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**Thorntons Introduces GripHero Hand Protectors for Guest Safety at the Pump**  
*Kentucky-based convenience store chain leads the way as the first fuel retailer in the U.S.  
to offer award winning GripHero hand protectors*

**(Louisville, KY – April 29, 2020)** – Thorntons is proud to introduce GripHero anti-static hand protectors as the company's latest measure to enhance Guest safety. Award winning GripHero hand protectors are anti-static, biodegradable and designed for use around fuel — and are now available at every fuel pump at every Thorntons store nationwide.

Thorntons is leading the way to exclusively offer this innovative solution adding peace of mind for Guests.

“At Thorntons, we care greatly about the safety and well-being of our Guests and our Team Members. We are pleased to offer this innovative new solution as an added layer of protection to bring our Guests extra peace of mind when they shop for fuel and other great products at our always clean stores,” said Simon Richards, President and Chief Executive Officer. “Thorntons stores are open 24/7 to serve our communities with safe and clean places to shop for quality fuels and other great food and beverage offers.”

Our biodegradable and anti-static GripHero single use Hand Protectors are designed for use around motor fuels and provide an extra layer of protection while minimizing contact and the potential transfer of germs while using fuel dispensers — whether pin pads, grade selectors or fuel nozzles.

“We are very excited that Thorntons is leading the way in North America with our award winning GripHero product. During this time, safely protecting the public and the environment is our priority and the GripHero product uniquely delivers both with the most efficient hand protection available,” said Oli Yeo CEO and Founder of GripHero. “It has been fantastic to partner with Thorntons to be the first in North America to deliver this solution.”

Thorntons Cares and we are taking many precautions to help slow the spread of the virus and enhance the safety and well-being of our communities while remaining open 24/7 to serve our Guests. To read more about these preventative measures, [please visit our website for a letter from Simon Richards.](#)

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**About Thorntons LLC**

Based in Louisville, Kentucky, Thorntons operates 200 stores that provide high quality fresh foods, beverages and fuel in six states: Kentucky, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Tennessee and Florida. The company's mission is to be people's favorite place to stop when they are on-the-go and people's favorite place to work. Thorntons is a vertically integrated company with its own fuel terminal, blending plants, transportation fleet and commissary. Thorntons has a passion for giving back to the communities where Guests and Team Members live and work. Thorntons volunteers make their communities better through community service, humanitarian day events and fundraising projects. Learn more about Thorntons by visiting [www.mythorntons.com](http://www.mythorntons.com). Connect with Thorntons on Facebook [www.facebook.com/thorntonsllc](http://www.facebook.com/thorntonsllc) and Twitter @ThorntonsLLC.

