New Jersey

BP’s economic investment

The northern New Jersey township of Wayne serves as the Western Hemisphere headquarters of Castrol, BP’s world-class lubricants brand. In New Jersey as a whole, nearly 300 BP employees and contractors provide research, testing, marketing and retail services for Castrol products.

The three-story building in Wayne where employees now work first opened in 1986, after Castrol moved its regional headquarters out of New York City. BP acquired Castrol in 2000 and has expanded the Wayne facility to keep up with the growth of the business. Today, it represents the largest concentration of BP workers anywhere in the eastern United States.

Castrol is America’s No. 1 motor oil brand for consumers who change their own oil. In fact, it accounts for 23 out of every 100 gallons of consumer motor oil purchased in U.S. stores.

For more than a century, Castrol has pioneered innovative technologies that can be used in extreme environments — from the deepest oceans on Earth to the surface of Mars. In May 2018, NASA once again turned to Castrol lubricants to support its latest mission, the Mars InSight lander.

Using advanced technology and carbon offsets, Castrol offers a growing number of carbon-neutral lubricants and engine oils.

In 2017, for example, Castrol introduced EDGE Bio-Synthetic, a carbon-neutral motor oil made with 25 percent plant-based oil derived from sustainably produced sugar cane, as certified by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The performance of EDGE Bio-Synthetic highlights the natural lubricating properties of plants.

Castrol also makes other carbon-neutral engine oils (Professional), along with carbon-neutral lubricants for the wind industry (Optigear) and carbon-neutral lubricants for the commercial trucking industry (VECTON).

In 2015, it launched the Nexcel oil cell, a revolutionary technology that represents one of the most significant oil change innovations in automotive history. An easy-to-change unit containing both engine oil and filter, the Nexcel oil cell is designed to reduce tailpipe carbon dioxide emissions, improve vehicle servicing and increase the recycling of used oil.

Many Castrol engine oils contain BP’s proprietary S3 additive chemistry, developed at its New Jersey technology center. These advanced lubricants maintain their viscosity while helping improve the cleanliness of today’s high-performance engines.

In addition to their day jobs, BP and Castrol employees volunteer time and donate funds to provide meals, clothing and support to a food bank and homeless shelter called Eva’s Village, which is located in nearby Paterson. Elsewhere in Paterson, Castrol donates valuable equipment to St. Joseph’s Regional Medical Center.

Beyond its Castrol business, BP owns a 25 percent interest in New Jersey’s Carteret terminal through a joint venture with Kinder Morgan, which operates the terminal. Located in the New York Harbor area, the terminal provides fuel products to the entire New York/New Jersey metropolitan region.

BP also has a longstanding partnership with Princeton University’s Carbon Mitigation Initiative (CMI). Since 2000, BP’s support for the CMI program has helped top scientists explore strategies for addressing global climate change. The program has grown to include more than 60 researchers actively engaged in national and international discussions of how to reduce emissions.

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