce sales are derived from our network of websites, which we own and operate. E-commerce and online marketplace sales also include inbound telephone sales through our call center that supports these sales channels. Online marketplaces consist primarily of sales of our products on online auction websites, where we sell through auctions as well as through storefronts that we maintain on third-party owned websites. We sell advertising and sponsorship positions on our e-commerce websites to highlight vendor brands and offer complementary products and services that benefit our customers. Advertising is targeted to specific sections of the websites and can also be targeted to specific users based on the vehicles they drive. Advertising partners primarily include part vendors, national automotive aftermarket brands and automobile manufacturers. Our offline sales channel represents our distribution of products directly to commercial customers by selling auto parts to collision repair shops located in Southern California and Virginia. Our offline sales channel also includes the distribution of our Kool-Vue mirror line to auto parts distributors nationwide. We also serve consumers by operating retail outlet stores in Independence, Ohio and LaSalle, Illinois.

Cost of Sales. Cost of sales consists of the direct costs associated with procuring parts from suppliers and delivering products to customers. These costs include product costs, outbound freight and shipping costs, warehouse supplies and warranty costs, partially offset by purchase discounts and cooperative advertising. Depreciation and amortization expenses are excluded from cost of sales and included in marketing, general and administrative and fulfillment expenses as noted below.

Marketing Expense. Marketing expense consists of online advertising spend, internet commerce facilitator fees and other advertising costs, as well as payroll and related expenses associated with our marketing catalog, customer service and sales personnel. These costs are generally variable and are typically a function of net sales. Marketing expense also includes depreciation and amortization expense and share-based compensation expense.

General and Administrative Expense. General and administrative expense consists primarily of administrative payroll and related expenses, payment processing fees, legal and professional fees, amortization of software and other administrative costs. General and administrative expense also includes depreciation and amortization expense and share-based compensation expense.

Fulfillment Expense. Fulfillment expense consists primarily of payroll and related costs associated with our warehouse employees and our purchasing group, facilities rent, building maintenance, depreciation and other costs associated with inventory management and our wholesale operations. Fulfillment expense also includes share-based compensation expense.

Technology Expense. Technology expense consists primarily of payroll and related expenses of our information technology personnel, the cost of hosting our servers, communications expenses and Internet connectivity costs, computer support and software development amortization expense. Technology expense also includes share-based compensation expense.

Amortization of Intangible Assets. Amortization of intangibles consists of the amortization expense associated with our definite-lived intangible assets.

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Other Income, Net. Other income, net consists of miscellaneous income or expense such as gains/losses from disposition of assets, and interest income comprised primarily of interest income on investments.

Interest Expense. Interest expense consists primarily of interest expense on our outstanding loan balances, deferred financing cost amortization and capital lease interest.

Segment Data

The Company operates in two reportable segments and reporting revenues by product line or geographic location is impracticable. Certain long-lived assets are held in the Philippines (refer to Note 4 Property and Equipment, Net of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements). The criteria the Company used to identify its reporting segment are primarily the nature of the products the Company sells and the consolidated operating results that are regularly reviewed by the Company's chief operating decision maker to assess performance and make operating decisions. We identified two reporting units, Base USAP, which is the core auto parts business, and AutoMD, an online automotive repair source, in accordance with ASC 280 Segment Reporting. There were no significant revenues generated from Auto MD. AutoMD incurred total expenses of \$0.5 million each in the first quarter of 2013 and 2012, which are primarily related to depreciation and amortization expense of capitalized website and software development costs. Total assets for AutoMD were \$2.3 million and \$2.1 million as of March 30, 2013 and December 29, 2012, respectively, which are primarily related to capitalized website and software development costs.

Results of Operations

The following table sets forth selected statement of operations data for the periods indicated, expressed as a percentage of net sales:

	Thirteen Weeks Ended	
	March 30, 2013	March 31, 2012
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	69.8	69.5
Gross profit	30.2	30.5
Operating expenses:		
Marketing	17.1	15.4
General and administrative	7.2	6.7
Fulfillment	8.2	6.8
Technology	2.3	1.8
Amortization of intangible assets	0.2	0.4
Total operating expenses	35.0	31.1
Loss from operations	(4.8)	(0.6)
Other income (expense):		
Other income, net		
Interest expense	(0.3)	(0.2)
Total other expense	(0.3)	(0.2)
Loss before income taxes	(5.1)	(0.8)
Income tax provision		0.1
Net loss	(5.1)%	(0.9)%

Thirteen Weeks Ended March 30, 2013 Compared to the Thirteen Weeks Ended March 31, 2012*Net Sales and Gross Margin*

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		\$ Change	% Change
	March 30, 2013	March 31, 2012		
	(in thousands)			
Net sales	\$ 65,405	\$ 87,436	\$ (22,031)	(25.2)%
Cost of sales	45,667	60,808	(15,141)	(24.9)%
Gross profit	\$ 19,738	\$ 26,628	\$ (6,890)	(25.9)%
Gross margin	30.2%	30.5%		(0.3)%

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Net sales decreased \$22.0 million, or 25.2%, for the first quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2012. Our net sales consisted of online sales, representing 89.6% of the total for the first quarter of 2013 (compared to 93.4% in the first quarter of 2012), and offline sales, representing 10.4% of the total for the first quarter of 2013 (compared to 6.6% in the first quarter of 2012). The net sales decrease was due to a decline of \$23.0 million, or 28.2%, in online sales, partially offset by a \$1.0 million, or 17.6%, increase in offline sales. Online sales decreased primarily due to a 23.2% reduction in unique visitors, a decline in average order value by 6.0% and a decrease of 1.5% in revenue capture. The decrease in unique visitors was due to the negative impact from customer traffic losses as a result of changes search engines have made to the algorithms that they use to optimize their search results. Also, our revenues were negatively impacted by the increased competition as described in further detail under Executive Summary above. Our offline sales, which consist of our Kool-Vue and wholesale operations, continued to show solid growth.

Gross profit decreased \$6.9 million, or 25.9%, in the first quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2012. Gross margin rate decreased 0.3% to 30.2% in the first quarter of 2013 compared to 30.5% in the first quarter of 2012. Gross margin decreased in the first quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2012 primarily due to reduced margins from both online and offline sales. Gross margin was unfavorably impacted by increased competition as certain of our suppliers are now selling directly to consumers online.

Marketing Expense

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		\$ Change	% Change
	March 30, 2013	March 31, 2012		
	(in thousands)			
Marketing expense	\$ 11,191	\$ 13,450	\$ (2,259)	(16.8)%
Percent of net sales	17.1%	15.4%		1.7%

Total marketing expense decreased \$2.3 million, or 16.8%, for the first quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2012. Online advertising expense, which includes catalog costs, was \$4.3 million, or 7.4%, of online sales compared to \$6.1 million, or 7.4%, of online sales for the prior year period. Online advertising expense decreased primarily due to the reduction in our non-catalog online advertising expenses, which includes listing and placement fees paid to commercial and search engine websites, of \$1.7 million or 30.6%. Marketing expense, excluding online advertising, was \$6.9 million, or 10.5%, of net sales compared to \$7.4 million, or 8.4%, of net sales for the prior year period.

General and Administrative Expense

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		\$ Change	% Change
	March 30, 2013	March 31, 2012		
	(in thousands)			
General and administrative expense	\$ 4,687	\$ 5,870	\$ (1,183)	(20.2)%
Percent of net sales	7.2%	6.7%		0.5%

General and administrative expense decreased \$1.1 million, or 20.2%, for the first quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2012. The decrease was primarily due to lower merchant fees of \$0.5 million due to lower online sales compared to the prior year period. Additionally, depreciation and amortization expense decreased by \$0.2 million compared to the prior year period due to certain assets that were fully depreciated.

Fulfillment Expense

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		\$ Change	% Change
	March 30, 2013	March 31, 2012		
	(in thousands)			
Fulfillment expense	\$ 5,381	\$ 5,918	\$ (537)	(9.1)%
Percent of net sales	8.2%	6.8%		1.4%

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Fulfillment expense decreased \$0.5 million, or 9.1%, for the first quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2012. The decrease was primarily due to lower depreciation and amortization expense of \$0.2 million and reduction in temporary labor due to lower revenues.

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	Thirteen Weeks Ended		\$ Change	% Change
	March 30, 2013	March 31, 2012		
	(in thousands)			
Technology expense	\$ 1,515	\$ 1,536	\$ (21)	(1.4)%
Percent of net sales	2.3%	1.8%		0.5%

Technology expense in the first quarter of 2013 remained consistent at \$1.5 million compared to the first quarter of 2012.

Amortization of Intangible Assets

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		\$ Change	% Change
	March 30, 2013	March 31, 2012		
	(in thousands)			
Amortization of intangible assets	\$ 106	\$ 340	\$ (234)	(68.8)%
Percent of net sales	0.2%	0.4%		(0.2)%

Amortization of intangibles decreased \$234,000, or 68.8%, for the first quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2012 due to certain acquired intangible assets that were impaired in the fourth quarter of 2012. We recorded impairment losses on certain intangible assets subject to amortization of \$1.7 million, which reduced its net carrying amount to zero, in the fourth quarter of 2012.

Total Other Expense, Net

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		\$ Change	% Change
	March 30, 2013	March 31, 2012		
	(in thousands)			
Other expense, net	\$ 180	\$ 178	\$ 2	1.1%
Percent of net sales	0.3%	0.2%		0.1%

Total other expense, net increased \$2,000, or 1.1%, for the first quarter of 2013 compared to the first quarter of 2012.

Income Tax Provision

	Thirteen Weeks Ended		\$ Change	% Change
	March 30, 2013	March 31, 2012		
	(in thousands)			
Income tax provision	\$ 21	\$ 124	\$ (103)	(83.1)%
Percent of net sales	%	0.1%		(0.1)%

For the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012, the effective tax rate for the Company was (0.6)% and (18.7)%, respectively. The Company's effective tax rate for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate primarily as a result of the recording of valuation allowance against the pre-tax losses. The Company's effective tax rate for the thirteen weeks ended March 31, 2012 differed from the U.S. federal statutory rate primarily as a result of the recording of valuation allowance against the pre-tax losses and the increase in deferred tax liabilities related to tax deductible indefinite-lived intangible assets.

