

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **March 24, 2021**

**Rush Enterprises, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Texas**  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**0-20797**  
(Commission File Number)

**74-1733016**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**555 IH-35 South, Suite 500**  
**New Braunfels, Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**78130**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(830) 302-5200**

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

Title of each class	Trading Symbol(s)	Name of each exchange on which registered
Class A Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	RUSHA	Nasdaq Global Select Market
Class B Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	RUSHB	Nasdaq Global Select Market

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.**

From time to time, senior management of Rush Enterprises, Inc. (the “Company”) meets with current and potential investors and business analysts. The Company intends to use the presentation furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K, and incorporated into this Item 7.01 by reference (the “Investor Presentation”), at these meetings over the next couple of months. The Company intends to post the Investor Presentation in the “Investor Relations” section of its website at [www.rushenterprises.com](http://www.rushenterprises.com). The Company reserves the right to discontinue the availability of the Investor Presentation at any time.

The information furnished in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, shall not be deemed to be “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, unless the Company specifically states that the information is to be considered “filed” under the Exchange Act or incorporates it by reference into a filing under the Exchange Act or the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) *Exhibits.*

99.1 [Rush Enterprises, Inc. Investor Presentation](#)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: March 24, 2021

RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC.

By: /s/ Steven L. Keller

Steven L. Keller

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer



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## DISCLOSURE/SAFE HARBOR

This presentation may contain forward-looking statements (as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act 1995). Any forward-looking statements are based on current expectations with respect to important risk factors. It is important to note that our actual results could materially differ from the results anticipated in any forward-looking statements that may be contained in this presentation. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from those in the forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, future growth rates and margins for certain of our products and services, future supply and demand for our products and services, the duration and severity of the COVID-19 pandemic, competitive factors, general economic conditions, cyclical, market conditions in the new and used commercial vehicle markets, customer relations, relationships with vendors, the interest rate environment, governmental regulation and supervision, seasonality, distribution networks, product introductions and acceptance, technological change, changes in industry practices and one-time events. In addition, the declaration and payment of cash dividends and authorization of future share repurchase programs remains at the sole discretion of the Company's Board of Directors and the issuance of future dividends and authorization of future share repurchase programs will depend upon the Company's financial results, cash requirements, future prospects, applicable law and other factors that may be deemed relevant by the Company's Board of Directors. Please refer to the documents that we have filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission for a discussion of these factors. We do not undertake any obligation to update any forward-looking statements contained in or incorporated in this presentation to reflect actual results, changes in assumptions or in other factors which may affect any forward-looking statements.

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## COMPANY OVERVIEW

- Full-service solutions provider to commercial vehicle industry
- 6,282 dedicated employees
- \$4.7B in revenue in 2020
- 30,513 trucks sold in 2020
- 5.5% U.S. Class 8 market share in 2020
- 4.9% U.S. Class 4-7 market share in 2020
- Aftermarket revenues account for 66.7% of company gross profit
- Dual class share structure
- Executed a 3:2 stock split in October 2020
- Increased quarterly dividend from \$0.14 to \$0.18 per share in Q1 2021



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# COMPANY AT A GLANCE



Rush Truck Centers  
Rush Refuse Systems  
Rush Crane Systems  
Rush Towing Systems  
Rush Bus Centers

Rush Truck Leasing  
Rush Truck Insurance  
House of Trucks  
Momentum Fuel Technologies

Custom Vehicle Solutions  
Perfection Truck Parts & Equipment  
Chrome Country  
World Wide Tires

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# ECONOMIC OUTLOOK AND COMMERCIAL VEHICLE MARKET

- Continued uncertainty due to COVID-19, but general economic industry conditions have improved
  - Housing, automotive, consumer spending expected to remain strong
  - Truck manufacturers increasing capacity
  - Supply chain issues may impact truck and parts availability and lead time in second half of 2021
- Class 8 and Class 4-7 commercial vehicles sales forecast to increase in 2021 – 2023
- Used truck values strengthened in second half of 2020; expected to remain strong
- Gradual recovery expected to continue in aftermarket



