

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 20, 2018**

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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))

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. 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](#)

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.

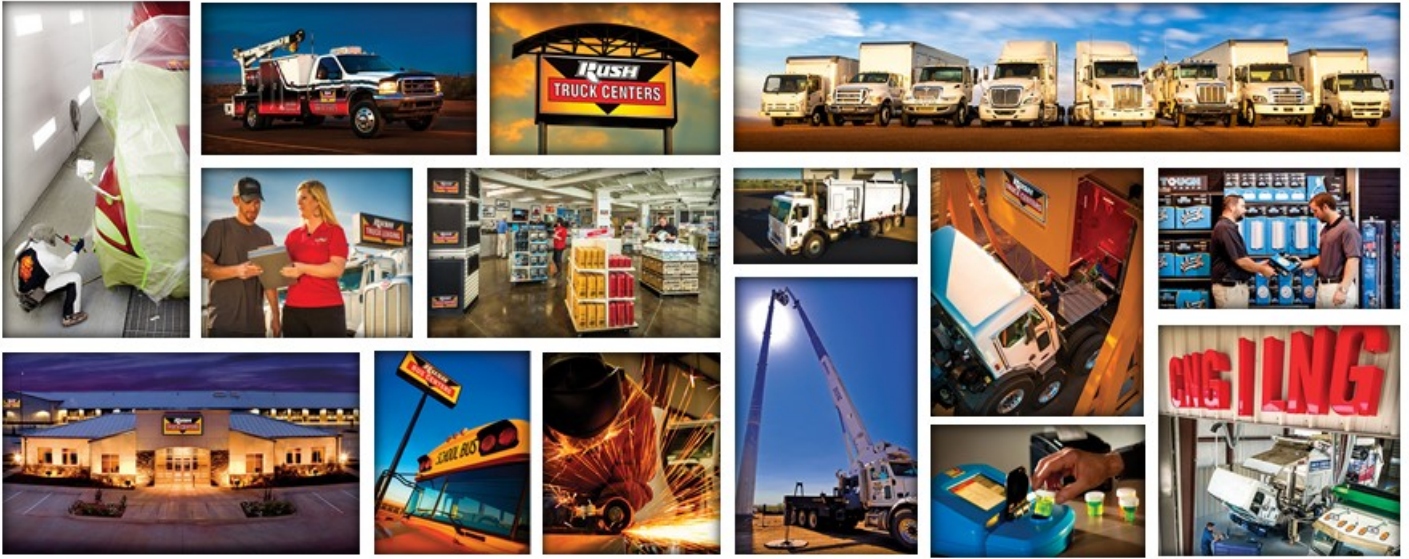
RUSH ENTERPRISES, INC.

Dated: March 20, 2018

By: /s/ Steven L. Keller
Steven L. Keller
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
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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, competitive factors, general economic conditions, cyclicalities, 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. 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.

Company Overview

- Full service solutions provider to commercial vehicle industry
- 6,700 dedicated employees
- \$4.7 billion in revenue in 2017
- 32,756 trucks sold in 2017
- 4.5-6.6% U.S. Class 4-8 market share in 2017
- A and B common shares due to voting control requirements included in Peterbilt dealer agreements prior to IPO