Foreign Currency

The impact of foreign currency is related to our offshore operations in the Philippines and sales of our products in Canada and was not material to our operations. See additional information in *Foreign Currency Risk* below in Item 3.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Sources of Liquidity

During the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013, we funded our operations with cash and cash equivalents generated from operations, net proceeds from the issuance of Series A convertible preferred stock (Series A Preferred) and our credit

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facility. We had cash and cash equivalents of \$1.3 million as of March 30, 2013, representing a \$267,000 increase from \$1.0 million of cash and cash equivalents as of December 29, 2012. Based on our current operating plan, we believe that our existing cash and cash equivalents, investments, cash flows from operations and debt financing, including the net proceeds from the issuance of Series A Preferred, sale of common stock in an offering under the Company's shelf registration statement and the sale/leaseback of our property in LaSalle, Illinois, will be sufficient to finance our operational cash needs through at least the next twelve months.

As of March 30, 2013, we had \$111,000 in short-term investments, comprised of mutual funds (refer to investment details in *Note 2 Investments* of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Part I, Item 1 of this report). Our April 2012 credit facility provides for a revolving commitment of up to \$40 million subject to a borrowing base derived from certain of our receivables, inventory and property and equipment (see *Debt and Available Borrowing Resources* below). In April 2013, we used the net proceeds from the sale of our facility in LaSalle, Illinois to reduce our revolving loan payable. Refer to *Note 13 Subsequent Events* of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details.

In May 2011, we filed a shelf registration statement covering the offer and sale of up to \$200 million of common stock with the SEC. The shelf registration was declared effective by the SEC on August 10, 2011. The terms of any offering under our shelf registration statement will be determined at the time of the offering and disclosed in a prospectus supplement filed with the SEC. On March 27, 2013, the Company agreed to sell up to 2,050,000 shares of its common stock at a purchase price per share of \$1.09 for aggregate proceeds to the Company of approximately \$2.2 million in an offering under the Company's shelf registration statement. The transaction closed on April 3, 2013 and the Company used the net proceeds to reduce its revolving loan payable. Refer to *Note 13 Subsequent Events* of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details.

Working Capital

As of March 30, 2013 and December 29, 2012, our working capital was \$41,000 and \$(4.0) million, respectively. We expect the level of our working capital to increase primarily due to reduced revolving loan payable. In April 2013, we used the net proceeds from the issuance of common stock and the sale/leaseback of our facility in LaSalle, Illinois to reduce our revolving loan payable (refer to *Investing Activities* and *Financing Activities* below). We expect that other than the amounts to be paid within twelve months under the capital lease, the liability related to the present value of the expected lease payments will be classified as a non-current liability. Our credit facility consists of a five-year revolving loan with available funds of up to \$40 million subject to a borrowing base derived from certain of our receivables, inventory and property and equipment (see further discussion in *Debt and Available Borrowing Resources* below). Our revolving loan does not require principal payments, however it is classified as current due to certain U.S. GAAP requirements (see *Debt and Available Borrowing Resources* below for further details). The historical seasonality in our business during the year can cause cash and cash equivalents, inventory and accounts payable to fluctuate, resulting in changes in our working capital.

Cash Flows

The following table summarizes the key cash flow metrics from our consolidated statements of cash flows for thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 31, 2012 (in thousands):

	Thirteen Weeks Ended	
	March 30, 2013	March 31, 2012
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$ 1,339	\$ (220)
Net cash used in investing activities	(2,729)	(1,309)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	1,660	(4)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	(3)	32
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 267	\$ (1,501)

Operating Activities

Cash provided by operating activities is primarily comprised of net income (loss), adjusted for non-cash activities such as depreciation and amortization expense, amortization of intangible assets and share-based compensation expense. These non-cash adjustments represent charges reflected in net income (loss) and, therefore, to the extent that non-cash items

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increase or decrease our operating results, there will be no corresponding impact on our cash flows. Net loss adjusted for non-cash adjustments to operating activities was \$0.9 million for the first quarter of 2013, compared to \$4.1 million for the first quarter of 2012. After excluding the effects of the non-cash charges, the primary changes in cash flows relating to operating activities resulted from changes in operating assets and liabilities.

Inventory decreased to \$37.6 million at March 30, 2013 from \$42.8 million at December 29, 2012, resulting in a decrease in operating assets and reflecting a cash inflow of \$5.1 million for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013. We expect the level of our inventory to continue to decrease over the next twelve months due to lower revenues. For the thirteen weeks ended March 31, 2012, cash inflow related to the change in inventory was \$6.1 million.

Accounts payable and accrued expenses decreased to \$32.5 million at March 30, 2013 compared to \$38.5 million at December 29, 2012 resulting in a decrease in operating liabilities and reflecting a cash outflow of \$6.2 million for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013. Accounts payable and accrued expenses decreased primarily due to the decrease in accounts payable of \$5.0 million. Accounts payable could fluctuate in future periods due to the amount of our revenues and the related purchases and the timing of our payments. For the thirteen weeks ended March 31, 2012, cash outflow related to the change in accounts payable and accrued expenses was \$9.3 million.

Investing Activities

For the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013 and March 29, 2012, net cash used in investing activities was primarily the result of increases in property and equipment (\$2.6 million and \$2.4 million, respectively), which are mainly related to capitalized website and software development costs, partially offset from net proceeds received from the sales of our investments (\$0 million and \$1.1 million, respectively). We expect our capital expenditures to decrease over the next twelve months as we attempt to reduce capital expenditures to bolster our ability to satisfy our operational cash needs.

On April 17, 2013, our wholly-owned subsidiary, Whitney Automotive Group (WAG), Inc. sold our facility in LaSalle, Illinois for \$9,750,000. The Company used the net proceeds of \$9.6 million from this sale to reduce its revolving loan payable. Under the terms of the purchase and sale agreement, simultaneously with the execution of the purchase and sale agreement and the closing of the sale of the property, we entered into a lease agreement whereby we leased back the property for our continued use as an office, retail and warehouse facility for storage, sale and distribution of automotive parts, accessories and related items for 20 years commencing upon the execution of the lease and terminating on April 30, 2033. The Company's initial base annual rent is \$853,125 for the first year subject to an annual increase by the lesser of 1.5% or 1.25 times the change in the Consumer Price Index. We expect the lease to be accounted for as a capital lease and the \$0.4 million excess of the net proceeds over the net carrying amount of the property will be amortized on a straight-line basis over the lease term of 20 years. Refer to *Note 13 Subsequent Events* of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details.

Financing Activities

For the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013, net cash provided by financing activities was primarily due to net proceeds received from the issuance of Series A Preferred of \$5.8 million, partially offset by the net payments made on debt, totaling \$4.1 million (see further discussion in *Debt and Available Borrowing Resources* below). There was no material financing activities for the thirteen weeks ended March 31, 2012.

On March 25, 2013, the Company authorized the issuance of 4,149,997 shares of Series A Preferred and entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement pursuant to which the Company agreed to sell up to an aggregate of 4,149,997 shares of our Series A Preferred, \$0.001 par value per share, at a purchase price per share of \$1.45 for aggregate proceeds to the Company of approximately \$6.0 million. On March 25, 2013, we sold 3,999,997 shares of Series A Preferred for aggregate proceeds of \$5.8 million. On April 5, 2013, we sold the remaining 150,000 shares of Series A Preferred for aggregate proceeds of \$217,500. We incurred issuance costs of approximately \$0.8 million. The Company used the net proceeds from the sale of the Series A Preferred to reduce its revolving loan payable. Dividends on the Series A Preferred are payable quarterly at a rate of \$0.058 per share per annum in cash, in shares of common stock or in any combination of cash and common stock as determined by the Company's Board of Directors. Concurrent with the Company's issuance of Series A Preferred, the Company, certain of its wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries and JPMorgan entered into a Second Amended Credit Agreement to allow the Company to pay cash dividends on the Series A Preferred in an aggregate amount of up to \$400,000 per year and pay cash in lieu of issuing fractional shares upon conversion of or in payment of dividends on the Series A Preferred. Refer to *Note 6 Borrowings* and *Note 7 Stockholders Equity and Share-Based Compensation* of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details.

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On March 27, 2013, the Company agreed to sell up to 2,050,000 shares of its common stock at a purchase price per share of \$1.09 for aggregate proceeds to the Company of approximately \$2.2 million. The transaction closed on April 3, 2013 and the Company used the net proceeds to reduce its revolving loan payable. Refer to *Note 13 Subsequent Events* of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details.

Debt and Available Borrowing Resources

Total debt (primarily comprised of a revolving loan payable of \$12.1 million, discussed further below) was \$12.2 million as of March 30, 2013, compared to \$16.4 million as of December 29, 2012. The decrease was due to net debt payments we made to our revolving loan payable which were required in order to maintain a borrowing base sufficient to allow for continued borrowing under our loan (see further discussion below).

In April, 2012, the Company, certain of its wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., as sole lender and administrative agent entered into a Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement"). The Credit Agreement provides for a revolving commitment in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$40,000,000 (the "Credit Facility"), which is subject to a borrowing base derived from certain receivables, inventory and property and equipment. The Credit Facility matures on April 26, 2017. The Company used the proceeds of the loans borrowed on the closing date to repay in full its previous credit facility with Silicon Valley Bank. In connection with the payoff of our previous credit facility, the Company recorded a loss on debt extinguishment of \$360,000 which was comprised of a prepayment fee in the amount of \$166,000, accelerated deferred financing costs in the amount of \$185,000 and other direct expenses related to the previous debt. At March 30, 2013, our outstanding revolving loan balance was \$12.1 million. The customary events of default under the Credit Facility include certain subjective acceleration clauses. Management has determined the likelihood of such acceleration is more than remote, considering the recurring losses experienced by the Company, therefore a current classification of our revolving loan payable in our consolidated balance sheet was required.

