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## Echlin® Continues to Expand Tech Expert® Oil Filter Housing Program

NEW YORK, N.Y., February 7, 2025 – Echlin<sup>®</sup> is pleased to announce the continued expansion of its line of Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> Oil Filter Housing Kits and Assemblies. Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> Oil Filter Housing Kits feature design improvements over the OE units, are application-specific, not universal, and are assembled from the factory with the sensors and oil filter already installed, and include new hardware and manifold gaskets.

Original equipment oil filter housings, like those on Pentastar V6 engines, are prone to failing and leaking oil from several problem areas. Echlin<sup>®</sup> engineers meticulously study the OE units and design improvements to address the weak points in the OE housings. For example, the core plugs on the front of the OE housing are installed without any seals or O-rings which can lead to oil leaks. Echlin<sup>®</sup> installs an O-ring on each core plug before ultrasonically welding them into the housing, creating a positive, long-lasting seal. Additionally, these housings are constructed using Zytel<sup>®</sup>, a high-strength, heat-resistant synthetic material.

Pentastar oil filter housings may look similar, but there are distinct differences between model years, such as oil filter flow rates and temperature and pressure sensor changes. Echlin<sup>®</sup> takes these differences into account and has introduced six part numbers for Pentastar applications, ensuring a vehicle-specific, not universal, fit and performance. Most recently, Echlin<sup>®</sup> introduced the EOF136, a versatile product that fits 2018-16 Chrysler, Dodge, and Jeep vehicles like the 2018-17 Jeep Grand Cherokee and 2018-16 Dodge Durango.

In addition to its full coverage for Pentastar applications, Echlin<sup>®</sup> offers Oil Filter Housing Kits and Assemblies for many other vehicles. New coverage has recently been released for the 2023-16 Toyota Tacoma, 2019-17 Infiniti QX30, 2019-15 Ford Transit and more.

Inside the Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> box is an Oil Filter Housing Kit that is factory assembled and includes everything needed for a complete, correct installation. The oil filter, cap and sensors are already installed and torqued to the manufacturer's specifications. All Tech Expert<sup>®</sup> Oil Filter Housing Kits include the required gaskets, seals, and hardware, and match the thermal characteristics of the original design for correct oil cooling.

All new applications are listed in the catalog found at <u>NAPAEchlin.com</u> and in electronic catalog providers.

## About Echlin®

Echlin<sup>®</sup> engineers and manufactures top-quality ignition & electrical, emissions, fuel, wire, power management, sensors, safety-related systems components and more for import and domestic vehicles. This full line of premium automotive products includes diesel components, turbochargers, TPMS, VVT,

ADAS and thousands of sensors and switches. NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin's line of high-quality parts are unrivaled for their superior quality, original match and comprehensive coverage. For more information, visit <u>NAPAEchlin.com</u>. NAPA<sup>®</sup> Echlin<sup>®</sup> Looks Right. Fits Right. Performs Right.

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