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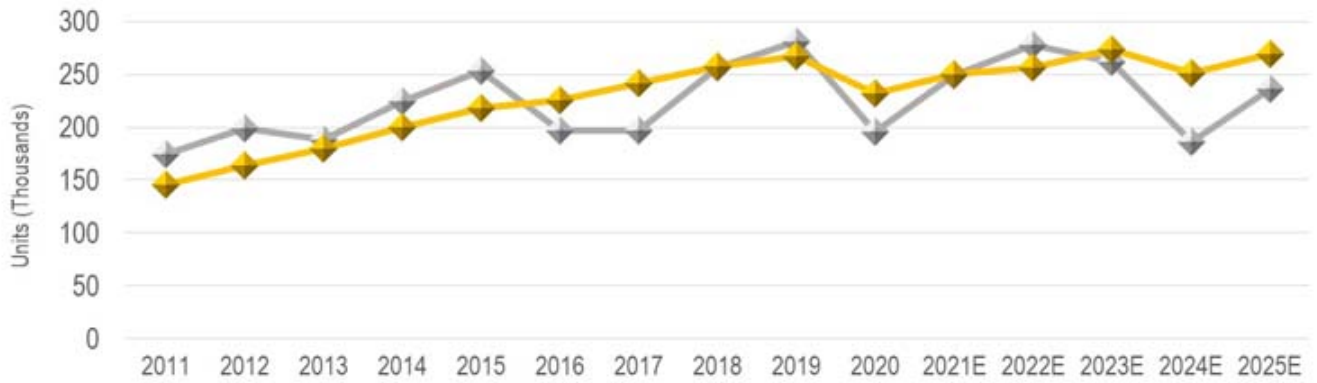
# LIQUIDITY AND EXPENSE MANAGEMENT

- Strong free cash flow; \$312.0M in cash as of December 2020
- \$100M line of credit, no outstanding draws
- Continuing to invest in strategic initiatives
- Authorized \$100M share repurchase program and increased dividend
- Rapidly implemented broad expense reduction measures through first half of 2021
- Disciplined expense management approach as business returns to normal levels



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# U.S. RETAIL TRUCK SALES PROJECTIONS TO 2025



Class 8	174	199	188	224	253	197	197	256	281	196	249	278	262	186	236
Class 4-7	146	164	180	200	218	226	242	258	267	232	250	257	274	251	269

Source: ACT Research

◆ Class 8

◆ Class 4-7

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# STRATEGIC GROWTH INITIATIVES

- Financial goals
  - \$7B in annual revenue
  - 5% pre-tax profit margin
- Growth goals and opportunities
  - Grow parts revenue to \$2B
  - Grow service and collision center revenue to \$600M
  - Increase U.S. Class 8 market share to 7.5%
  - Increase U.S. Class 4-7 market share to 6.5%
  - Increase RTL pre-tax margin to 7.0%
- Capital deployment
  - Disciplined investment in strategic growth
  - Consistent shareholder return program



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## RUSH TRUCK CENTERS

- Largest commercial vehicle dealer group in North America
- 118 locations in 22 states
- 50% ownership of Rush Truck Centres of Canada, 14 International locations in Ontario
- Class 3-8 commercial vehicle sales, full range of aftermarket solutions
- Broad market segment coverage
- Largest dealer group for Peterbilt, Navistar, Hino, Isuzu, growing with Ford
- Leasing and rental
- Finance and insurance services
- More than 5M square feet of premium facilities



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# RUSH TRUCK CENTERS NETWORK



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## SOLUTIONS NETWORK

- Capabilities for all makes and models
- Aftermarket parts
  - Over \$200M parts inventory
  - Genuine OEM and all-makes parts including proprietary Rig Tough and Premium Power powertrain parts
- Service and body shop
  - 2,379 service bays, 2,156 technicians;  
26 collision centers
  - 487 mobile and embedded technicians
  - CNG/LNG service capabilities



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# TECHNOLOGY AND CUSTOMER SERVICE INNOVATION

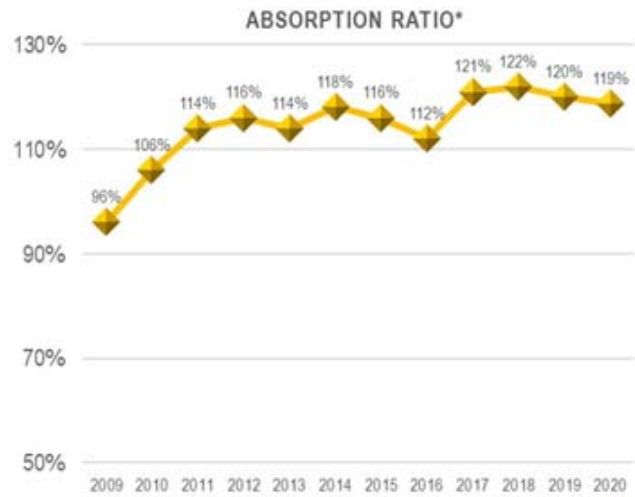
- RushCare Parts Connect
- RushCare Service Connect
- RushCare Telematics Solutions
  - Custom fault code monitoring system
  - OEM/component supplier support
- RushCare Rapid Parts and Rapid Service call centers
- Nationwide call center and dedicated service concierge team
- Parts sales analytics to drive efficiencies and increase sales