Loans drawn under the Credit Facility bear interest, at the Company's option, at a per annum rate equal to either (a) LIBOR plus an applicable margin of 1.50%, or (b) an alternate base rate minus an applicable margin of 0.50%. Each applicable margin as set forth in the prior sentence is subject to increase or decrease by 0.25% per annum based upon the Company's fixed charge coverage ratio. At March 30, 2013, the Company's LIBOR based interest rate was 2.0% (on \$10 million principal) and the Company's prime based rate was 3.0% (on \$2.1 million principal). A commitment fee, based upon undrawn availability under the Credit Facility bearing interest at a rate of 0.20% per annum, is payable monthly. Under the terms of the Credit Agreement, cash receipts are deposited into a lock-box, which are at the Company's discretion unless the cash dominion period is in effect, during which cash receipts will be used to reduce amounts owing under the Credit Agreement. The cash dominion period is triggered in an event of default or if excess availability is less than \$6,000,000 at any time, as defined, and will continue until, during the preceding 60 consecutive days, no event of default existed and excess availability has been greater than \$7,000,000 at all times. The Company's excess availability was \$12.1 million at March 30, 2013. On March 12, 2013, we entered into a first amendment to the previously entered Credit Agreement ("Amended Credit Agreement"). The Amended Credit Agreement includes an amendment to the definition of covenant testing trigger period to commence on any day that excess availability is less than \$4 million solely during the period March 1, 2013 through and including April 15, 2013 and continuing until excess availability has been greater than or equal to \$4 million solely during the period of March 1, 2013 through and including April 15, 2013 at all times for 45 consecutive calendar days. As of the date hereof, the cash dominion period has not been in effect; accordingly no principal payments are currently due. By amendment to the Credit Agreement, the Company, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, also has the right to request increases to the revolving commitments up to and above \$60,000,000. The Company, to date, has not requested such increases. As of March 30, 2013, the Company was in compliance with all covenants under the Credit Agreement.

Our Credit Facility is subject to a borrowing base derived from certain of our receivables, inventory and property and equipment. In the event that components of the borrowing base are adversely affected for any reason, including adverse market conditions or downturns in general economic conditions, we could be restricted in the amount of funds we can borrow under the Credit Facility. Furthermore, in the event that components of the borrowing base decrease to a level below the amount of loans then-outstanding under the Credit Facility, we could be required to immediately repay loans to the extent of such shortfall. If we became unable to borrow under the Credit Facility, or are required to immediately repay loans under the Credit Facility, our liquidity and capital resources and ability to operate our business could be severely impacted, which would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. In those events, we may need to sell additional assets or seek additional equity or additional debt financing. There can be no assurance in those circumstances that we would be able to raise such additional financing or engage in such additional asset sales on acceptable terms, or at all. If we are not able to raise adequate additional financing or proceeds from additional asset sales to continue to fund our operations as planned in those circumstances, we will need to defer, reduce or eliminate significant planned expenditures, restructure or significantly curtail our operations.

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The Borrowers may voluntarily prepay the loans at any time without payment of a premium. The Borrowers are required to make mandatory prepayments of the loans (without payment of a premium) with net cash proceeds received upon the occurrence of certain prepayment events, which include certain sales or other dispositions of collateral, certain casualty or condemnation events, certain equity issuance or capital contributions, and the incurrence of certain debt. On April 17, 2013, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, Whitney Automotive Group (WAG), Inc. closed the sale of its facility in LaSalle, Illinois for \$9,750,000 pursuant to the purchase and sale agreement dated April 17, 2013 between WAG and STORE Capital Acquisitions, LLC. The Company used the net proceeds of \$9.6 million from this sale to reduce its revolving loan payable. We expect the impact from this sale to be a net increase in our excess availability of \$4.5 million. Refer to *Note 13 Subsequent Events* of our Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional details.

Our Credit Facility requires us to satisfy certain financial covenants. These financial covenants and tests could limit our ability to react to market conditions or satisfy extraordinary capital needs and could otherwise restrict our financing and operations. Under the Credit Agreement, the Company is not required to maintain a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio, unless excess availability is less than \$6,000,000, whereby a ratio of 1.0 to 1.0 will be required. If our excess availability is reduced to less than \$6 million, we will not comply with the minimum fixed charge coverage ratio. If we are unable to satisfy the financial covenants and tests at any time, we may as a result cease being able to borrow under the Credit Facility or are required to immediately repay loans under the Credit Facility, our liquidity and capital resources and ability to operate our business could be severely impacted, which would have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operations. In those events, we may need to sell additional assets or seek additional equity or additional debt financing or attempt to modify our existing Credit Agreement. There can be no assurance that we would be able to raise such additional financing or engage in such asset sales on acceptable terms, or at all.

See additional information in *Note 6 Borrowings* of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this report.

Funding Requirements

Based on our current operating plan, we believe that our existing cash, cash equivalents, investments, cash flows from operations and available debt financing, including the net proceeds from the issuance of Series A Preferred, sale of common stock in an offering under the Company's shelf registration statement and the sale/leaseback of our property in LaSalle, Illinois, will be sufficient to finance our operational cash needs through at least the next twelve months. Our Credit Facility provides a less restrictive asset-based funding limit, which gives us improved liquidity options at a lower cost of capital. Our future capital requirements may, however, vary materially from those now planned or anticipated. Changes in our operating plans, lower than anticipated net sales, increased expenses, continued or worsened economic conditions, worsening operating performance by us, or other events, including those described in *Risk Factors* included in Part II, Item 1A may force us to sell our existing assets and seek additional debt or equity financing in the future. We may need to issue additional common stock under our shelf registration, discussed above. There can be no assurance that we would be able to raise such additional financing or engage in such additional asset sales on acceptable terms, or at all. If we are not able to raise adequate additional financing or proceeds from additional asset sales, we will need to defer, reduce or eliminate significant planned expenditures, restructure or significantly curtail our operations.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We have no off-balance sheet arrangements.

Contractual Obligations

The following table sets forth our contractual cash obligations and commercial commitments as of March 30, 2013:

Contractual Obligations:	Total	Payment Due By Period (in thousands)			More than 5 years
		Less than 1 year	1-3 years	3-5 years	
Principal payments on debt ⁽¹⁾	\$ 12,125	\$	\$	\$ 12,125	\$
Interest payments on long-term debt ⁽²⁾	1,085	267	533	285	
Operating lease obligations ⁽³⁾	3,890	1,224	2,257	409	
Capital lease obligations ⁽⁴⁾	108	39	45	24	

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- ⁽¹⁾ Amounts represent the expected principal cash payments relating to our debt and do not include any fair value adjustments or discounts and premiums. Our outstanding debt is comprised of a revolving loan which currently has no principal payment requirements, and matures in April 2017. See additional information in *Liquidity and Capital Resources* *Debt and Available Borrowing Resources* above.

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- (2) Amounts represent the expected interest cash payments relating to our revolving loan balance at March 30, 2013. The interest rates at March 30, 2013 were used to calculate the expected future interest payments.
- (3) Commitments under operating leases relate primarily to our leases on our principal facility in Carson, California, our distribution centers in Chesapeake, Virginia and Independence, Ohio, and our call center in the Philippines. Total operating lease commitments include payments due to a related party for one of our facilities leases in the amount of \$62,000.
- (4) Commitments under capital leases relate to equipment lease agreements and include interest.

Seasonality

We believe our business is subject to seasonal fluctuations. We have historically experienced higher sales of body parts in winter months when inclement weather and hazardous road conditions typically result in more automobile collisions. Engine parts and performance parts and accessories have historically experienced higher sales in the summer months when consumers have more time to undertake elective projects to maintain and enhance the performance of their automobiles and the warmer weather during that time is conducive for such projects. We expect the historical seasonality trends to continue to have a material impact on our financial condition and results of operations during the reporting periods in any given year.

Inflation

Inflation has not had a material impact upon our operating results, and we do not expect it to have such an impact in the near future. We cannot assure you that our business will not be affected by inflation in the future.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See *Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Nature of Operations* of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Part I, Item 1 of this report.

Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of our financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, net sales, costs and expenses, as well as the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities and other related disclosures. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates, including, but not limited to, those related to revenue recognition, uncollectible receivables, inventory reserve, intangible and other long-lived assets and contingencies. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about carrying values of our assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results could differ from those estimates, and we include any revisions to our estimates in our results for the period in which the actual amounts become known.

Our critical accounting policies are included in *Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Nature of Operations* of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, included above in Part I, Item 1 of this report. There were no significant changes to our critical accounting policies during the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013. We believe our critical accounting policies affect the more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements. Accordingly, these are the policies we believe are the most critical to aid in fully understanding and evaluating our historical consolidated financial condition and results of operations:

Revenue Recognition;

Fair Value of Financial Instruments and other Fair Value Measurements;

Inventory;

Website and Software Development Costs;

Long-Lived Assets and Intangibles;

Share-Based Compensation; and

Income Taxes.

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Recent Accounting Pronouncements

See *Note 1 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Nature of Operations Recent Accounting Pronouncements* of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, included above in Part I, Item 1 of this report.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Market Risk. Market risk represents the risk of loss that may impact our financial position, results of operations or cash flows due to adverse changes in financial commodity market prices and rates. We are exposed to market risk primarily in the area of changes in U.S. interest rates and conditions in the credit markets. We also have some exposure related to foreign currency fluctuations. Under our current policies, we do not use interest rate derivative instruments to manage exposure to interest rate changes. We do not have any derivative financial instruments. We attempt to increase the safety and preservation of our invested principal funds by limiting default risk, market risk and reinvestment risk. We mitigate default risk by investing in investment grade securities and mutual funds that hold debt securities.

Interest Rate Risk. Our investment securities generally consist of mutual funds. As of March 30, 2013, our investments were comprised of \$111,000 of investments in mutual funds that primarily hold debt securities.

As of March 30, 2013, we had a balance of \$12.1 million outstanding under a revolving loan under our credit facility. The interest rate on this loan is computed based on a LIBOR and prime loan rate, adjusted by features specified in our loan agreement. At our debt level as of March 30, 2013, a 100 basis point increase in interest rates would not materially affect our earnings and cash flows. If, however, we are unable to meet the covenants in our loan agreement, we would be required to renegotiate the terms of credit under the loan agreement, including the interest rate. There can be no assurance that any renegotiated terms of credit would not materially impact our earnings. At March 30, 2013, our LIBOR based interest rate was 2.0% per annum (on \$10.0 million principal) and our prime based rate was 3.0% per annum (on \$2.1 million principal). Refer to additional discussion in Item 2, under the caption *Liquidity and Capital Resources Debt and Available Borrowing Resources* and in *Note 6 Borrowings* of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Part I, Item 1 of this report.

