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## **Direct Connection Contingency Program to Deliver \$10,000 Per Win for Dodge Challenger Mopar Drag Pak Racers**

- Direct Connection, the Dodge brand's exclusive new source of factory-backed performance parts, offers \$10,000-to-win contingency rewards for Dodge Challenger Mopar Drag Pak racers
- Direct Connection Contingency Program will put a \$10,000 winner's purse up for grabs for Drag Pak racers at NHRA Factory Stock Showdown and NMCA Factory Super Cars events
- Direct Connection will also help racers build their own custom Drag Pak with 13 race-ready kits, four graphics packages and Direct Connection catalog performance "recipes"
- Contingency program also extends long-running support for NHRA grassroots racers in additional classes who win or runner-up while using specified Direct Connection parts
- Direct Connection parts available for purchase through Dodge Power Brokers dealers starting March 9, 2022
- Direct Connection Contingency Program builds on momentum of the Dodge Never Lift campaign, a two-year road map to the brand's performance future
- Dodge 24 Months of Muscle Never Lift calendar can be viewed at [Dodgegarage.com/never-lift](https://Dodgegarage.com/never-lift)
- For complete information and details on the Direct Connection Contingency Program, visit [DodgeGarage.com/racing-hq](https://DodgeGarage.com/racing-hq) or [NHRARacer.com](https://NHRARacer.com)

February 16, 2022, Auburn Hills, Mich. - Dodge is putting its money where its parts are when it comes to Direct Connection, the brand's exclusive new source of factory-backed performance parts. The Direct Connection Contingency Program will offer Dodge Challenger Mopar Drag Pak racers \$10,000 to win at National Hot Rod Association (NHRA) Factory Stock Showdown and National Muscle Car Association (NMCA) Factory Super Cars events, giving Drag Pak competitors multiple shots at taking home a five-figure winner's purse during the 2022 season.

The \$10,000 purse, the largest available contingency award from a manufacturer in both NHRA Factory Stock Showdown and NMCA Super Cars classes, will be up for grabs for Drag Pak drivers at 14 total events. The NHRA Factory Stock Showdown schedule includes eight stops during the 2022 season, while NMCA Factory Super Cars will feature a slate of six races.

The Direct Connection Contingency Program continues the march forward of the Dodge Never Lift campaign, which offers a 24-month road map to the brand's performance future. The Dodge 24 Months of Muscle Never Lift calendar can be viewed at [Dodgegarage.com/never-lift](https://Dodgegarage.com/never-lift).

Last month, the Never Lift campaign announced the Dodge brand's [partnership with Tony Stewart Racing](#), which will feature Top Fuel driver Leah Pruett and three-time Funny Car World Champion Matt Hagan carrying Direct Connection and Dodge Power Brokers colors in professional competition. With the announcement of the new contingency program, the reach of Direct Connection extends to provide support for drag racers in the amateur ranks.

"Dodge remains committed to the grassroots racers and enthusiasts who build our brand, and the \$10,000-to-win Direct Connection Contingency Program is a perfect pipeline to feed the spirit and enthusiasm that fuels us," said Tim Kuniskis, Dodge brand CEO – Stellantis. "We're not only offering our Drag Pak drivers Direct Connection performance parts to help them dominate, but we're also rewarding those who compete and win with the largest

contingency award available in NHRA Factory Stock Showdown and NMCA Factory Super Cars.”

In addition to the new \$10,000-to-win Drag Pak purse, the Direct Connection Contingency Program will also offer \$1,000 for each victory and \$500 for a runner-up by a Drag Pak driver in the NHRA Stock and Super Stock classes. The program will also continue the long-running support from Dodge and Mopar for a variety of grassroots NHRA racers competing in the Stock, Super Stock, Super Gas and Super Street classes. The Dodge Top Finisher Award will again provide monetary rewards to the Stock and Super Stock class drivers of Dodge, Chrysler or Plymouth race cars that advance the furthest in eliminations at 22 NHRA national events.

Racers carrying the Direct Connection decal and using specified parts, including the brand's valve covers, intake manifolds and Drag Pak engine assembly, will also receive monetary rewards for victories or runner-up finishes in NHRA Lucas Oil Drag Racing competition.

Complete details and rules for the 2022 Direct Connection Contingency Program are available at [DodgeGarage.com/racing-hq](https://DodgeGarage.com/racing-hq) or [NHRARacer.com](https://NHRARacer.com).