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# ABSORPTION PERFORMANCE

- Critical metric for dealership efficiency
- Measures less cyclical gross profit compared to controllable expenses
- 118.7% overall in 2020
- 132.9% in Q4 2020

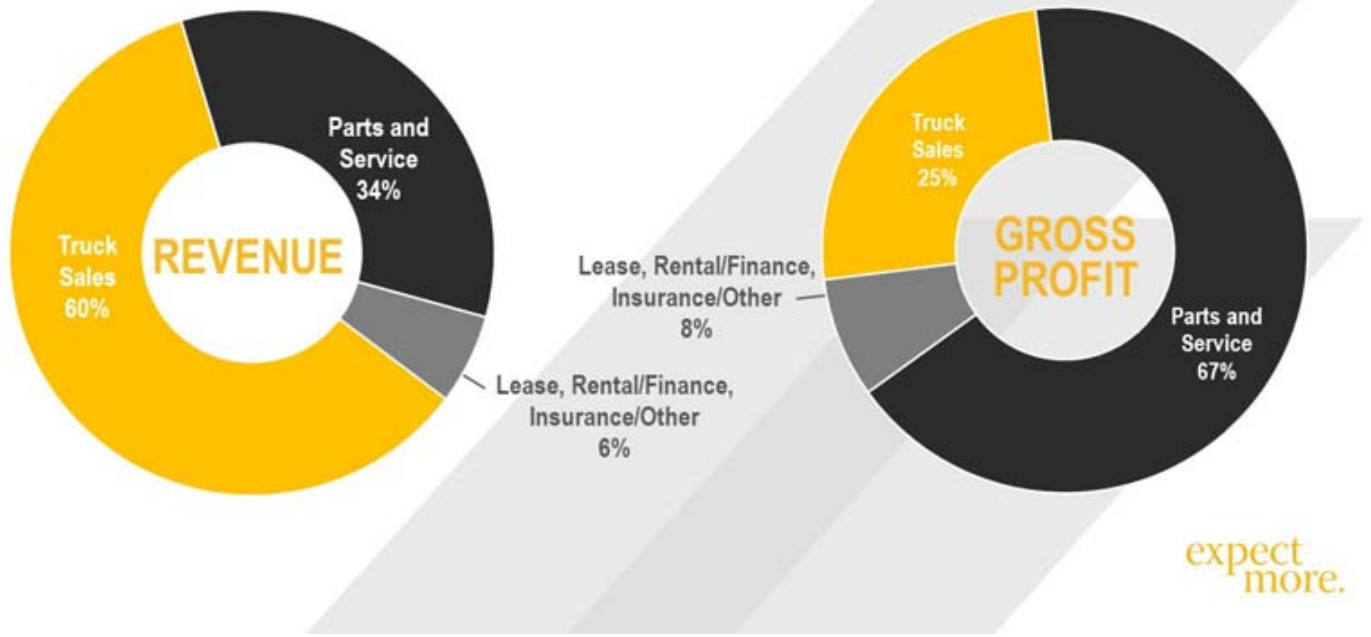


\*Absorption ratio is calculated by dividing the gross profit from the parts, service and collision center departments of a dealership by the overhead expenses of all of a dealership's departments, except for the selling expenses of new and used commercial vehicles and the carrying costs of the new and used commercial vehicle inventory.