Foreign Currency Risk. Our purchases of auto parts from our Asian suppliers are denominated in U.S. dollars; however, a change in the foreign currency exchange rates could impact our product costs over time. Our financial reporting currency is the U.S. dollar and changes in exchange rates significantly affect our reported results and consolidated trends. For example, if the U.S. dollar weakens year-over-year relative to currencies in our international locations, our consolidated gross profit and operating expenses will be higher than if currencies had remained constant. Likewise, if the U.S. dollar strengthens year-over-year relative to currencies in our international locations, our consolidated gross profit and operating expenses will be lower than if currencies had remained constant. Our operating expenses in the Philippines are generally paid in Philippine Pesos, and as the exchange rate fluctuates, it adversely or favorably impacts our operating results. In light of the above, a fluctuation of 10% in the Peso/U.S. dollar exchange rate would have had approximately a \$0.3 million impact on our Philippine operating expenses for the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013. Our Canadian website sales are denominated in Canadian dollars; however, fluctuations in exchange rates from these operations are only expected to have a nominal impact on our operating results due to the relatively small number of sales generated in Canada. We believe it is important to evaluate our operating results and growth rates before and after the effect of currency changes.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We carried out an evaluation required by Rule 13a-15(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the 1934 Act), under the supervision and with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) of the 1934 Act, as of the end of the period covered by this report.

Disclosure controls and procedures provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the 1934 Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and to provide reasonable assurance that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

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Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that, as of such date, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to meet the objectives for which they were designed.

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Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

During the most recent fiscal quarter, there has not occurred any change in our internal control over financial reporting that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

Inherent Limitations on Internal Controls

Our disclosure controls and procedures are designed to provide reasonable assurance of achieving their objectives as specified above. Management does not expect, however, that our disclosure controls and procedures will prevent or detect all error and fraud. Any control system, no matter how well designed and operated, is based upon certain assumptions and can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that its objectives will be met. Further, 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.

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PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings

The information set forth under the caption *Legal Matters* in *Note 10 Commitments and Contingencies* of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, included in Part I, Item 1 of this report, is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

Our business is subject to a number of risks which are discussed below. Other risks are presented elsewhere in this report and in our other filings with the SEC. We have marked with an asterisk () those risk factors that reflect substantive changes from the risk factors included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K that we filed with the SEC on March 25, 2013. You should consider carefully the following risks in addition to the other information contained in this report and our other filings with the SEC, including our subsequent reports on Forms 10-Q and 8-K, and any amendments thereto, before deciding to buy, sell or hold our common stock. If any of the following known or unknown risks or uncertainties actually occurs with material adverse effects on us, our business, financial condition, results of operations and/or liquidity could be seriously harmed. In that event, the market price for our common stock will likely decline and you may lose all or part of your investment.*

Risks Related To Our Business

Purchasers of aftermarket auto parts may not choose to shop online, which would prevent us from acquiring new customers who are necessary to the growth of our business.

The online market for aftermarket auto parts is less developed than the online market for many other business and consumer products, and currently represents only a small part of the overall aftermarket auto parts market. Our success will depend in part on our ability to attract new customers and to convert customers who have historically purchased auto parts through traditional retail and wholesale operations. Specific factors that could discourage or prevent prospective customers from purchasing from us include:

concerns about buying auto parts without face-to-face interaction with sales personnel;

the inability to physically handle, examine and compare products;

delivery time associated with Internet orders;

concerns about the security of online transactions and the privacy of personal information;

delayed shipments or shipments of incorrect or damaged products;

increased shipping costs; and

the inconvenience associated with returning or exchanging items purchased online.

If the online market for auto parts does not gain widespread acceptance, our sales may decline and our business and financial results may suffer.

We depend on search engines and other online sources to attract visitors to our websites, and if we are unable to attract these visitors and convert those into customers in a cost-effective manner, our business and results of operations will be harmed.

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Our success depends on our ability to attract online consumers to our websites and convert them into customers in a cost-effective manner. We are significantly dependent upon search engines, shopping comparison sites and other online sources for our website traffic. We are included in search results as a result of both paid search listings, where we purchase specific search terms that will result in the inclusion of our listing, and algorithmic searches that depend upon the searchable content on our sites. We reduced our paid search listings in 2012 and are substantially dependent on algorithmic listings to attract online consumers to our websites.

Algorithmic listings cannot be purchased and instead are determined and displayed solely by a set of formulas utilized by the search engine. Search engines, shopping comparison sites and other online sources have in the past, and will continue to revise their algorithms from time to time in an attempt to optimize their search results. For example, since 2011, Google has released changes to Google's search results ranking algorithm aimed to lower the rank of certain sites and return other sites near the top of the search results based upon the quality of the particular site as determined by Google. Google made additional updates throughout fiscal year 2012. We operate a multiple website platform that generally allows us to provide

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multiple search results for a particular algorithmic search, however Google is now limiting our display results to a single result from the algorithmic search. We were negatively impacted by the changes in methodology for how Google displayed or selected our different websites for customer search results, which reduced our unique visitor count and adversely affected our financial results. We expect declines in our unique visitors and our total number of orders to continue in 2013 as we address the challenges we are experiencing from Google's changes in methodology. If other search engines, shopping comparison sites or similar online sources on which we rely for website traffic were to modify their general methodology for how they display or select our websites in a manner similar to the changes made by Google, or if Google continues to make changes to Google's search results ranking algorithms that cause those algorithms to interact with our platform in a manner that continues to reduce our unique visitors, even fewer consumers may click through to our websites, and our financial results could be further adversely affected.

Similarly, if any free search engine or shopping comparison site on which we rely begins charging fees for listing or placement, or if one or more of the search engines, shopping comparison sites and other online sources on which we rely for purchased listings, modifies or terminates its relationship with us, our expenses could rise, we could lose customers and traffic to our websites could decrease.

We are in the process of implementing several strategies to attempt to overcome these changes, including the consolidation of our multiple websites to improve our ranking on the search results and pursuing opportunities in third-party online marketplaces, which may not be successful. If these strategies are not successful, our operating results and financial condition could be materially and adversely affected. Additionally, if search engines other than Google begin to limit our display results to a single result or entirely eliminate our results from the algorithmic search due to our multiple website platform, our website traffic could be further impacted and our business would be materially harmed.

In addition, our success in attracting visitors who convert to customers will depend in part upon our ability to identify and purchase relevant search terms, provide relevant content on our sites, and effectively target our other marketing programs such as e-mail campaigns and affiliate programs. If we are unable to attract visitors to our websites and convert them to customers in a cost-effective manner, then our sales may decline and our business and financial results may be harmed.

During fiscal 2012, we experienced a downward trend in our revenues and our net loss continued, and we expect the downward trend in our revenues and net loss to continue in 2013.

For fiscal year 2012, we experienced a decrease of 7% in net sales, as compared to the same period in 2011, and also had continued net loss during the same period. Overall, we expect these downward trends in our revenues and net loss to continue in 2013. If these trends continued it could severely impact our liquidity, as we may not be able to provide positive cash flows from operations in order to meet our working capital requirements. We may need to borrow additional funds from our credit facility, which under certain circumstances may not be available, sell additional assets or seek additional equity or additional debt financing in the future. There can be no assurance that we would be able to raise such additional financing or engage in such asset sales on acceptable terms, or at all. If our expected downward trend in revenues and net loss continues for longer than we expect because our strategies to return to positive sales growth and profitability are not successful or otherwise, and if we are not able to raise adequate additional financing or proceeds from asset sales to continue to fund our ongoing operations, we will need to defer, reduce or eliminate significant planned expenditures, restructure or significantly curtail our operations, file for bankruptcy or cease operations.

Our operations are restricted by our credit facility, and our ability to borrow funds under our credit facility is subject to a borrowing base.

Our credit facility includes a number of restrictive covenants. These covenants could impair our financing and operational flexibility and make it difficult for us to react to market conditions and satisfy our ongoing capital needs and unanticipated cash requirements. Specifically, such covenants restrict our ability and, if applicable, the ability of our subsidiaries to, among other things:

incur additional debt;

make certain investments and acquisitions;

enter into certain types of transactions with affiliates;

use assets as security in other transactions;

pay dividends on our capital stock or repurchase our equity interests;

sell certain assets or merge with or into other companies;

guarantee the debts of others;

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enter into new lines of business;

pay or amend our subordinated debt;

form any joint ventures or subsidiary investments.

In addition, our credit facility is subject to a borrowing base derived from certain of our receivables, inventory, property and equipment. In the event that components of the borrowing base are adversely affected for any reason, including adverse market conditions or downturns in general economic conditions, we could be restricted in the amount of funds we can borrow under the credit facility. Furthermore, in the event that components of the borrowing base decrease to a level below the amount of loans then-outstanding under the credit facility, we could be required to immediately repay loans to the extent of such shortfall. If any of these events were to occur, it could severely impact our liquidity and capital resources, limit our ability to operate our business and could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operation.

Furthermore, under certain circumstances, our credit facility may require us to satisfy a financial covenant, which could limit our ability to react to market conditions or satisfy extraordinary capital needs and could otherwise impact our liquidity and capital resources, restrict our financing and have a material adverse effect on our results of operations.

Our ability to comply with the covenants and other terms of our debt obligations will depend on our future operating performance. If we fail to comply with such covenants and terms, we would be required to obtain waivers from our lenders to maintain compliance with our debt obligations. In the future, if we are unable to obtain any necessary waivers and the debt is accelerated, a material adverse effect on our financial condition and future operating performance would result. Additionally, our indebtedness could have important consequences, including the following:

we will have to dedicate a portion of our cash flow to making payments on our indebtedness, thereby reducing the availability of our cash flow to fund working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions or other general corporate purposes;

certain levels of indebtedness may make us less attractive to potential acquirers or acquisition targets;

certain levels of indebtedness may limit our flexibility to adjust to changing business and market conditions, and make us more vulnerable to downturns in general economic conditions as compared to competitors that may be less leveraged; and

as described in more detail above, the documents providing for our indebtedness contain restrictive covenants that may limit our financing and operational flexibility.

Furthermore, our ability to satisfy our debt service obligations will depend, among other things, upon fluctuations in interest rates, our future operating performance and ability to refinance indebtedness when and if necessary. These factors depend partly on economic, financial, competitive and other factors beyond our control. We may not be able to generate sufficient cash from operations to meet our debt service obligations as well as fund necessary capital expenditures and general operating expenses. In addition, if we need to refinance our debt, or obtain additional debt financing or sell assets or equity to satisfy our debt service obligations, we may not be able to do so on commercially reasonable terms, if at all. If this were to occur, we may need to defer, reduce or eliminate significant planned expenditures, restructure or significantly curtail our operations, file for bankruptcy or cease operations.