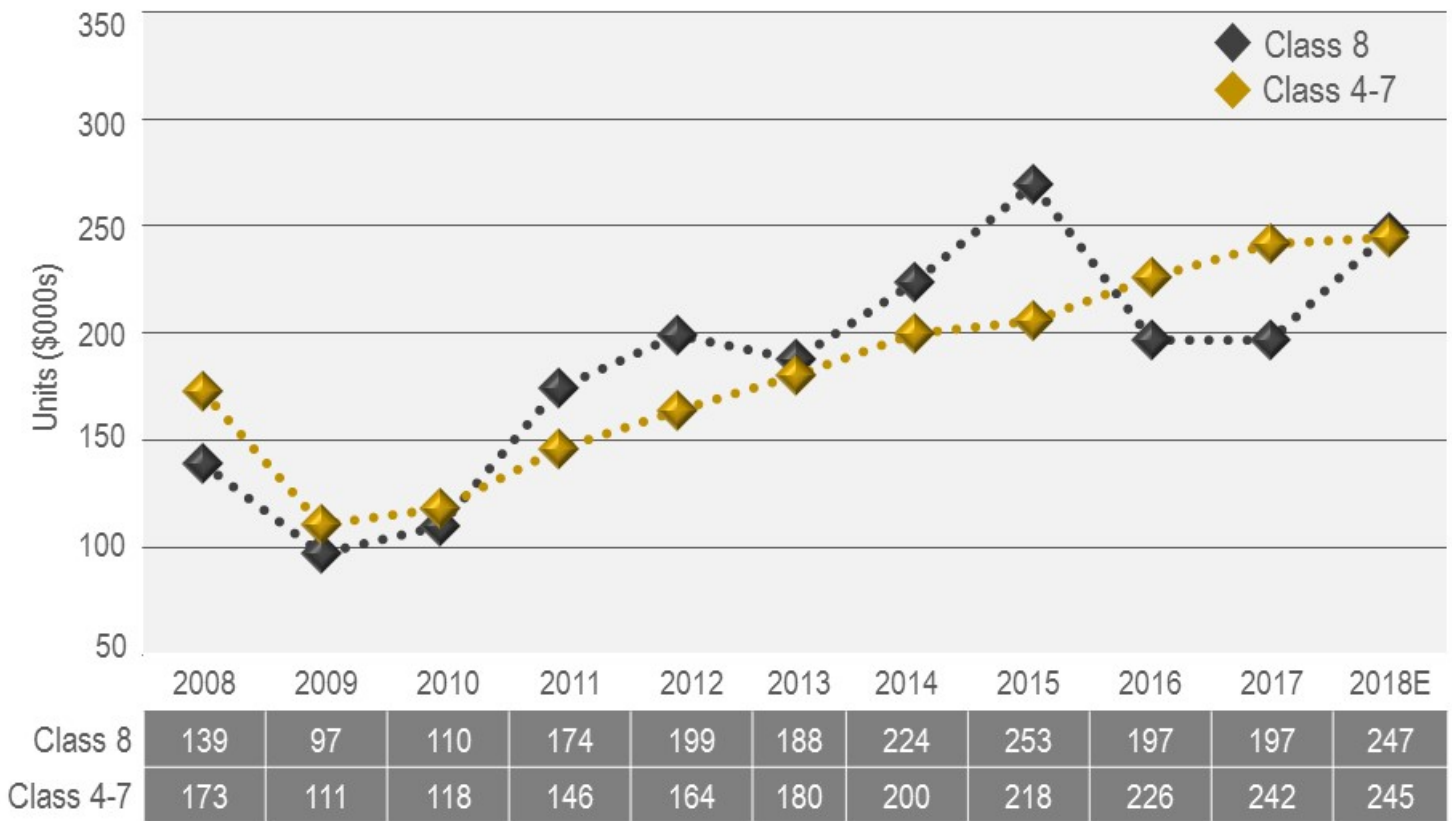


Commercial Vehicle Market

- Economic improvement positively impacting truck sales and aftermarket services
 - Continued strength in vocational markets
 - Stable general freight environment
 - Over-the-road fleet market growing
- Used truck values have stabilized, increased used truck supply is coming
- Alternative fuel vehicles adoption rate slowed but remains long-term growth opportunity
- Credit availability is improving



