

## **Compuwave Technologies Approved as Supplier to McDonald's Canada**

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Compuwave Technologies has recently become the approved supplier to McDonald's Restaurants of Canada. The Wireless POS Drive Thru System is now a part of the McDonald's System. This enables any Canadian McDonald's franchisees to choose Compuwave's Wireless POS Drive Thru System as one of their products.

For the past two years Compuwave has been working with McDonald's Canada, completing a pilot project for their wireless drive thru system. Instead of management having to deploy staff at the fast food giant's ordering boards, cashier window and order pick-up windows, a single employee inputs orders on the palm pilot, and the data is transmitted directly to the kitchen. The McDonald's locations have enjoyed a significant increase in traffic during peak hours. In one hour, the wireless drive thru system is able to complete the sales of 130 cars with one order taker. With two order takers, the number of completed sales can surpass 200 cars.

Compuwave's Wireless Drive Thru System is currently installed in Burnaby, BC and Toronto, Ontario. It was installed in Surrey, BC location in 1999 and later this year will be in a McDonald's restaurant in Winnipeg, Manitoba. On September 8, 2000, the Burnaby location, near the Western Canada McDonald's headquarters, broke the Canadian record for automobiles through their drive thru. With the help of Compuwave's Wireless Drive Thru System, the new national record is 305 cars.

CompuWave Technologies, Inc. is a Vancouver based company that specializes in computer automation for the retail and hospitality industries. Using the most advanced software engineering tools, the company designs and develops Point of Sale systems for restaurant and retail management. Established in 1993, Compuwave's purpose is to utilize rapidly advancing technology and to provide wireless system software for the Food Service and other industries. Their mission is to define the next generation POS solution that will reap benefits in usability, reliability, flexibility, functionality and reduced cost.

CompuWave began early wireless technology research and implementation in 1998 and accelerated after the release of Windows CE2.1. In March of 1999, in a joint press conference with Microsoft and LEO Corporation (Taiwan), the company announced the world's first CE based palm size F&B ordering system. North American exposure was gained soon afterward at the April 1999 FoodService Expo99 held in Vancouver, Canada. Shortly afterwards, McDonald's Canada designated the company to implement a pilot project involving wireless technology to improve their drive thru services.

McDonald's has made its presence in Canada for over 30 years, with its first restaurant during 1967 in Richmond, BC. The first restaurant in Canada was the first of its kind outside the United States. There are now over 1,100 restaurants from the beautiful mountains of the west coast to the sunny shores of the east coast. McDonald's restaurants serve approximately 3 million Canadians everyday, which is 10% of the Canadian population.

McDonald's worldwide has over 25,000 restaurants and has served billions of customers since 1955. For more information about McDonald's visit their web site at [www.mcdonalds.com](http://www.mcdonalds.com).

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