We may not be able to successfully acquire new businesses or integrate acquisitions, which could cause our business to suffer.

We may not be able to successfully complete potential strategic acquisitions if we cannot reach agreement on acceptable terms or for other reasons. If we buy a company or a division of a company, we may experience difficulty integrating that company's or division's personnel and operations, which could negatively affect our operating results. In addition:

the key personnel of the acquired company may decide not to work for us;

customers of the acquired company may decide not to purchase products from us;

we may experience business disruptions as a result of information technology systems conversions;

we may experience additional financial and accounting challenges and complexities in areas such as tax planning, treasury management, and financial reporting;

we may be held liable for environmental, tax or other risks and liabilities as a result of our acquisitions, some of which we may not have discovered during our due diligence;

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we may intentionally assume the liabilities of the companies we acquire, which could materially and adversely affect our business;

our ongoing business may be disrupted or receive insufficient management attention;

we may not be able to realize the cost savings or other financial benefits or synergies we anticipated, either in the amount or in the time frame that we expect; and

we may incur debt or issue equity securities to pay for any future acquisition, the issuance of which could involve the imposition of restrictive covenants or be dilutive to our existing stockholders.

As part of our growth strategy, we acquired WAG on August 12, 2010 and we expect that we will selectively pursue additional acquisitions of businesses, technologies or services in order to expand our capabilities, enter new markets or increase our market share. In conjunction with the acquisition of WAG, we recorded a significant valuation allowance against our deferred tax asset, and have incurred greater than usual legal and accounting fees, as well as general and administrative expenses. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, we incurred acquisition and integration related costs of \$7.4 million related to the WAG acquisition. During the fourth quarter of 2012 and 2011, we recorded an impairment charge on certain intangible assets related to the WAG acquisition totaling \$3.8 million and \$5.1 million, respectively. Additionally, because the acquisition of WAG was a stock purchase, we may incur liability for acts taken prior to our acquisition that may involve costly litigation. Integrating any newly acquired businesses' websites, technologies or services is likely to be expensive and time consuming. For example, our acquisition of All OEM Parts, Inc., Partsbin.com, Inc., and other affiliated companies (collectively "Partsbin"), resulted in significant costs, including a material impairment charge, a write-down of goodwill associated with the acquisition, and a number of challenges, including retaining employees of the acquired company, integrating our order processing and credit processing, integrating our product pricing strategy, and integrating the diverse technologies and differing e-commerce platforms and accounting systems used by each company. Our integration activities in connection with our acquisitions have also caused a substantial diversion of our management's attention. If we are unable to successfully complete the integration of acquisitions, we may not realize the anticipated synergies from such acquisitions, we may take impairment charges and write-downs associated with such acquisitions, and our business and results of operations could suffer.

**** If our intangible assets become impaired we may be required to record a significant charge to earnings.***

We review our intangible assets for impairment when events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying value may not be recoverable. Factors that may be considered are changes in circumstances indicating that the carrying value of our intangible assets may not be recoverable include a decrease in future cash flows. We may be required to record a significant charge to earnings in our financial statements during the period in which any impairment of our intangible assets is determined, resulting in an impact on our results of operations. For example, during the fourth quarter of 2012 and 2011, we recorded an impairment charge on goodwill and intangible assets of \$18.9 million and \$5.6 million, respectively. During the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, we incurred an impairment charge on intangible assets of \$5.1 million.

If we are unable to manage the challenges associated with our international operations, the growth of our business could be limited and our business could suffer.

We maintain international business operations in the Philippines. This international operation includes development and maintenance of our websites, our main call center, and sales and back office support services. We also operate a Canadian subsidiary to facilitate sales in Canada. We are subject to a number of risks and challenges that specifically relate to our international operations. Our international operations may not be successful if we are unable to meet and overcome these challenges, which could limit the growth of our business and may have an adverse effect on our business and operating results. These risks and challenges include:

the amount and timing of operating costs and capital expenditures relating to the maintenance and expansion of our business, operations and infrastructure;

difficulties and costs of staffing and managing foreign operations, including any impairment to our relationship with employees caused by a reduction in force;

restrictions imposed by local labor practices and laws on our business and operations;

exposure to different business practices and legal standards;

unexpected changes in regulatory requirements;

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the imposition of government controls and restrictions;

political, social and economic instability and the risk of war, terrorist activities or other international incidents;

the failure of telecommunications and connectivity infrastructure;

natural disasters and public health emergencies;

potentially adverse tax consequences;

the failure of local laws to provide a sufficient degree of protection against infringement of our intellectual property; and

fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates and relative weakness in the U.S. dollar.

We are dependent upon relationships with suppliers in Taiwan, China and the United States for the vast majority of our products.

We acquire substantially all of our products from manufacturers and distributors located in Taiwan, China and the United States. Our top ten suppliers represented 45.1% of our total product purchases during the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013. We do not have any long-term contracts or exclusive agreements with our foreign suppliers that would ensure our ability to acquire the types and quantities of products we desire at acceptable prices and in a timely manner. In addition, our ability to acquire products from our suppliers in amounts and on terms acceptable to us is dependent upon a number of factors that could affect our suppliers and which are beyond our control. For example, financial or operational difficulties that some of our suppliers may face could result in an increase in the cost of the products we purchase from them. In addition, the increasing consolidation among auto parts suppliers may disrupt or end our relationship with some suppliers, result in product shortages and/or lead to less competition and, consequently, higher prices. Furthermore, as part of our routine business, suppliers extend credit to us in connection with our purchase of their products. In the future, our suppliers may limit the amount of credit they are willing to extend to us in connection with our purchase of their products, if any. If this were to occur, it could impair our ability to acquire the types and quantities of products that we desire from the applicable suppliers on acceptable terms, severely impact our liquidity and capital resources, limit our ability to operate our business and could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operation.

In addition, because many of our suppliers are outside of the United States, additional factors could interrupt our relationships or affect our ability to acquire the necessary products on acceptable terms, including:

political, social and economic instability and the risk of war or other international incidents in Asia or abroad;

fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates that may increase our cost of products;

tariffs and protectionist laws and business practices that favor local businesses;

difficulties in complying with import and export laws, regulatory requirements and restrictions; and

natural disasters and public health emergencies.

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Additionally, if we do not maintain our relationships with our existing suppliers or develop relationships with new suppliers on acceptable commercial terms, we may not be able to continue to offer a broad selection of merchandise at competitive prices and, as a result, we could lose customers and our sales could decline.

We are dependent upon third parties for distribution and fulfillment operations with respect to many of our products.

For a number of the products that we sell, we outsource the distribution and fulfillment operation and are dependent on our distributors to manage inventory, process orders and distribute those products to our customers in a timely manner. For the thirteen weeks ended March 30, 2013, our product purchases from two drop-ship suppliers represented 12.3% of our total product purchases. If we do not maintain our existing relationships with these suppliers and our other distributors on acceptable commercial terms, we will need to obtain other suppliers and may not be able to continue to offer a broad selection of merchandise at competitive prices, and our sales may decrease.

In addition, because we outsource to distributors a number of these traditional retail functions relating to those products, we have limited control over how and when orders are fulfilled. We also have limited control over the products that our distributors purchase or keep in stock. Our distributors may not accurately forecast the products that will be in high demand or they may allocate popular products to other resellers, resulting in the unavailability of certain products for delivery to our customers. Any inability to offer a broad array of products at competitive prices and any failure to deliver those products to our customers in a timely and accurate manner may damage our reputation and brand and could cause us to lose customers.

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We depend on third-party delivery services to deliver our products to our customers on a timely and consistent basis, and any deterioration in our relationship with any one of these third parties or increases in the fees that they charge could harm our reputation and adversely affect our business and financial condition.

We rely on third parties for the shipment of our products and we cannot be sure that these relationships will continue on terms favorable to us, or at all. Shipping costs have increased from time to time, and may continue to increase, which could harm our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations by increasing our costs of doing business and resulting in reduced gross margins. In addition, if our relationships with these third parties are terminated or impaired, or if these third parties are unable to deliver products for us, whether due to labor shortage, slow down or stoppage, deteriorating financial or business condition, responses to terrorist attacks or for any other reason, we would be required to use alternative carriers for the shipment of products to our customers. Changing carriers could have a negative effect on our business and operating results due to reduced visibility of order status and package tracking and delays in order processing and product delivery, and we may be unable to engage alternative carriers on a timely basis, upon terms favorable to us, or at all.

If commodity prices such as fuel, plastic and steel continue to increase, our margins may shrink.

Our third party delivery services have increased fuel surcharges from time to time, and such increases negatively impact our margins, as we are generally unable to pass all of these costs directly to consumers. Increasing prices in the component materials for the parts we sell may impact the availability, the quality and the price of our products, as suppliers search for alternatives to existing materials and as they increase the prices they charge. We cannot ensure that we can recover all the increased costs through price increases, and our suppliers may not continue to provide the consistent quality of product as they may substitute lower cost materials to maintain pricing levels, all of which may have a negative impact on our business and results of operations.

If our fulfillment operations are interrupted for any significant period of time or are not sufficient to accommodate increased demand, our sales would decline and our reputation could be harmed.

Our success depends on our ability to successfully receive and fulfill orders and to promptly deliver our products to our customers. The majority of orders for our auto body parts products are filled from our inventory in our distribution centers, where all our inventory management, packaging, labeling and product return processes are performed. Increased demand and other considerations may require us to expand our distribution centers or transfer our fulfillment operations to larger facilities in the future.

Our distribution centers are susceptible to damage or interruption from human error, fire, flood, power loss, telecommunications failures, terrorist attacks, acts of war, break-ins, earthquakes and similar events. We do not currently maintain back-up power systems at our fulfillment centers. We do not presently have a formal disaster recovery plan and our business interruption insurance may be insufficient to compensate us for losses that may occur in the event operations at our fulfillment center are interrupted. Any interruptions in our fulfillment operations for any significant period of time, including interruptions resulting from the expansion of our existing facilities or the transfer of operations to a new facility, could damage our reputation and brand and substantially harm our business and results of operations and alternate arrangements may increase the cost of fulfillment. In addition, if we do not successfully expand our fulfillment capabilities in response to increases in demand, we may not be able to substantially increase our net sales.