US Retail Truck Sales



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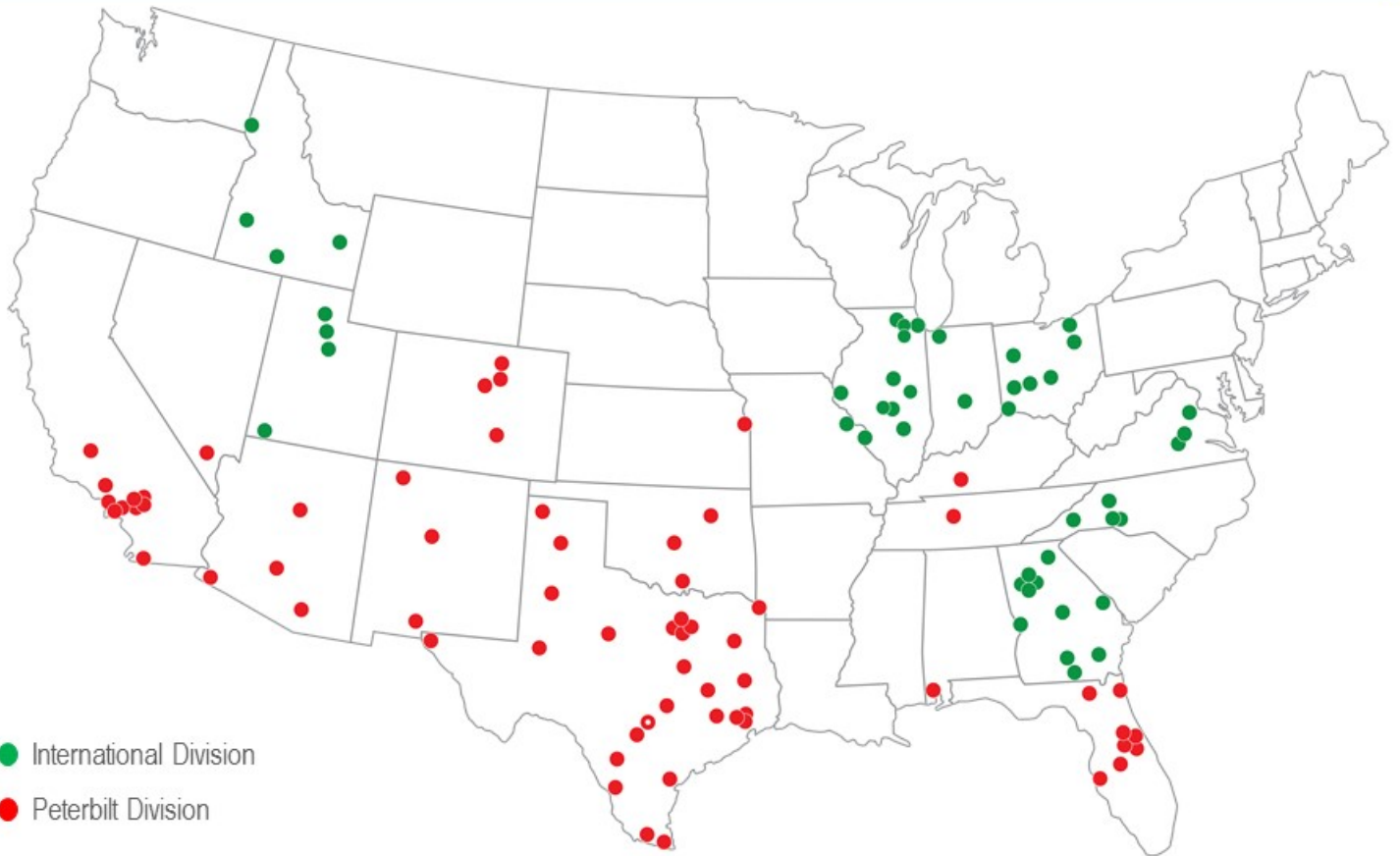
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Rush Truck Centers

- Largest commercial vehicle dealer group in North America
- More than 100 locations in 21 states
- Class 3-8 truck sales, full range of aftermarket solutions
- Broad market segment coverage
- Largest dealer group for Peterbilt, Navistar, Hino, Isuzu, hope to grow with Ford
- Leasing and rental
- Financial and insurance services
- Over 4 million square feet of premium facilities



Rush Truck Centers Network



Solutions Network

- 100+ locations support all Rush businesses
- Capabilities for all makes and models
- Aftermarket parts
 - More than \$201 million parts inventory
 - Proprietary Rig Tough truck parts
 - RushCare Rapid Parts call centers
- Service and body shop
 - 2,428 service bays; 2,266 technicians; 29 collision centers
 - Complete range of maintenance solutions
 - 465 mobile service units
 - 235 contract technicians in customer shops
 - RushCare service and technology solutions
 - CNG/LNG service capabilities



