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**NASCAR Approves Five Star Bodies Direct Connection-licensed NextGen Dodge Charger Nose  
for Late Model Stock Competition Effective for the 2026 Race Season**

**CONCORD, NC – February 18, 2026** – Following its approval by the Approved Body Configuration (ABC) Committee in December 2025, the Five Star Bodies Direct Connection-licensed NextGen Dodge Charger Nose has now received official approval from **NASCAR** for use in **Late Model Stock competition**.

After completing additional NASCAR-directed wind tunnel testing and aerodynamic validation, the Direct Connection-licensed Dodge Charger Nose met all required performance and parity standards, clearing the final step for competition eligibility. The approval confirms the nose's compliance with NASCAR's aerodynamic balance, drag, and downforce requirements while maintaining parity across manufacturers.

The ABC Committee initially approved the NextGen Dodge Charger Nose after an extensive evaluation process, marking the return of Dodge to short track competition. Subsequent testing conducted in collaboration with NASCAR ensured the design aligned with Late Model Stock specifications and competitive benchmarks.

“Any time a new body configuration moves through multiple levels of approval, it's critical that the data supports fairness and parity,” said Corey Schultz, Co-CEO of Five Star Bodies. “This NASCAR approval confirms the work our engineering team put into the Dodge Charger Nose and gives teams confidence that they're getting a legal, competitive product.”

“With ABC approval already in place, this was the final step,” said Chris Wiess, Sales Representative at Five Star Bodies. “NASCAR's approval opens the door for teams to bring NextGen Dodge Charger styling to Late Model Stock racing while preserving the competitive balance the class is built on.”

The licensed Dodge Charger Nose is part of the growing [Direct Connection](#) performance parts portfolio, which includes modern performance, crate engine, race and vintage muscle high-performance products for Dodge, Jeep® and Ram performance vehicles. Direct Connection products offer factory street, strip and track performance parts developed by Stellantis SRT engineers.

The NextGen Dodge Charger Nose and graphic ID kits are already in stock and available for purchase through Five Star Bodies and its dealer network.

For further product and ordering information visit: [Nextgen LMSC Noses](#)

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