We rely on bandwidth and data center providers and other third parties to provide products to our customers, and any failure or interruption in the services provided by these third parties could disrupt our business and cause us to lose customers.

We rely on third-party vendors, including data center and bandwidth providers. Any disruption in the network access or co-location services, which are the services that house and provide Internet access to our servers, provided by these third-party providers or any failure of these third-party providers to handle current or higher volumes of use could significantly harm our business. Any financial or other difficulties our providers face may have negative effects on our business, the nature and extent of which we cannot predict. We exercise little control over these third-party vendors, which increases our vulnerability to problems with the services they provide. We also license technology and related databases from third parties to facilitate elements of our e-commerce platform. We have experienced and expect to continue to experience interruptions and delays in service and availability for these elements. Any errors, failures, interruptions or delays experienced in connection with these third-party technologies could negatively impact our relationship with our customers and adversely affect our business. Our systems also heavily depend on the availability of electricity, which also comes from third-party

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providers. If we were to experience a major power outage, we would have to rely on back-up generators. These back-up generators may not operate properly through a major power outage, and their fuel supply could also be inadequate during a major power outage. Information systems such as ours may be disrupted by even brief power outages, or by the fluctuations in power resulting from switches to and from backup generators. This could disrupt our business and cause us to lose customers.

We face intense competition and operate in an industry with limited barriers to entry, and some of our competitors may have greater resources than us and may be better positioned to capitalize on the growing e-commerce auto parts market.

The auto parts industry is competitive and highly fragmented, with products distributed through multi-tiered and overlapping channels. We compete with both online and offline retailers who offer original equipment manufacturer (OEM) and aftermarket auto parts to either the DIY or do-it-for-me customer segments. Current or potential competitors include the following:

national auto parts retailers such as Advance Auto Parts, AutoZone, Napa Auto Parts, CarQuest, O'Reilly Automotive and Pep Boys;

large online marketplaces such as Amazon.com and eBay;

other online retailers and auto repair information websites;

local independent retailers or niche auto parts online retailers; and

wholesale aftermarket auto parts distributors such as LKQ Corporation.

Barriers to entry are low, and current and new competitors can launch websites at a relatively low cost. Many of our current and potential competitors have longer operating histories, larger customer bases, greater brand recognition and significantly greater financial, marketing, technical, management and other resources than we do. For example, in the event that online marketplace companies such as Amazon or eBay, who have larger customer bases, greater brand recognition and significantly greater resources than we do, focus more of their resources on competing in the aftermarket auto parts market, it could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations. In addition, some of our competitors have used and may continue to use aggressive pricing tactics and devote substantially more financial resources to website and system development than we do. We expect that competition will further intensify in the future as Internet use and online commerce continue to grow worldwide. Increased competition may result in reduced sales, lower operating margins, reduced profitability, loss of market share and diminished brand recognition.

Additionally, we have experienced significant competitive pressure from our suppliers who are now selling their products directly to customers. Since our suppliers have access to merchandise at very low costs, they can sell products at lower prices and maintain higher gross margins on their product sales than we can. Our financial results have been negatively impacted by direct sales from our suppliers to our current and potential customers, and we expect our total number of orders and average order value to continue to decline in 2013 due to increased competition. Continued competition from suppliers of ours that are capable of maintaining high sales volumes and acquiring products at lower prices than us will continue to negatively impact our business and results of operations, including through reduced sales, lower operating margins, reduced profitability, loss of market share and diminished brand recognition. We are in the process of implementing several strategies to attempt to overcome the challenges created by our suppliers selling directly to our customers and potential customers, including by lowering our prices by increasing foreign sourced products and by improvements in our websites, which may not be successful. If these strategies are not successful, our operating results and financial conditions could be materially and adversely affected.

If we fail to offer a broad selection of products at competitive prices to meet our customers' demands, our revenue could decline.

In order to expand our business, we must successfully offer, on a continuous basis, a broad selection of auto parts that meet the needs of our customers, including by being the first to market with new SKUs. Our auto parts are used by consumers for a variety of purposes, including repair, performance, improved aesthetics and functionality. In addition, to be successful, our product offerings must be broad and deep in scope, competitively priced, well-made, innovative and attractive to a wide range of consumers. We cannot predict with certainty that we will be successful in offering products that meet all of these requirements. If our product offerings fail to satisfy our customers' requirements or respond

to changes in customer preferences, our revenue could decline.

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Challenges by OEMs to the validity of the aftermarket auto parts industry and claims of intellectual property infringement could adversely affect our business and the viability of the aftermarket auto parts industry.

OEMs have attempted to use claims of intellectual property infringement against manufacturers and distributors of aftermarket products to restrict or eliminate the sale of aftermarket products that are the subject of the claims. The OEMs have brought such claims in federal court and with the United States International Trade Commission. We have received in the past, and we anticipate we may in the future receive, communications alleging that certain products we sell infringe the patents, copyrights, trademarks and trade names or other intellectual property rights of OEMs or other third parties. For instance, after approximately three and a half years of litigation and related costs and expenses, on April 16, 2009, we entered into a settlement agreement with Ford Motor Company and Ford Global Technologies, LLC that ended the two legal actions that were initiated by Ford against us related to claims of intellectual property infringement. The United States Patent and Trademark Office records indicate that OEMs are seeking and obtaining more design patents than they have in the past. To the extent that the OEMs are successful with intellectual property infringement claims, we could be restricted or prohibited from selling certain aftermarket products which could have an adverse effect on our business. Infringement claims could also result in increased costs of doing business arising from increased legal expenses, adverse judgments or settlements or changes to our business practices required to settle such claims or satisfy any judgments. Litigation could result in interpretations of the law that require us to change our business practices or otherwise increase our costs and harm our business. We do not maintain insurance coverage to cover the types of claims that could be asserted. If a successful claim were brought against us, it could expose us to significant liability.

If we are unable to protect our intellectual property rights, our reputation and brand could be impaired and we could lose customers.

We regard our trademarks, trade secrets and similar intellectual property such as our proprietary back-end order processing and fulfillment code and process as important to our success. We rely on trademark and copyright law, and trade secret protection, and confidentiality and/or license agreements with employees, customers, partners and others to protect our proprietary rights. We cannot be certain that we have taken adequate steps to protect our proprietary rights, especially in countries where the laws may not protect our rights as fully as in the United States. In addition, our proprietary rights may be infringed or misappropriated, and we could be required to incur significant expenses to preserve them. In the past we have filed litigation to protect our intellectual property rights. The outcome of such litigation can be uncertain, and the cost of prosecuting such litigation may have an adverse impact on our earnings. We have common law trademarks, as well as pending federal trademark registrations for several marks and several registered marks. Even if we obtain approval of such pending registrations, the resulting registrations may not adequately cover our intellectual property or protect us against infringement by others. Effective trademark, service mark, copyright, patent and trade secret protection may not be available in every country in which our products and services may be made available online. We also currently own or control a number of Internet domain names, including www.usautoparts.net, www.autopartswarehouse.com, www.partstrain.com, www.icwhitney.com, www.AutoMD.com and www.stylintrucks.com, and have invested time and money in the purchase of domain names and other intellectual property, which may be impaired if we cannot protect such intellectual property. We may be unable to protect these domain names or acquire or maintain relevant domain names in the United States and in other countries. If we are not able to protect our trademarks, domain names or other intellectual property, we may experience difficulties in achieving and maintaining brand recognition and customer loyalty.

If our product catalog database is stolen, misappropriated or damaged, or if a competitor is able to create a substantially similar catalog without infringing our rights, then we may lose an important competitive advantage.

We have invested significant resources and time to build and maintain our product catalog, which is maintained in the form of an electronic database, which maps SKUs to relevant product applications based on vehicle makes, models and years. We believe that our product catalog provides us with an important competitive advantage in both driving traffic to our websites and converting that traffic to revenue by enabling customers to quickly locate the products they require. We cannot assure you that we will be able to protect our product catalog from unauthorized copying or theft or that our product catalog will continue to operate adequately, without any technological challenges. In addition, it is possible that a competitor could develop a catalog or database that is similar to or more comprehensive than ours, without infringing our rights. In the event our product catalog is damaged or is stolen, copied or otherwise replicated to compete with us, whether lawfully or not, we may lose an important competitive advantage and our business could be harmed.

Our e-commerce system is dependent on open-source software, which exposes us to uncertainty and potential liability.

We utilize open-source software such as Linux, Apache, MySQL, PHP, Fedora and Perl throughout our web properties and supporting infrastructure although we have created proprietary programs. Open-source software is maintained and upgraded by a general community of software developers under various open-source licenses, including the GNU General Public License (GPL). These developers are under no obligation to maintain, enhance or provide any fixes or updates to this software in the future. Additionally, under the terms of the GPL and other open-source licenses, we may be forced to

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release to the public source-code internally developed by us pursuant to such licenses. Furthermore, if any of these developers contribute any code of others to any of the software that we use, we may be exposed to claims and liability for intellectual property infringement. A number of lawsuits are currently pending against third parties over the ownership rights to the various components within some open-source software that we use. If the outcome of these lawsuits is unfavorable, we may be held liable for intellectual property infringement based on our use of these open-source software components. We may also be forced to implement changes to the code-base for this software or replace this software with internally developed or commercially licensed software.

We face exposure to product liability lawsuits.

The automotive industry in general has been subject to a large number of product liability claims due to the nature of personal injuries that result from car accidents or malfunctions. As a distributor of auto parts, including parts obtained overseas, we could be held liable for the injury or damage caused if the products we sell are defective or malfunction. While we carry insurance against product liability claims, if the damages in any given action were high or we were subject to multiple lawsuits, the damages and costs could exceed the limits of our insurance coverage. If we were required to pay substantial damages as a result of these lawsuits, it may seriously harm our business and financial condition. Even defending against unsuccessful claims could cause us to incur significant expenses and result in a diversion of management's attention. In addition, even if the money damages themselves did not cause substantial harm to our business, the damage to our reputation and the brands offered on our websites could adversely affect our future reputation and our brand, and could result in a decline in our net sales and profitability.

We rely on key personnel and may need additional personnel for the success and growth of our business.

