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### **BENDIX'S NEXT-GENERATION DRUM BRAKE DELIVERS LOWER OPERATIONAL COST WITHOUT SACRIFICING PERFORMANCE**

*Weight-Saving Technology Now Available at All Major  
North American Medium- and Heavy-Duty Truck Manufacturers*

**ELYRIA, Ohio – Sept. 26, 2017** – Offering cost savings through reduced weight – without sacrificing reliability or performance – next-generation foundation drum brakes from Bendix are now available factory-installed at all major North American medium- and heavy-duty truck manufacturers.

“What sets these brake assemblies apart from their earlier design is the newly designed stamped spiders. The greatest weight savings – at up to 16 pounds per tandem axle set – comes from converting a cast spider to the heavy-duty stamped spider,” said Keith McComsey, director of marketing and customer solutions at Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC (BSFB). “At the same time, from a safety standpoint, we’ve engineered our spiders to be stronger and more durable, ensuring that it delivers the high level of quality that fleets and drivers expect from Bendix braking components.”

A joint venture between Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Dana Commercial Vehicle Products, LLC, BSFB 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.

These improved brake designs have recently been implemented on Freightliner, Western Star, International®, Volvo, and Mack® trucks. Kenworth and Peterbilt have been utilizing Bendix stamped-spider brakes since 2016.

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Two versions of Bendix's next-generation drum brake are available. The lightweight version is utilized for standard line-haul applications, while the heavy-duty version is more suitable for severe-duty applications. In most cases, the stamped-spider brakes will take the place of existing factory-installed Bendix drum brakes, although cast-spider brakes are still available to meet specific severe applications. The new brakes continue to offer stopping power meeting OEM requirements that exceed federal Reduced Stopping Distance (RSD) standards.

"High-performing, dependable foundation drum brakes remain incredibly important to fleet safety equations across North America," McComsey said. "And this new generation of drum brake will certainly make a difference in the increasingly popular 'hybrid' braking systems, in which air disc brakes are equipped on tractor steer axles, while drive axles are fitted with drums. Bundle your Bendix drum brake systems with the new Bendix® EnduraSure™ Spring Brake series and the Bendix® Versajust® LS™ Slack Adjuster, and you've got a complete wheel-end package that's unmatched in quality and reputation, and delivers lower total cost of ownership (TCO)."

Bendix's full line of wheel-end solutions delivers on safety, reliability, stopping power, and vehicle performance and efficiency – all areas critical to the success of fleets and owner-operators. In focusing on these needs, as well as providing unparalleled post-sales support, Bendix aims to lower TCO and strengthen investment in technologies that make North America's highways safer for everyone.

For more information about Bendix brakes and wheel-end technologies, call Bendix at 1-800-AIR-BRAKE or visit [www.safertrucks.com/solutions](http://www.safertrucks.com/solutions). Visit the Bendix multimedia center at [knowledge-dock.com](http://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](http://foundationbrakes.com). Stay connected and informed through Bendix expert podcasts, blog posts, videos, and other resources at [knowledge-dock.com](http://knowledge-dock.com). Follow Bendix on Twitter at [twitter.com/Bendix\\_CVS](https://twitter.com/Bendix_CVS). Log on and learn from the Bendix experts at [brake-school.com](http://brake-school.com). And to

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