### **Direct Connection for Dodge Challenger Mopar Drag Pak Racers**

The new Direct Connection performance parts lineup will offer 13 race-ready kits and four graphics packages for the Dodge Challenger Mopar Drag Pak, a factory-built, turn-key drag car for NHRA and NMCA competitors. The new Direct Connection parts catalog, available now for download at [DodgeGarage.com](https://DodgeGarage.com), also includes suggested Direct Connection performance “recipes” to help Drag Pak racers dial-in their race cars.

Direct Connection parts for the Drag Pak will be available for purchase through the new Dodge Power Brokers dealer network – the authorized source for Direct Connection parts with staff trained to deliver performance-focused customer service – starting March 9, 2022. For customers with parts questions, the Direct Connection hotline is live now at (800) 998-1110 with tech support available straight from the performance experts.

Direct Connection race-ready kits and graphics packages for the Drag Pak include:

- NHRA 7.50 ET Certified Body Kit
- 354 cu. in. Supercharged HEMI® Engine
- Race Drive Line Kit
- RaceTech Base Seat Kit
- RaceTech Head Restraint Seat Kit
- Bogart Base Wheel/Tire Kit
- Weld Racing Beadlock Lightweight Wheel/Tire Kit
- Exterior Kit
- Interior Kit
- Race Suspension Kit
- Body Electrical and Fuel Kit
- Engine Controller Kit
- Engine Systems Kit
- Graphics (four available unique packages)

### **@DodgeMoparMotorsports on Instagram**

The [@DodgeMoparMotorsports](https://www.instagram.com/DodgeMoparMotorsports) Instagram channel continues to share content capturing Dodge//SRT Mopar drivers on the track. Fans can see action from the NHRA Camping World Drag Racing Series and NHRA Sportsman grassroots racers, competing in classes such as Factory Stock Showdown, Stock and Super Stock, as well as additional motorsports series.

### **Dodge//SRT**

For more than 100 years, the Dodge brand has carried on the spirit of brothers John and Horace Dodge. Their influence continues today as Dodge shifts into high gear with a lineup that delivers unrivaled performance in each of the segments in which the brand competes while moving forward to a future that includes electrified muscle in the form of the next-generation, all-new Dodge Charger.

The next-generation Dodge Charger electrifies a legend, with the Charger retaining its title as the world's quickest and most powerful muscle car led by the all-new, all-electric 2024 Dodge Charger Daytona Scat Pack. The all-new Dodge Charger will also offer performance choices via multi-energy powertrain options, including the 550-horsepower Dodge Charger SIXPACK H.O., powered by the 3.0L Twin Turbo Hurricane High Output engine.

Dodge also keeps its foot on the gas as a pure performance brand with the 710-horsepower Dodge Durango SRT Hellcat, the most powerful SUV ever, and best-in-class standard performance in the compact utility vehicle segment with the Dodge Hornet.

In 2022, the Dodge brand ranked No. 1 in the [J.D. Power APEAL Study](#) (mass market), making it the only domestic brand ever to do so three years in a row. In 2020, Dodge was named the "[#1 Brand in Initial Quality](#)," making it the first domestic brand ever to rank No. 1 in the J.D. Power Initial Quality Study (IQS).

Fans can follow all the NHRA action this season at [DodgeGarage](#), the one-stop portal for Dodge//SRT and Mopar drag-racing news, including daily updates and access to an online racing HQ, news, events, galleries, available downloads and merchandise. Dodge is part of the portfolio of brands offered by leading global automaker and mobility provider [Stellantis](#) (NYSE: STLA).

### **Mopar**

Mopar is the global name for Stellantis genuine parts and authentic accessories.

A simple combination of the words MOTO and PARTS, Mopar offers exceptional service, parts and customer-care. Born in 1937 as the name of a line of antifreeze products, Mopar has evolved over more than 85 years to represent both complete vehicle care and authentic performance for owners and enthusiasts worldwide.

Mopar made its mark in the 1960s during the muscle-car era with performance parts to enhance speed and handling for both on-road and racing use. Later, Mopar expanded to include technical service and customer support, and today integrates service, parts and customer-care operations in order to enhance customer and dealer support worldwide.

Complete information on Mopar is available at [www.mopar.com](http://www.mopar.com) and the newly redesigned Mopar blog at [www.blog.mopar.com](http://www.blog.mopar.com).

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