

# Distributors Only Section Released With New FCH Version

**Naperville, IL** (October 27, 2008) – Fastener distributors will notice big changes and exciting new features at FastenersClearingHouse.com (FCH), it was announced today along with the launch of its new version.

The new version, dubbed "FCH 2.0", was released in time for the National Industrial Fastener Show West, which is being held in Las Vegas in early November.

“One thing we’ve heard loud and clear is that many distributors want a place where they can market only to other distributors,” said Eric Dudas, FCH operations manager. “FCH 2.0 brings features to the market that will serve suppliers who have asked for this type of exclusivity, while keeping the open side of FCH that we’ve become known for. It’s a ‘distributors only section’, if you will. It’s going to make lots of people very happy.”

Now that the new release has hit the Web, FCH members have the option of listing their inventory under the previous format, which is open to anyone with a computer connected to the Internet, or to list it in a secure portion of the website, available only to other fastener distributors. Members also have the option of listing in both areas.

“We’ve developed an approach for every kind of distributor. It’s an important move that perfectly fits our objective of delivering value to the industry,” Dudas added.

Along with the new secure area, FCH 2.0 offers a new, graduated membership option for distributors with lower inventory volumes. This removes all the barriers to Internet marketing for every sized distributor.

FCH remains free to use as a search tool and sourcing option for the worldwide market. However, users who wish to access the new



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distributor's portion of the database are required to create a membership.

Also, numerous enhancements have been made to many of the behind the scenes software systems that support the FCH website. For example, the software inventory upload program, known as "The Scrubber", has been improved to recognize many new industry abbreviations, commodity types and brand names. This makes it even easier for members to have their fastener inventory formatted and uploaded to the Web, which is complimentary to FCH members.

The FCH database currently contains nearly three hundred fifty thousand line items from across North America, with new inventory added every week. The FCH database and search engine can be found on the Internet at [www.fastenersclearinghouse.com](http://www.fastenersclearinghouse.com).

#### **About FastenersClearingHouse.com:**

FCH is an independent and market specific search engine supporting the industrial and commercial fastener industry by providing a place to buy and sell surplus, hard to find, and odd lot fastener inventory on the Internet. Founded in October, 2006, FCH is based in Naperville, Illinois.

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