



## Lou Santiago Delivers Lift Safety Tips in New ALI Video Series TV host provides behind-the-scenes tour of new ALI LiftLab

**Cortland, New York (July 24, 2017)** – Automotive Lift Institute (ALI), the trade association dedicated to vehicle lift safety, today launched a four-part video series featuring celebrity car builder/TV host Lou Santiago. Watch the first episode here: <a href="https://youtu.be/qzgh\_pr9fw4">https://youtu.be/qzgh\_pr9fw4</a>.

In the series, Santiago gives a behind-the-scenes tour of the new LiftLab facility at ALI's headquarters in Cortland, New York. Along the way, he shares lift safety tips and highlights a couple of cool vehicles in the facility: a 1969 Plymouth Road Runner and a 1946 Brockway heavy-duty truck.

"Lou's been wrenching on cars and trucks since he was a kid," says R.W. "Bob" O'Gorman, ALI president. "He got his start through the New York State BOCES program for diesel mechanics, served his country as a Navy Seabee and has shown millions of people how to build and repair vehicles through his television shows. He's a great guy to deliver the message that although everyone makes mistakes, it is important to focus on using and maintaining lifts properly to stay safe on the job."

As Lou says in the video released today, "It's no secret that most of us do not sit around the shop and talk about lift safety. (But) at some time in your life, you have to make a commitment to being safe. I'm being serious here. I've pulled out transmissions in the middle of the desert in a slot ditch. It's not the way to do it, but when things get rough, you gotta do what you gotta do. Nowadays, when you're in your shop, in the dealership, you don't have to rush. I understand time is money. But you can't get the money if you're in a hole."

As part of the video series campaign, ALI is offering a free pair of shop safety glasses with every order of the new Safety Tips Poster that Lou highlights in the first episode. The 30-inch by 45-inch poster outlines 13 tips for safe lifting, including lift operation, maintenance and inspection. It is available in packs of two for \$38 with free shipping in the U.S. The free safety glasses offer is good in the U.S. and Canada through August 21, 2018.

New episodes will be posted to the <u>ALI YouTube Channel</u> on July 31, August 7 and August 14.

For more information about ALI and its lift safety initiatives, visit <a href="www.autolift.org">www.autolift.org</a> or call (607) 756-7775. You can also connect with ALI on Facebook at <a href="www.facebook.com/LiftInstitute">www.facebook.com/LiftInstitute</a>, on Twitter at <a href="www.twitter.com/LiftInstitute">www.twitter.com/LiftInstitute</a>, and on YouTube at <a href="www.youtube.com/LiftInstitute">www.youtube.com/LiftInstitute</a>.

## **About ALI**

Founded in 1945, the Automotive Lift Institute (ALI) is a trade association of North American-based lift manufacturers. ALI's mission is to promote the safe design, construction, installation, service, inspection and use of automotive lifts. In 1947, ALI developed the first Commercial Standard covering vehicle lifts published by the National Bureau of Standards. Today, ALI sponsors several national lift safety standards and offers third-party certification programs for automotive lifts and automotive lift inspectors.

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**Editor's Note:** Feel free to post the video <a href="https://youtu.be/qzgh\_pr9fw4">https://youtu.be/qzgh\_pr9fw4</a> on your site. A screenshot is also attached.

**Caption**: Automotive Lift Institute (ALI) launches a new four-part video series focused on vehicle lift safety featuring celebrity car builder/TV host Lou Santiago.

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