Natural Gas Sales and Service

- Natural gas-powered vehicles remain long-term growth opportunity
- Rush sales – more than 5,600 units since 2005
- Sales support
 - Green consultant
 - Sales specialists
- Parts and service support
 - Natural gas operations manager
 - 27 dedicated CNG locations
 - Natural gas service included in all new facility construction and expansion
 - Mobile service
 - 127 certified technicians
- Natural gas fuel system installation

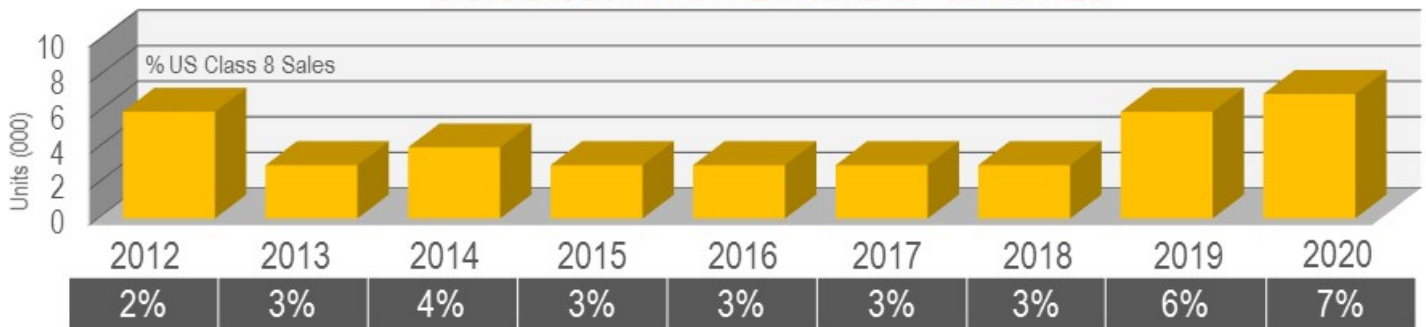


Momentum Fuel Technologies

- Innovative design and manufacturing
- Advanced safety features
- Installation expertise
- Nationwide service network
- Multiple configurations serving over-the-road, refuse, construction, beverage, bulk haul and transit



