## **Site Layouts**

### **Flex-Serve Car Wash**

#### Definitions

Flex-Service washing is the combination of Express Exterior and Full-Service interior offerings on one property. The most popular layout utilizes an automated attendant offering affordable express wash packages, as well as interior and express detailing options. All customers stay in the car during the wash. Express customers directly exit the wash, often routed past free or vended vacuum islands. Full-Service customers pull into an aftercare area, exit the vehicle, and wait while attendants vacuum the car, clean the windows, and perform any other express detailing services the customer has selected. This style attracts a broader customer base than either express only or full serve.

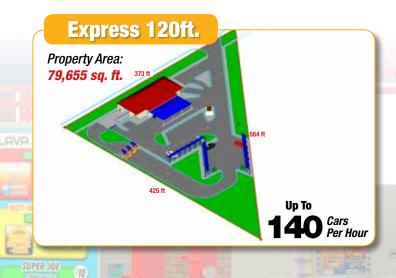
#### Considerations

The Flex-Serve location style combats customer sharing by offering multiple specialties or services on the same property. When executed correctly, it can offer a diverse population of customers with different preferences, a wash where they feel in control of both the time and money they are investing to get a clean car. As with an Express Exterior, customers can select higher wash packages at the automated attendant, with tire shining, wheel cleaning, total shine, and other extra exterior services delivered by equipment online. Since there is no labor variable, the wash can remain open even when the weather is not ideal and remain open for a greater number of hours. Increased hours of operation, shorter wait times, and lower price points have proven to increase customer wash frequency and spread the volume more evenly throughout the week.

Unlike Express, where the customer has no interior option, with Flex the customer can exit directly or add quick interior and exterior services, requiring 15 minutes or less to complete. If space permits, additional detailing options can be offered that require additional time. This is not the same as Full Serve where the object is to get every customer to purchase as many extra services as possible. A properly executed Flex- Serve carefully manages and adjusts aftercare service pricing to maintain a controlled flow through the property and allocates labor where the margin makes sense. There are differing opinions as to the exact mix and ratio, but a good rule of thumb to start your planning with is that you want 30% of all exterior customers to purchase aftercare services with 25% or less of gross revenue going to labor costs.









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