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## **Hopkins Acquires Lumax**

**EMPORIA, KS. January 6, 2022** – Hopkins Manufacturing Corporation announced today that it has acquired Charlotte, North Carolina based Lumax LLC, one of the leaders in grease guns, grease fittings, pumps and fluid management related products in North America.

The acquisition strengthens Hopkins' leadership position in fluid management products, which adds grease guns and related products to complement its market leading fluid management business. In addition to lubrication products, the Lumax product line includes funnels and drains, pumps and accessories, oil measurers, and filter wrenches.

"We are pleased to add the Lumax products to our portfolio. This is the fourth acquisition we have made in growing the fluid management product category," said Bradley T. Kraft, President and Chief Executive Officer of Hopkins. "The addition of Lumax provides us with the broadest line available of fluid management products for our customers," added Mr. Kraft.

"We are excited with the reach of Hopkins and their ability to further grow the Lumax product line" said Harry Amin, President and Chief Executive Officer of Lumax. "Hopkins' incredible focus on innovation, combined with their outstanding reputation in the industry and the fit with the FloTool line of products makes them the perfect partner for our line!"

Hopkins will transfer the distribution of the Lumax line to its primary Distribution Center in Edgerton, Kansas, where it currently distributes its towing, cleaning, fluid management, vehicle accessory and other product lines.

Recent acquisitions by Hopkins include the **Roadsport** line of splash guards, **Loxcreen** automotive products, **Tiger Accessory Group**, a leader in trailer and auxiliary lighting and cleaning products; **Acme Chamois®**, the leader in automotive chamois, **Air Power America®**, the leader of oil extraction technology for automotive and marine engines, **Bell Automotive Products**, interior and vehicle accessories; **Mallory®**, the market leader in Canada for snow tools and in North America for gas station squeegees; the fluid management drain pans and ramps of **F3 Brands**; **Mr. Funnel®**, a simple but effective line of portable fuel filters that remove water, dirt and debris from all types of fuels; and **TowDaddy®** line of towed vehicle wire harness kits.

### **About Hopkins**

Headquartered in Emporia, Kansas, Hopkins is a leading manufacturer, marketer and distributor of quality, innovative specialized towing products and functional accessories for the automotive and recreational vehicle aftermarkets. Hopkins markets its products under a number of well-recognized brand names, including: **Flo-Tool®** and **Lumax®** Fluid Management Products; **Hopkins Towing Solutions®** Trailer Wiring, Lighting & Brake Control Products; **Detailer's Choice**, **AutoSpa™**, **Tanner's Select®** and **Pacific Coast™** Vehicle Cleaning Products; **Mallory®** squeegees; **Bell®**, **Victor™**, **Monkey Grip™**, **RoadSport®** and **Go Gear®** Vehicle Accessories; **Sub-Zero®** and **Mallory®** Snow & Ice Tools; **BrakeBuddy®** RV tow brakes; **Blazer®** auxiliary lighting; **nVISION®** Vehicle Safety Products; and **Arm & Hammer™** Automotive Air Fresheners. Founded in 1953, the company has been guided by the philosophy that its products will deliver meaningful innovation, performance and value to the consumer. Hopkins has North American manufacturing and distribution in the US, (i.e., Kansas and Oklahoma); in Canada in Blenheim, Ontario and in Mexico in Juarez, Chihuahua. ONCAP invested in Hopkins in June 2011. For more information on Hopkins, visit its website at [www.HopkinsMfg.com](http://www.HopkinsMfg.com).

### **About Lumax**

Lumax was founded in 1999 by the Amin family and has grown to become an innovative leader in grease guns, grease fittings, pumps and fluid management accessories.

### **About ONCAP**

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