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# QUALITY OF EARNINGS 2020



# RUSH ENTERPRISES ANNUAL TRUCK SALES



# VEHICLE FRANCHISES

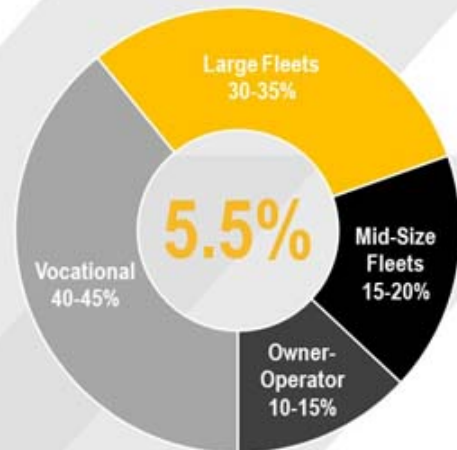
- Peterbilt, Class 6-8 – 62 locations, 11 states
- International, Class 5-8 – 42 locations, 9 states, 50% ownership of 14 locations in Canada
- Ford, Class 3-7 – 9 locations, 7 states
- Hino, Class 5-7 – 33 locations, 9 states
- Isuzu, Class 4-5 – 26 locations, 9 states
- Blue Bird – 23 locations, 1 state
- Collins – 32 locations, 1 state
- Elkhart – 15 locations, 1 state
- IC Bus – 30 locations, 7 states
- Jerr-Dan – 5 locations, 3 states
- PacLease – 25 locations, 10 states
- Idealease – 19 locations, 9 states



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# CLASS 8 CUSTOMERS

- Rush Enterprises 2020 U.S. Class 8 market share – 5.5%
- Strong vocational component
- Large fleets consolidating
- Private mid-size fleets remain viable
- Independent owner-operator now variable component of truckload carrier



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# CLASS 4-7 CUSTOMERS

- Rush Enterprises 2020 U.S. Class 4-7 market share – 4.9%
- Vocational and specialty markets
- Ready-to-Roll®
- National fleet accounts
- Market tied closely to general economy



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# RUSH TRUCK LEASING

- Full-service leasing and rental
- Lease trucks captive source for parts and service revenue
- PacLease and Idealease franchises
- 44 locations including 4 captive shops
- 8,104 units in truck fleet, including cranes
- 1,407 units under contract fleet maintenance
- Growing need by customers for outsourced maintenance
- Rental utilization and variable revenue negatively impacted by COVID-19



## HISTORICAL RESULTS

\$ in Millions, except per share amounts	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Revenue	\$4,214.6	\$4,713.9	\$5,506.2	\$5,809.8	\$4,735.9
Gross profit	\$718.0	\$829.9	\$978.3	\$1,025.6	\$875.5
Gross profit margin	17.0%	17.6%	17.8%	17.7%	18.5%
Adjusted EBIT (1)*	\$76.0	\$138.7	\$205.6	\$190.6	\$149.9
Adjusted EBIT margin*	1.8%	2.9%	3.7%	3.3%	3.2%
Net income	\$40.6	\$172.1	\$139.1	\$141.6	\$114.9
Adjusted net income (1)*	\$46.0	\$89.3	\$154.9	\$141.6	\$114.9
EPS (2)	\$0.67	\$2.80	\$2.30	\$2.51	\$2.04
Adjusted EPS (1)*	\$0.75	\$1.45	\$2.57	\$2.51	\$2.04

(1) Excludes a one-time charge related to restructuring charges and real estate impairment in 2016, a one-time benefit related to tax reform legislation in 2017, and a one-time charge related to impairment of the Company's ERP platform in 2018.

(2) EPS for all periods presented has been adjusted and restated to reflect the stock split which occurred on October 12, 2020.

\*Non-GAAP financial measure. See Appendix.

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## ADJUSTED RETURN ON INVESTED CAPITAL

\$ in Thousands	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Total debt (GAAP)	\$1,335,441	\$1,473,230	\$1,693,306	\$1,716,384	\$1,158,553
Adjustments:					
Debt related to lease and rental fleet	(\$579,819)	(\$598,512)	(\$589,933)	(\$661,191)	(\$601,272)
Floor plan notes payable	(\$646,945)	(\$778,561)	(\$1,023,019)	(\$996,336)	(\$511,786)
Adjusted total debt	\$108,677	\$96,157	\$80,354	\$58,857	\$45,495
Cash and cash equivalents	(\$82,026)	(\$124,541)	(\$131,726)	(\$181,620)	(\$312,048)
Adjusted net (cash) debt*	\$26,651	(\$28,384)	(\$51,372)	(\$122,763)	(\$266,553)
Shareholders' equity	\$862,825	\$1,040,373	\$1,066,928	\$1,159,493	\$1,268,037
Adjusted invested capital*	\$889,476	\$1,011,989	\$1,015,556	\$1,036,730	\$1,001,484
Adjusted return on invested capital (1)*	8.5%	14.6%	20.3%	18.6%	14.7%

(1) Calculated by dividing adjusted EBIT by adjusted average invested capital. For interim periods the calculation is made using the previous twelve months' results. Excludes a one-time charge related to restructuring charges and real estate impairment in 2016; a one-time benefit related to tax reform legislation in 2017; and a one-time charge related to impairment of the Company's ERP platform in 2018.

