Wal-Mart: A Leader in Logistics

Since the early days of our company, the ability to move product from place to place quickly and efficiently has been a key driver in Wal-Mart’s success. Today, technology, innovation and the commitment of our associates continue to drive Wal-Mart Logistics mission of providing Wal-Mart customers and Sam’s Club members an outstanding shopping experience that is not only uniquely tailored to their community, but saves them money so they can live better.

Quick Facts:
Wal-Mart Logistics has approximately:

- 88,000 associates
- 112 distribution centers
- 51 transportation offices
- 7,200 tractors
- 53,000 trailers
- 8,000 drivers
- Wal-Mart's distribution network began in a rented garage in the 1960s. We opened our first distribution center in 1970, as part of Wal-Mart's current Home Office facility.

Logistics Facts:

- Wal-Mart's private fleet is one of America's safest fleets with 2.5 million miles per preventable accident.
- The average Wal-Mart truck driver logs 115,000 miles annually.
- Collectively, Wal-Mart's fleet drivers log more than 850 million miles per year.
- Wal-Mart distribution centers typically employ 500-1000 associates.
- An average facility will serve 75-100 stores, many with a unique merchandise assortment for each specific store, within a 250 mile radius.
- A regional distribution center can have five miles of conveyor belts, which can move hundreds of thousands of cases through the center each day.
- The ice cream freezers in a Wal-Mart grocery distribution center are cooled to -20 degrees Fahrenheit.
- Wal-Mart's truck fleet is working with the trucking industry and truck and trailer manufacturers to improve the fuel efficiency of our trucks. Since 2005, we've improved efficiency by almost 20 percent, with more improvements to come.
- Wal-Mart has nine disaster distribution centers strategically located across the country stocked with relief supplies needed to assist communities recover in the event of a disaster.
- Wal-Mart Logistics supports communities across the nation, contributing more than $16.5 million to local charitable causes in 2007, including more than $6 million raised or donated by our logistics associates.
- Logistics associates registered more than 132,000 volunteer hours in their local communities during 2007 through Wal-Mart's volunteerism programs.

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