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Attn:

New Filing Section

Articles of Incorporation

Re: GULF COAST TIRE & WHEELS, INC.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find the original and a copy of the Articles Of Incorporation for the above-named profit corporation. In addition, a check in the amount of \$78.75 is enclosed which represents the following fees:

Filing Fee \$35.00
Certified Copy 8.75
Registered Agent 35.00

\$ 78.75

Please file the original of the enclosed Articles of Incorporation and return a certified copy to me at your earliest opportunity.

Sincerely,

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GVB/dp Enclosures

> C.C. 2-28-00



ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

GULF COAST TIRE & WHEELS, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation under the Florida General Corporation Act, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLES ONE: NAME

The name of this corporation shall be: GULF COAST TIRE & WHEELS, INC.

ARTICLE TWO: NATURE OF BUSINESS

The general purpose for which this corporation is initially organized is to own and operate a business for retail sale of tires and wheels, and for the further purpose of engaging in any activities or business permitted under the laws of the United States and Florida.

ARTICLE THREE: DURATION

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE FOUR: CAPITAL STOCK

This corporation is authorized to issue One Thousand (1,000) shares of One Dollar (\$1.00) par value common stock. By general consent of the Stockholders, it is their desire to designate the initial capital stock of this corporation as Section 1244 Stock, as defined under the Internal Revenue Code. As such stock will qualify for all rights and privileges of Section 1244 Stock.

ARTICLE FIVE: ADDRESS

The principal mailing address of the corporation is HC 3, BOX 348, OLD TOWN, FLORIDA 32680. The street address of the corporation's initial principal office is HC 3, BOX 348, (1/2 MILE SOUTH ON NOAH LORD ROAD) OLD TOWN, FLORIDA 32680 and the name of the initial Registered Agent is CEDRIC LORD, whose address is HC 3, BOX 348 OLD TOWN, FLORIDA 32680. The stockholders may from time to time designate such other address and place as the register agent, subject to requirements of Florida law.

ARTICLE SIX: MANAGEMENT

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under the authority of, and the business and affairs of this corporation shall be managed under the direction of a Board of Directors.

ARTICLE SEVEN: INCORPORATORS

The name and street address of the incorporator of these Articles Of Incorporation is as follows:

NAME ADDRESS SHARES CONSIDERATION

CEDRIC LORD HC 3, BOX 348 100 \$100.00

OLD TOWN, FLORIDA 32680

CHRISTINE LORD HC 3, BOX 348 100 \$100.00

OLD TOWN, FLORIDA 32680

ARTICLE EIGHT: EFFECTIVE DATE

These Articles Of Incorporation shall become effective upon approval by the Department Of State of the State of Florida.

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STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF LEVY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duly authorized to
administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared CEDRIC LORD
and CHRISTINE LORD, known to me to be the person(s) described in and who
executed the foregoing instrument, who acknowledged before me that they executed the
same, that I relied upon the following form(s) of identification: (1) personally known or (1)
produced identification No oath(s) taken.
WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this
15th day of <u>February</u> , 2000.
(NOTARY SEAL)

MARIE H. BENNETT
MY COMMISSION # CC 675590
EXPIRES: October 22, 2001
Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

Marie H. Bennett Notary Printed Name

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned, CEDRIC LORD, does hereby accept the designation and appointment of Registered Agent of GULF COAST TIRE & WHEEL, INC.

CEDRIC LORD HC 3, BOX 348

OLD TOWN, FLORIDA 32680

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