

News Release

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BENDIX ANNOUNCES REDUCED STOPPING DISTANCE-CERTIFIED

23K AFTERMARKET FRICTION

BA232R Expands OEM-Level Performance Offerings to Help Fleets Maintain Safety, Compliance

ELYRIA, Ohio – Sept. 26, 2017 – For fleets needing a 23K aftermarket friction that will keep their vehicles compliant with Reduced Stopping Distance (RSD) requirements while providing peace of mind, Bendix announces the BA232R brake lining, available in early October. Available from Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC (BSFB), BA232R linings are designed to handle 23K applications such as heavy line haul, heavy pick-up and delivery, severe duty, and refuse.

“Three years ago, we developed the industry’s first RSD-certified aftermarket friction, the BA202R, suitable for 20K applications, and it changed the aftermarket landscape,” said Keith McComsey, BSFB director of marketing and customer solutions. “With the BA232R, Bendix’s aftermarket friction line now serves fleets that use heavier axle-weight trucks, so they can meet the minimum RSD requirements as vehicles age.”

RSD regulations require most tractor combinations to stop within 250 feet. In testing, the BA232R provided an average 235-foot stopping distance – both exceeding the mandate and putting it in the same performance range as the BA202R. Because not all replacement friction marketed as acceptable under RSD will actually perform to the vehicle regulation – even if it has met the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards (FMVSS) 121 dynamometer test – Bendix recommends that buyers ask for written confirmation from their supplier.

“The standards provide several methods for brake friction RSD certification, and Bendix conducts its testing using an actual truck on an actual track – not everyone does that,” McComsey said. “When you’re counting on a 23K brake lining to handle the workload that most

23,000-pound axles are tasked with day in and day out, the last thing you want to think about is whether the friction you've selected is up to meeting real-world demands."

BA232R linings will be available on both Bendix remanufactured brake shoes and Service New brake shoes.

BSFB, a joint venture between Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Dana Commercial Vehicle Products, LLC, produces the full lineup of commercially available Bendix® brand foundation drum and air disc brake solutions at its state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

With its full line of wheel-end solutions, BSFB delivers on safety, stopping power, reliability, and vehicle performance and efficiency – all areas critical to the success of fleets and owner-operators. By supporting those efforts with unparalleled post-sales support, Bendix helps lower total cost of vehicle ownership and strengthen investment in technologies that enhance highway safety across North America.

For more information about Bendix brakes and wheel-end technologies, call Bendix at 1-800-AIR-BRAKE or visit www.safertrucks.com/solutions. Visit the Bendix multimedia center at knowledge-dock.com to explore additional technical material, including blog posts, videos, podcasts, and the Bendix Tech Tips series archive.

About Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC

Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC combines and expands the complementary wheel-end foundation brake technologies of two global leaders – Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Dana Commercial Vehicle Products, LLC. The joint venture, formed in July 2004, is a single, complete source for OEM brake system design, manufacturing, hardware, and support for all foundation brake components and actuation systems, as well as all-makes coverage of nearly 50,000 medium- and heavy-duty aftermarket parts. Contact us at 1-866-610-9709 or visit foundationbrakes.com. Stay connected and informed through Bendix expert podcasts, blog posts, videos, and other resources at knowledge-dock.com. Follow Bendix on Twitter at twitter.com/Bendix_CVS. Log on and learn from the Bendix experts at brake-school.com. And to learn more about career opportunities at Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake, visit bendix.com/careers.

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