U.S. CLASS 8 NATURAL GAS ADOPTION RATES

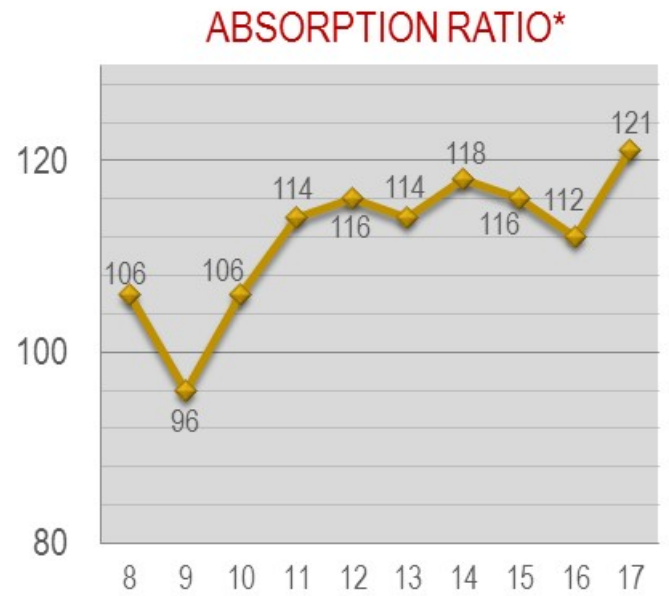


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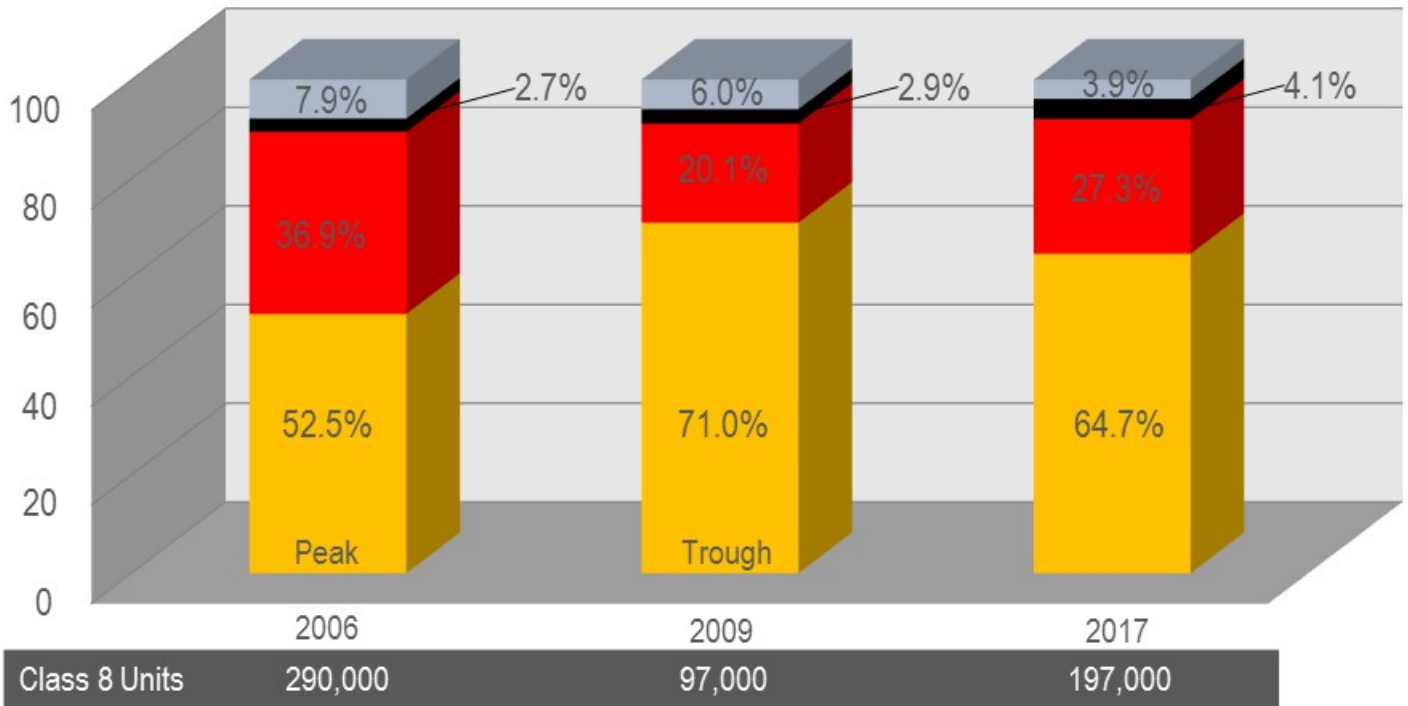
Absorption Performance

- Critical metric for dealership efficiency
- Measures less cyclical gross profit compared to controllable expenses
- Above 95% in recession due to efficient expense management
- Entered up cycle at 106%
- 121% overall in 2017



*Absorption ratio is calculated by dividing the gross profit from the parts, service and body shop 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.