Our business is largely dependent on the personal efforts and abilities of highly skilled executive, technical, managerial, merchandising, marketing, and call center personnel. Competition for such personnel is intense, and we cannot assure you that we will be successful in attracting and retaining such personnel. The loss of any key employee or our inability to attract or retain other qualified employees could harm our business and results of operations.

System failures, including failures due to natural disasters or other catastrophic events, could prevent access to our websites, which could reduce our net sales and harm our reputation.

Our sales would decline and we could lose existing or potential customers if they are not able to access our websites or if our websites, transactions processing systems or network infrastructure do not perform to our customers' satisfaction. Any Internet network interruptions or problems with our websites could:

prevent customers from accessing our websites;

reduce our ability to fulfill orders or bill customers;

reduce the number of products that we sell;

cause customer dissatisfaction; or

damage our brand and reputation.

We have experienced brief computer system interruptions in the past, and we believe they will continue to occur from time to time in the future. Our systems and operations are also vulnerable to damage or interruption from a number of sources, including a natural disaster or other catastrophic event such as an earthquake, typhoon, volcanic eruption, fire, flood, terrorist attack, computer viruses, power loss, telecommunications failure, physical and electronic break-ins and other similar events. For example, our headquarters and the majority of our infrastructure, including some of our servers, are located in Southern California, a seismically active region. We also maintain offshore and outsourced operations in the Philippines, an area that has been subjected to a typhoon and a volcanic eruption in the past. In addition, California has in the past experienced power outages as a result of limited electrical power supplies and due to recent fires in the southern part of the state. Such outages, natural disasters and similar events may recur in the future and could disrupt the operation of our business. Our technology

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infrastructure is also vulnerable to computer viruses, physical or electronic break-ins and similar disruptions. Although the critical portions of our systems are redundant and backup copies are maintained offsite, not all of our systems and data are fully redundant. We do not presently have a formal disaster recovery plan in effect and may not have sufficient insurance for losses that may occur from natural disasters or catastrophic events. Any substantial disruption of our technology infrastructure could cause interruptions or delays in our business and loss of data or render us unable to accept and fulfill customer orders or operate our websites in a timely manner, or at all.

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Risks Related To Our Capital Stock

Our stock price has been and may continue to be volatile, which may result in losses to our stockholders.

The market prices of technology and e-commerce companies generally have been extremely volatile and have recently experienced sharp share price and trading volume changes. The trading price of our common stock is likely to be volatile and could fluctuate widely in response to, among other things, the risk factors described in this report and other factors beyond our control such as fluctuations in the operations or valuations of companies perceived by investors to be comparable to us, our ability to meet analysts' expectations, or conditions or trends in the Internet or auto parts industries.

Since the completion of our initial public offering in February 2007 through March 30, 2013, the trading price of our common stock has been volatile, ranging from a high of \$12.61 per share to a low per share of \$1.00. We have also experienced significant fluctuations in the trading volume of our common stock. General economic and political conditions unrelated to our performance may also adversely affect the price of our common stock. In the past, following periods of volatility in the market price of a public company's securities, securities class action litigation has often been initiated. Due to the inherent uncertainties of litigation, we cannot predict the ultimate outcome of any such litigation if it were initiated. The initiation of any such litigation or an unfavorable result could have a material adverse effect on our financial condition and results of operation.

Our executive officers and directors own a significant percentage of our stock.

As of March 30, 2013, our executive officers and directors and entities that are affiliated with them beneficially owned in the aggregate approximately 42.2% of our outstanding shares of common stock. This significant concentration of share ownership may adversely affect the trading price for our common stock because investors often perceive disadvantages in owning stock in companies with controlling stockholders. Also, these stockholders, acting together, will be able to significantly influence our management and affairs and matters requiring stockholder approval including the election of our entire Board of Directors and certain significant corporate actions such as mergers, consolidations or the sale of substantially all of our assets. As a result, this concentration of ownership could delay, defer or prevent others from initiating a potential merger, takeover or other change in our control, even if these actions would benefit our other stockholders and us.

** The rights, preferences and privileges of our existing preferred stock may restrict our financial and operational flexibility.*

In March 2013, our Board of Directors, under the authority granted by our Certificate of Incorporation, established a series of preferred stock, our Series A Convertible Preferred, which has various rights, preferences and privileges senior to the shares of our common stock. Dividends on the Series A Convertible Preferred are payable quarterly, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, at a rate of \$0.058 per share per annum in cash, in shares of common stock or in any combination of cash and common stock as determined by our Board of Directors. While we may, at our election, subject to the satisfaction of certain conditions, pay any accrued but unpaid dividends on the Series A Convertible Preferred in either cash or in common stock, we may be unable to satisfy the requisite conditions for paying dividends in common stock and, under such circumstances, we will be required to pay such accrued but unpaid dividends in cash. In such circumstances, we will be required to use cash that would otherwise be used to fund our ongoing operations to pay such accrued but unpaid dividends. To the extent we do pay dividends in common stock, the ownership percentage of our common stockholders who are not holders of the Series A Convertible Preferred will be diluted. Our Series A Convertible Preferred is initially convertible for 4,149,997 shares of common stock, and to the extent that the Series A Convertible Preferred is converted, the ownership percentage of our common stockholders who are not converting holders of the Series A Convertible Preferred will be diluted.

Our future operating results may fluctuate and may fail to meet market expectations.

We expect that our revenue and operating results will continue to fluctuate from quarter to quarter due to various factors, many of which are beyond our control. If our quarterly revenue or operating results fall below the expectations of investors or securities analysts, the price of our common stock could significantly decline. The factors that could cause our operating results to continue to fluctuate include, but are not limited to:

fluctuations in the demand for aftermarket auto parts;

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price competition on the Internet or among offline retailers for auto parts;

our ability to attract visitors to our websites and convert those visitors into customers, including to the extent based on our ability to successfully work with different search engines to drive visitors to our websites;

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our ability to successfully sell our products through third-party online marketplaces;

competition from companies that have longer operating histories, larger customer bases, greater brand recognition, access to merchandise at lower costs and significantly greater resources than we do, like third-party online market places and our suppliers;

our ability to maintain and expand our supplier and distribution relationships without significant price increases or reduced service levels;

our ability to borrow funds under our credit facility;

the effects of seasonality on the demand for our products;

our ability to accurately forecast demand for our products, price our products at market rates and maintain appropriate inventory levels;

our ability to build and maintain customer loyalty;

our ability to successfully integrate our acquisitions;

infringement actions that could impact the viability of the auto parts aftermarket or portions thereof;

the success of our brand-building and marketing campaigns;

our ability to accurately project our future revenues, earnings, and results of operations;

government regulations related to use of the Internet for commerce, including the application of existing tax regulations to Internet commerce and changes in tax regulations;

technical difficulties, system downtime or Internet brownouts;

the amount and timing of operating costs and capital expenditures relating to expansion of our business, operations and infrastructure; and

the impact of adverse economic conditions on retail sales, in general.

If we fail to maintain an effective system of internal control over financial reporting or comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, we may not be able to accurately report our financial results or prevent fraud, and our stock price could decline.

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While management has concluded that our internal controls over financial reporting continue to be effective as of March 30, 2013 (since management assessed the effectiveness as of December 29, 2012), we have in the past, and could in the future, have a significant deficiency or material weakness in our control over financial reporting or fail to comply with Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. If we fail to properly maintain an effective system of internal control over financial reporting, it could impact our ability to prevent fraud or to issue our financial statements in a timely manner that presents fairly our financial condition and results of operations. The existence of any such deficiencies or weaknesses, even if cured, may also lead to the loss of investor confidence in the reliability of our financial statements, could harm our business and negatively impact the trading price of our common stock. Such deficiencies or material weaknesses may also subject us to lawsuits, investigations and other penalties.

Our charter documents could deter a takeover effort, which could inhibit your ability to receive an acquisition premium for your shares.

Provisions in our certificate of incorporation and bylaws could make it more difficult for a third party to acquire us, even if doing so would be beneficial to our stockholders. Such provisions include the following:

our Board of Directors are authorized, without prior stockholder approval, to create and issue preferred stock which could be used to implement anti-takeover devices;

advance notice is required for director nominations or for proposals that can be acted upon at stockholder meetings;

our Board of Directors is classified such that not all members of our board are elected at one time, which may make it more difficult for a person who acquires control of a majority of our outstanding voting stock to replace all or a majority of our directors;

stockholder action by written consent is prohibited except with regards to an action that has been approved by the Board;

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special meetings of the stockholders are permitted to be called only by the chairman of our Board of Directors, our chief executive officer or by a majority of our Board of Directors;

stockholders are not permitted to cumulate their votes for the election of directors; and

stockholders are permitted to amend certain provisions of our bylaws only upon receiving at least 66 2/3% of the votes entitled to be cast by holders of all outstanding shares then entitled to vote generally in the election of directors, voting together as a single class.

We do not intend to pay dividends on our common stock.

We currently intend to retain any future earnings and do not expect to pay any cash dividends on our common stock for the foreseeable future.

General Market and Industry Risk

Economic conditions have had, and may continue to have an adverse effect on the demand for aftermarket auto parts and could adversely affect our sales and operating results.

We sell aftermarket auto parts consisting of body and engine parts used for repair and maintenance, performance parts used to enhance performance or improve aesthetics and accessories that increase functionality or enhance a vehicle's features. Demand for our products has been and may continue to be adversely affected by general economic conditions. In declining economies, consumers often defer regular vehicle maintenance and may forego purchases of nonessential performance and accessories products, which can result in a decrease in demand for auto parts in general. Consumers also defer purchases of new vehicles, which immediately impacts performance parts and accessories, which are generally purchased in the first six months of a vehicle's lifespan. In addition, during economic downturns some competitors may become more aggressive in their pricing practices, which would adversely impact our gross margin and could cause large fluctuations in our stock price. Certain suppliers may exit the industry which may impact our ability to procure parts and may adversely impact gross margin as the remaining suppliers increase prices to take advantage of limited competition.

Vehicle miles driven, vehicle accident rates and insurance companies' willingness to accept a variety of types of replacement parts in the repair process have fluctuated and may decrease, which could result in a decline of our revenues and negatively affect our results of operations.