\*Non-GAAP financial measure – see Appendix

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## FREE CASH FLOW

\$ in Thousands	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Net cash provided by operations	\$521,170	\$152,737	\$215,364	\$421,272	\$762,982
Acquisition of property/equipment	(\$196,965)	(\$209,917)	(\$238,260)	(\$293,493)	(\$136,200)
Free cash flow*	\$324,205	(\$57,180)	(\$22,896)	\$127,779	\$626,782
Adjustments:					
Draws (payments) on floor plan financing, net	(\$211,802)	\$112,261	\$167,812	(\$104)	(\$369,592)
Proceeds from lease/rental debt	\$121,188	\$152,562	\$156,751	\$210,042	\$88,434
Principal payments on lease/rental debt	(\$168,644)	(\$144,998)	(\$163,734)	(\$169,921)	(\$180,212)
Non-maintenance capital expenditures	\$45,003	\$28,734	\$39,268	\$43,123	\$13,547
Adjusted free cash flow*	\$109,950	\$91,379	\$177,201	\$210,919	\$178,959

\*Non-GAAP financial measure. See Appendix.

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## APPENDIX

This presentation contains certain Non-GAAP financial measures as defined under SEC rules, such as Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBIT, Adjusted EBIT Margin, Adjusted Net Income, Adjusted EPS, Adjusted Total Debt, Adjusted Net Debt, Adjusted Invested Capital, Adjusted Return on Invested Capital, Free Cash Flow, and Adjusted Free Cash Flow. The Company presents Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted EBIT, Adjusted Net Income, and Adjusted EPS as additional information about its operating results.

Management believes the presentation of these Non-GAAP financial measures provides useful information about the results of operations of the Company for the current and past periods. Management believes that investors should have the same information available to them that management uses to assess the Company's operating performance and capital structure. These Non-GAAP financial measures should not be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the most comparable GAAP financial measures. Investors are cautioned that Non-GAAP financial measures utilized by the Company may not be comparable to similarly titled Non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies.

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# APPENDIX RECONCILIATION

Adjusted Net Income and EPS

\$ in Millions, except per share amounts	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
Net income	\$40,582	\$172,129	\$139,062	\$141,583	\$114,887
Adjustments:					
Restructuring charges, net of tax	\$5,425	–	–	–	–
ERP platform write-off, net of tax	–	–	\$15,886	–	–
Tax adjustment	–	(\$82,862)	–	–	–
Adjusted Net Income* (1)	\$46,007	\$89,267	\$154,948	\$141,583	\$114,887
Diluted shares outstanding EPS	60,905	61,470	60,440	56,356	56,242
EPS (2)	\$0.67	\$2.80	\$2.30	\$2.51	\$2.04
Adjusted EPS* (2)	\$0.76	\$1.45	\$2.56	\$2.51	\$2.04

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Provision for Income Taxes	\$29,372	\$47,132	\$44,107	\$47,940	\$36,936
Interest expense	\$14,279	\$12,310	\$19,682	\$28,807	\$9,014
Depreciation and amortization	\$51,261	\$50,069	\$70,489	\$55,372	\$57,456
Asset impairment/charge, net of tax	–	–	(\$15,886)	–	–
(Gain) Loss on sales of assets	(\$1,755)	\$105	(\$297)	\$102	(\$1,852)
EBITDA*	\$139,164	\$198,883	\$273,043	\$273,804	\$216,341
Adjustments:					
Interest expense associated with floor plan notes payable	(\$11,901)	(\$10,121)	(\$17,839)	(\$27,811)	(\$8,078)
Adjusted EBITDA*	\$127,263	\$188,762	\$255,204	\$245,993	\$208,263
Depreciation and amortization	(\$51,261)	(\$50,069)	(\$49,580)	(\$55,372)	(\$57,456)
Adjusted EBIT*	\$76,002	\$138,693	\$205,624	\$190,621	\$150,807

\*Non-GAAP financial measure

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