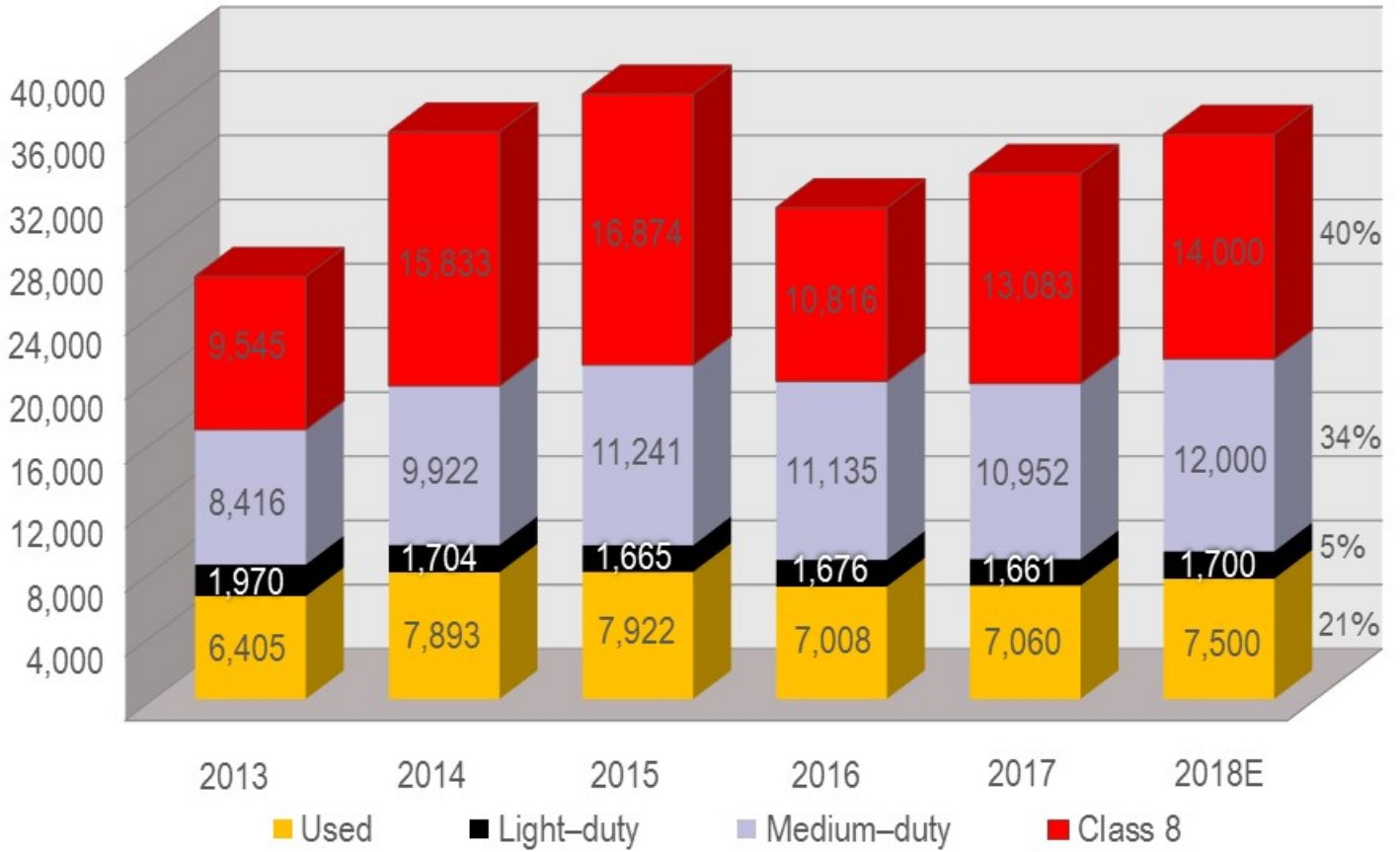
Quality of Earnings



2017 GP Margin Truck Sales 7.6% | Parts/Service 36.5% | Rental and Leasing 15.8%

■ Parts and Service
 ■ Truck Sales
 ■ Leasing & Rental
 ■ Other

Rush Annual Truck Sales



Commercial Vehicle Franchises

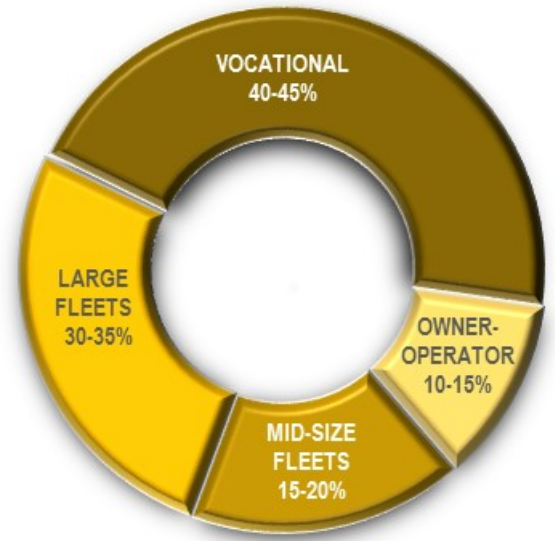
Peterbilt, Class 6-8 – 55 locations, 11 states
International, Class 5-8 – 45 locations, 9 states
Ford, Class 3-7 – 8 locations, 7 states
Hino, Class 5-7 – 31 locations, 9 states
Isuzu, Class 4-5 – 25 locations, 9 states
Mitsubishi Fuso, Class 4-5 – 5 locations, 3 states
Blue Bird – 18 locations, 1 state
Collins – 24 locations, 1 state
Elkhart – 17 locations, 1 state
IC Bus – 33 locations, 7 states
Jerr-Dan – 30 locations, 4 states
PacLease – 30 locations, 10 states
Idealease – 28 locations, 9 states



