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### **INTELLIPARK™ FROM BENDIX HELPS PREVENT ROLLAWAY TRACTORS, TRUCKS, AND BUSES**

*Automatic Parking Brake Technology Offers Safety, Value, and Fast Return on Investment*

**ELYRIA, Ohio – Sept. 26, 2017** – This scene is more common than you might think: A driver steps down from a big rig and walks away. Moments later, out of his view, the truck starts to roll backward because of a failure to properly set the parking brake.

Unless the driver sprints back, jumps in, and stops the vehicle, risking potential personal injury, a crash can be imminent – if one hasn't already happened.

Soon to debut from Bendix is a technology designed to help drivers prevent rollaway and runaway crashes caused by an improperly set or disengaged parking brake. Intellipark™ automatic parking brake technology replaces the manual air parking brake with easy-to-apply electronic switches. Automatically setting the parking brake if the driver exits the vehicle without engaging the brake, the system will deliver safety, value, and a quick return on investment to fleets adopting it.

Intellipark works through interlocks installed in critical areas, such as the seat, seat belt, or cab door – engaging the brake if the driver leaves the seat or opens the door without setting it first. The system is designed for any air-braked vehicle, including tractor-trailers, single-unit trucks, motorcoaches, and school buses.

“You could think of rollaways as the industry’s little secret – something that happens but few people talk about – unless you search online for ‘rollaways.’ In fact, nearly 60 percent of

fleet managers who participated in a Frost & Sullivan survey confirmed that they had experienced a rollaway in a 24-month period,” said Fred Andersky, Bendix director of customer solutions – Controls. “Rollaway incidents can be terribly damaging – if not deadly – and come at great cost to fleets in terms of money, resources, and reputation. And all because the parking brake didn’t get set properly or was released accidentally. Automatic parking brake technology can help make these kinds of accidents – and their repercussions – a thing of the past.”

### **It’s Automatic**

Setting the parking brake with Intellipark™ is as easy as flipping a switch, according to Andersky. Gone is the need for force to pull out or push in the red and yellow air switches on the dash. Instead, the electronically controlled Intellipark features an improved, driver-friendly interface. It displays the familiar red and yellow symbols on switches that are easily flipped on and off with two fingers. Through lights on the switch, the system also delivers visual alerts to the driver. The enhanced ergonomics may help decrease driver fatigue and the incidence of repetitive motion injuries.

Intellipark provides data – something else not available from an air switch – to help indicate if a rollaway occurred or almost happened. For vehicles equipped with the user-friendly web portal SafetyDirect® by Bendix CVS, that data is transmitted wirelessly and automatically to fleet offices. There, fleet managers can use the information to help with driver training and as part of an overall safety program.

In addition to helping prevent rollaways and runaways, Intellipark provides additional on-the-road features.

Park-at-Speed helps ensure a controlled stop when the parking brake is activated while the vehicle is traveling at speed. Trailer Air Warning supplies the status of the trailer’s air supply through a light or other indicator on the dash. Trailer Auto-Park Release disengages the trailer park brake automatically when an operator inadvertently attempts to drive away with it on – helping to reduce the chance for trailer tire fires and wheel-end damage.

Bendix can develop additional interlocks for specific vehicle applications to help prevent accidental park release and rollbacks, plus help deter vehicle theft.

“As vehicle technology continues to advance, Intellipark will also be a key part of the foundation for the future,” Andersky said. “It will serve as a component delivering even more parking brake control for automated or even autonomous vehicles.”

Driver assistance and other Bendix safety technologies are not intended to encourage or enable aggressive driving: They are meant to complement safe driving practices by skilled, alert

drivers, as well as comprehensive, proactive driver training programs. Responsibility for the safe operation of a vehicle equipped with a driver assistance system remains with the driver at all times.

Bendix's ever-growing portfolio of technologies delivers on safety, plus other areas critical to fleets' success, including vehicle performance and efficiency. By providing unparalleled post-sales support of its systems and components, Bendix aims to strengthen returns on investment in the equipment and technologies that help fleets and drivers lower their total costs of vehicle ownership and enhance roadway safety for everyone.

Bendix insight on advanced safety technology development, driver assistance systems, and commercial vehicle safety regulations – as well as a host of other product- and service-related content via podcasts, blogs, videos, and more – can be found in the Bendix multimedia center at [knowledge-dock.com](http://knowledge-dock.com). For more information about Bendix safety systems, call Bendix at 1-800-AIR-BRAKE or visit [www.safertrucks.com/solutions](http://www.safertrucks.com/solutions).

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