We and our industry depend on the number of vehicle miles driven, vehicle accident rates and insurance companies' willingness to accept a variety of types of replacement parts in the repair process. Decreased miles driven, caused in part by higher gas prices, reduce the number of accidents and corresponding demand for crash parts, and reduce the wear and tear on vehicles with a corresponding reduction in demand for vehicle repairs and replacement or hard parts. If consumers continue to drive less in the future, as a result of higher gas prices or otherwise, our sales may decline and our business and financial results may suffer.

The success of our business depends on the continued growth of the Internet as a retail marketplace and the related expansion of the Internet infrastructure.

Our future success depends upon the continued and widespread acceptance and adoption of the Internet as a vehicle to purchase products. If customers or manufacturers are unwilling to use the Internet to conduct business and exchange information, our business will fail. The commercial acceptance and use of the Internet may not continue to develop at historical rates, or may not develop as quickly as we expect. The growth of the Internet, and in turn the growth of our business, may be inhibited by concerns over privacy and security, including concerns regarding viruses and worms, reliability issues arising from outages or damage to Internet infrastructure, delays in development or adoption of new standards and protocols to handle the demands of increased Internet activity, decreased accessibility, increased government regulation, and taxation of Internet activity. In addition, our business growth may be adversely affected if the Internet infrastructure does not keep pace with the growing Internet activity and is unable to support the demands placed upon it, or if there is any delay in the development of enabling technologies and performance improvements.

We may be subject to liability for sales and other taxes and penalties, which could have an adverse effect on our business.

We currently collect sales or other similar taxes only on the shipment of goods to the states of California, Kansas, Virginia, Illinois and Ohio. The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that vendors whose only connection with customers in a state is by common carrier or the U.S. mail are free

from state-imposed duties to collect sales and use taxes in that state. However, states could seek to impose additional income tax obligations or sales tax collection obligations on out-of-state companies

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such as ours, which engage in or facilitate online commerce, based on their interpretation of existing laws, including the Supreme Court ruling, or specific facts relating to us. If sales tax obligations are successfully imposed upon us by a state or other jurisdiction, we could be exposed to substantial tax liabilities for past sales and penalties and fines for failure to collect sales taxes. We could also suffer decreased sales in that state or jurisdiction as the effective cost of purchasing goods from us increases for those residing in that state or jurisdiction.

In addition, a number of states, as well as the U.S. Congress, have been considering various initiatives that could limit or supersede the Supreme Court's apparent position regarding sales and use taxes on Internet sales. If any of these initiatives are enacted, we could be required to collect sales and use taxes in additional states and our revenue could be adversely affected. Furthermore, the U.S. Congress has not yet extended a moratorium, which was first imposed in 1998 but has since expired, on state and local governments' ability to impose new taxes on Internet access and Internet transactions. The imposition by state and local governments of various taxes upon Internet commerce could create administrative burdens for us as well as substantially impair the growth of e-commerce and adversely affect our revenue and profitability. Since our service is available over the Internet in multiple states, these jurisdictions may require us to qualify to do business in these states. If we fail to qualify in a jurisdiction that requires us to do so, we could face liabilities for taxes and penalties.

Security threats to our IT infrastructure could expose us to liability, and damage our reputation and business

It is essential to our business strategy that our technology and network infrastructure remain secure and is perceived by our customers to be secure. Despite security measures, however, any network infrastructure may be vulnerable to cyber-attacks by hackers and other security threats. As a leading online source for automotive aftermarket parts and repair information, we may face cyber-attacks that attempt to penetrate our network security, including our data centers, to sabotage or otherwise disable our network of websites and online marketplaces, misappropriate our or our customers' proprietary information, which may include personally identifiable information, or cause interruptions of our internal systems and services. If successful, any of these attacks could negatively affect our reputation, damage our network infrastructure and our ability to sell our products, harm our relationship with customers that are affected and expose us to financial liability.

If we do not respond to technological change, our websites could become obsolete and our financial results and conditions could be adversely affected.

We maintain a network of websites which requires substantial development and maintenance efforts, and entails significant technical and business risks. To remain competitive, we must continue to enhance and improve the responsiveness, functionality and features of our websites. The Internet and the e-commerce industry are characterized by rapid technological change, the emergence of new industry standards and practices and changes in customer requirements and preferences. Therefore, we may be required to license emerging technologies, enhance our existing websites, develop new services and technology that address the increasingly sophisticated and varied needs of our current and prospective customers, and adapt to technological advances and emerging industry and regulatory standards and practices in a cost-effective and timely manner. Our ability to remain technologically competitive may require substantial expenditures and lead time and our failure to do so may harm our business and results of operations.

Existing or future government regulation could expose us to liabilities and costly changes in our business operations and could reduce customer demand for our products and services.

We are subject to federal and state consumer protection laws and regulations, including laws protecting the privacy of customer non-public information and regulations prohibiting unfair and deceptive trade practices, as well as laws and regulations governing businesses in general and the Internet and e-commerce and certain environmental laws. Additional laws and regulations may be adopted with respect to the Internet, the effect of which on e-commerce is uncertain. These laws may cover issues such as user privacy, spyware and the tracking of consumer activities, marketing e-mails and communications, other advertising and promotional practices, money transfers, pricing, content and quality of products and services, taxation, electronic contracts and other communications, intellectual property rights, and information security. Furthermore, it is not clear how existing laws such as those governing issues such as property ownership, sales and other taxes, trespass, data mining and collection, and personal privacy apply to the Internet and e-commerce. To the extent we expand into international markets, we will be faced with complying with local laws and regulations, some of which may be materially different than U.S. laws and regulations. Any such foreign law or regulation, any new U.S. law or regulation, or the interpretation or application of existing laws and regulations to the Internet or other online services or our business in general, may have a material adverse effect on our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations by, among other things, impeding the growth of the Internet, subjecting us to fines, penalties, damages or other liabilities, requiring costly changes in our business operations and practices, and reducing customer demand for our products and services. We do not maintain insurance coverage to cover the types of claims or liabilities that could arise as a result of such regulation.

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We may be affected by global climate change or by legal, regulatory, or market responses to such change.

The growing political and scientific sentiment is that global weather patterns are being influenced by increased levels of greenhouse gases in the earth's atmosphere. This growing sentiment and the concern over climate change have led to legislative and regulatory initiatives aimed at reducing greenhouse gas emissions. For example, proposals that would impose mandatory requirements on greenhouse gas emissions continue to be considered by policy makers in the United States. Laws enacted that directly or indirectly affect our suppliers (through an increase in the cost of production or their ability to produce satisfactory products) or our business (through an impact on our inventory availability, cost of sales, operations or demand for the products we sell) could adversely affect our business, financial condition, results of operations and cash flows. Significant increases in fuel economy requirements or new federal or state restrictions on emissions of carbon dioxide that may be imposed on vehicles and automobile fuels could adversely affect demand for vehicles, annual miles driven or the products we sell or lead to changes in automotive technology. Compliance with any new or more stringent laws or regulations, or stricter interpretations of existing laws, could require additional expenditures by us or our suppliers. Our inability to respond to changes in automotive technology could adversely impact the demand for our products and our business, financial condition, results of operations or cash flows.

The United States government may substantially increase border controls and impose restrictions on cross-border commerce that may substantially harm our business.

We purchase a substantial portion of our products from foreign manufacturers and other suppliers who source products internationally. Restrictions on shipping goods into the United States from other countries pose a substantial risk to our business. Particularly since the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, the United States government has substantially increased border surveillance and controls. If the United States were to impose further border controls and restrictions, impose quotas, tariffs or import duties, increase the documentation requirements applicable to cross border shipments or take other actions that have the effect of restricting the flow of goods from other countries to the United States, we may have greater difficulty acquiring our inventory in a timely manner, experience shipping delays, or incur increased costs and expenses, all of which would substantially harm our business and results of operations.

ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

None.

ITEM 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

ITEM 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

ITEM 5. Other Information

None.

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The following exhibits are filed herewith or incorporated by reference to the location indicated below:

Exhibit	
No.	Description
3.1	Second Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of U.S. Auto Parts Network, Inc. as filed with the Delaware Secretary of State on February 14, 2007 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 2, 2007)
3.2	Amended and Restated Bylaws of U.S. Auto Parts Network, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 2, 2007)
3.3	Certificate of Designation, Preferences and Rights of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock of U.S. Auto Parts Network, Inc. (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 25, 2013)
4.1*	Specimen common stock certificate
10.1	First Amendment to Credit Agreement, dated March 8, 2013, by and between U.S. Auto Parts Network, Inc., certain of its wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (incorporated by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2012)
10.2	Securities Purchase Agreement dated March 25, 2013 by and among U.S. Auto Parts Network, Inc. and the Purchasers listed therein (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 25, 2013)
10.3	Second Amendment to Credit Agreement dated as of March 25, 2013 by and between U.S. Auto Parts Network, Inc., certain of its wholly-owned domestic subsidiaries and JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 25, 2013)
10.4	Placement Agency Agreement dated March 27, 2013 by and between U.S. Auto Parts Network, Inc. and Roth Capital Partners, LLC (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 28, 2013)
10.5	Common Stock Purchase Agreement dated March 27, 2013 by and among U.S. Auto Parts Network, Inc. and the investors listed therein (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on March 28, 2013)
10.6	Purchase and Sale Agreement dated April 17, 2013 by and among Whitney Automotive Group, Inc. and STORE Capital Acquisitions, LLC (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 23, 2013)
10.7	Lease Agreement dated April 17, 2013 by and among U.S. Auto Parts Network, Inc. and STORE Master Funding III, LLC (incorporated by reference to the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on April 23, 2013)
31.1	Certification of the Principal Executive Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
31.2	Certification of the Principal Financial Officer required by Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended
32.1	Certification of the Chief Executive Officer required by 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
32.2	Certification of the Chief Financial Officer required by 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
101.INS "	XBRL Instance Document
101.SCH "	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
101.CAL "	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document
101.DEF "	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document
101.LAB "	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document
101.PRE "	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document

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- * Incorporated by reference to the exhibit of the same number from the registration statement on Form S-1 of U.S. Auto Parts Network, Inc. (File No. 333-138379) initially filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 2, 2006, as amended.
- + Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement
- .. Furnished herewith. In accordance with Rule 406T of Regulation S-T, the information in these exhibits shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to liability under that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

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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 on Form 10-Q to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: May 7, 2013

U.S. AUTO PARTS NETWORK, INC.

By: /s/ Shane Evangelist
Shane Evangelist
Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ David Robson
David Robson
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)