Rush Class 8 Customers

Rush 2017 US Class 8 market share – 6.6%

- Strong vocational component
- Large fleets consolidating
- Private mid-size fleets remain viable
- Independent owner-operator now variable component of truckload carrier



Rush Class 4-7 Customers

Rush 2017 US Class 4-7 market share – 4.5%

- Vocational and specialty markets
- Ready-to-roll inventory
- National fleet accounts
- Market tied closely to the general economy



Rush Truck Leasing

- Full service leasing and rental
- Lease trucks captive source for parts and service revenue
- PacLease and Idealease franchises
- 66 locations including 4 captive shops
- 7,841 units in truck fleet; 1,189 units under contract maintenance
- Growing need by customers for outsourced maintenance



LEASING AND RENTAL REVENUE



Strategic Growth Initiatives

- 2022 financial goals
 - \$7.0 billion in annual revenue
 - 5% pretax profit margin
- Growth goals and opportunities
 - Grow parts revenue from \$1 billion to \$2 billion
 - Grow service and body shop revenue from \$385 million to \$540 million
 - Increase Momentum Fuel Technologies market share to 30%
 - Increase U.S. Class 8 market share to 7.5%
 - Increase U.S. Class 4-7 market share to 6.2%
 - Increase RTL pretax margin to 4.6%
- Capital deployment
 - Disciplined investment in strategic growth
 - Consistent shareholder return program



Company at a Glance

Rush Truck Centers
Rush Bus Centers
Rush Refuse Systems
Rush Crane Systems
Rush Towing Systems
Rush Truck Leasing
Rush Truck Insurance Services
Rig Tough Truck Parts
Rig Tough Used Trucks
Momentum Fuel Technologies
Custom Vehicle Solutions
Perfection Truck Parts & Equipment
Chrome Country
World Wide Tires



Historical Results

\$ in millions, except per share amounts	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Revenue	\$3,384.7	\$4,727.4	\$4,979.7	\$4,214.6	\$4,713.9
Gross Profit	\$572.0	\$756.0	\$784.9	\$718.0	\$829.9
Gross Profit Margin	16.9%	16.0%	15.8%	17.0%	17.6%
Adjusted EBIT (1)*	\$95.4	\$133.2	\$108.8	\$76.0	\$138.7
Adjusted EBIT Margin*	2.8 %	2.8%	2.2%	1.8%	2.9%
Net Income	\$49.2	\$80.0	\$66.1	\$40.6	\$172.1
Adjusted Net Income (1)*	\$55.8	\$82.0	\$66.1	\$46.0	\$89.3
EPS	\$1.22	\$1.96	\$1.61	\$1.00	\$4.20
Adjusted EPS (1)*	\$1.38	\$2.01	\$1.61	\$1.13	\$2.18

(1) Excludes one-time charges related to W. Marvin Rush retirement accruals in 2013; a one-time charge related to impairment of the company's aircraft in 2014; and a one-time charge related to restructuring charges and real estate impairment in 2016; and a one time benefit related to tax reform legislation in 2017.

