

PERFORMANCE BICYCLE OPENS FIRST STORE IN ALLENTOWN WITH 'BIKE TUBE BLOW-OUT'

Nation's largest specialty bicycle retailer comes to town with bike tube recycling drive to cut waste

Allentown, PA, July 20, 2010 — **Performance Bicycle**, the country's largest specialty bike shop, is opening its first store in the Lehigh Valley with a bike tube recycling drive.

This weekend, from July 23rd to July 25th, Performance (www.performancebike.com) will celebrate the grand opening of its first Allentown location with the **Bike Tube Blow-Out**, a recycling program sponsored by Performance and Liberty Tire, the largest scrap tire recycler in the country. During the weekend, anyone can bring their used or blown-out inner tubes to the store and receive up to three \$5 money cards for the tubes they recycle. The new Performance Bicycle is located at 934 Airport Center Drive in the Airport Center.

Liberty Tire Recycling, the nation's largest collector of used and scrap tires, will turn the bike tubes into mulch for playgrounds, athletic fields, railroad ties and highway asphalt, among other uses. The company collects and recycles nearly one-third of all of America's annual scrap tire material and has cleaned up more than 150 dump sites littered with nearly 40 million scrap tires—more than any other organization.

"We estimate that a major city can annually generate several tons of used rubber just from blown out bicycle inner tubes alone," said Jim Thompson, CEO of Performance Inc. "Our aim is to make bike inner tubes a proven reusable resource for playgrounds, manufacturing and other applications."

Performance designed its new Allentown store to appeal to everyone from dedicated road bike racers to the casual or beginning rider. The store's [Spin Doctor](#)[™] service department serves as a helpful guide for anyone interested in getting the most out of their bike—or getting back on one.

"Our goal at Performance is to demystify cycling," added Thompson. "Our new Allentown store is designed to make cycling retail fun and easy to understand. We are eager to help people discover or rediscover the thrill of riding a bike. The Lehigh Valley is home to a strong cycling community, and combined with an expanding array of trails and bike routes, it's the right time to expand our presence in this market."

Thompson added that Performance makes it easy to:

- **Choose the right bike** – Every bike is clearly defined and placed into one of five major categories: Road, Mountain, Women, Path & Pavement and Kids.
- **Get fast, expert service with Spin Doctors[™]** – Performance's trained team of bike experts helps customers choose the right equipment and provides fast, reliable service of all brands of bikes.
- **Find top cycling brands at a great price** – Performance offers world-renowned brands such as Fuji, Pearl Izumi, Louis Garneau, GT and Shimano.
- **Get wide apparel and gear selection** – Guests can choose from an unrivaled selection of apparel and accessories..

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Performance backs up every sale with a 100 percent satisfaction guarantee and 90-day Low Price Promise, including free lifetime adjustments. The [Kids Bike](#) Growth Guarantee allows families to trade up and get discounts on new bikes as children grow. Guests also can join the Team Performance® Buyer's Club, cycling's number one buyer's club, to get ten percent back on every purchase, free second-day shipping upgrades, and other exclusive offers.

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