*Non-GAAP financial measure – see Appendix

Adjusted Return on Invested Capital

\$ in thousands	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Total debt	\$1,121,897	\$1,487,641	\$1,586,278	\$1,335,441	\$1,473,230
Adjustments					
Debt related to lease and rental fleet	(\$413,066)	(\$539,426)	(\$603,894)	(\$579,819)	(\$598,512)
Floor plan notes payable	(\$593,649)	(\$845,977)	(\$854,758)	(\$646,945)	(\$778,561)
Adjusted total debt*	\$115,182	\$102,238	\$127,626	\$108,677	\$96,157
Cash and cash equivalents	(\$217,305)	(\$191,463)	(\$64,847)	(\$82,026)	(\$124,541)
Adjusted net (cash) debt*	(\$102,123)	(\$89,225)	\$62,779	\$26,651	(\$28,384)
Shareholders' equity	\$665,381	\$764,339	\$844,897	\$862,825	\$1,040,373
Adjusted invested capital*	\$563,258	\$675,114	\$907,676	\$889,476	\$1,011,989
Adjusted return on invested capital (1)*	17.4%	21.5%	13.7%	8.5%	14.6%

(1) Calculated by dividing adjusted EBIT by adjusted average invested capital. For interim periods the calculation is made using the previous twelve months' results.

*Non-GAAP financial measure – see Appendix

Free Cash Flow

\$ in thousands	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Net cash provided by (used in) operations	\$173,488	\$88,937	\$227,250	\$521,170	\$152,737
Acquisition of property/equipment	(\$191,584)	(\$260,820)	(\$367,790)	(\$196,965)	(\$209,917)
Free cash flow*	(\$18,096)	(\$171,883)	(\$140,540)	\$324,205	(\$57,180)
Adjustments:					
Draws (payments) on floor plan financing, net	\$46,085	\$207,458	\$31,568	(\$211,802)	\$112,261
Proceeds from lease/rental debt	\$161,767	\$214,622	\$162,497	\$121,188	\$152,562
Principal payments on lease/rental debt	(\$90,018)	(\$112,414)	(\$138,813)	(\$168,644)	(\$144,998)
Debt proceeds related to acquisitions	(\$23,939)	(\$43,317)	(\$5,645)	\$0	\$0
Non-maintenance capital expenditures	\$32,644	\$63,256	\$138,190	\$45,003	\$28,734
Adjusted free cash flow*	\$108,443	\$157,722	\$47,257	\$109,950	\$91,379

*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.

Appendix Reconciliation Adjusted Net income and EPS

In thousands, except per share amounts	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Net Income	\$49,217	\$79,957	\$66,053	\$40,582	\$172,129
Adjustments					
Restructuring charges, net of tax				\$5,425	
W. Marvin Rush retirement payment accrual, net of tax	\$6,574				
Aircraft impairment charge, net of tax		\$2,083			
Revaluation of deferred tax liabilities					(\$82,862)
Adjusted Net Income*	\$55,791	\$82,040	\$66,053	\$46,007	\$89,267
Diluted shares outstanding EPS	40,506	40,894	41,093	40,603	40,980
EPS	\$1.22	\$1.96	\$1.61	\$1.00	\$4.20
Adjusted EPS*	\$1.38	\$2.01	\$1.61	\$1.13	\$2.18

*Non-GAAP financial measure

Appendix Reconciliation Adjusted EBITDA and EBIT

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Adjusted Net Income*	\$55,791	\$82,040	\$66,053	\$46,007	\$89,267
Provision for Income Taxes	\$36,047	\$50,586	\$41,750	\$29,372	\$47,132
Interest expense	\$10,693	\$11,198	\$13,473	\$14,279	\$12,310
Depreciation and amortization	\$29,925	\$40,786	\$43,859	\$51,261	\$50,069
Aircraft impairment charge, net of tax		(\$2,083)			
(Gain) Loss on sales of assets	(\$5)	(\$151)	\$544	(\$1,755)	\$105
EBITDA*	\$132,451	\$182,376	\$165,679	\$139,164	\$198,883
Adjustment					
Interest expense associated with floor plan notes payable	(\$7,089)	(\$8,432)	(\$13,054)	(\$11,901)	(\$10,121)
Adjusted EBITDA*	\$125,362	\$173,944	\$152,625	\$127,263	\$188,762
Depreciation and amortization	(\$29,925)	(\$40,786)	(\$43,859)	(\$51,261)	(\$50,069)
Adjusted EBIT*	\$95,437	\$133,158	\$108,776	\$76,002	\$138,693

*Non-GAAP financial measure