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**BENDIX SPICER FOUNDATION BRAKE EARNS  
PRIZED QUALITY AWARD FROM PACCAR**

*Distinction for Reaching 50 PPM Is Latest Quality Achievement for Manufacturer*

**ELYRIA, Ohio – June 15, 2010** – Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC (BSFB) has been named to PACCAR’s elite group of suppliers that meet the OEM’s demanding quality expectation of 50 PPM. BSFB earned the distinction by lowering the PPM, or product defects expressed in Parts Per Million, to 41 at its state-of-the-art wheel-end manufacturing facility in Bowling Green, Ky., where the company’s market leading lineup of air foundation brakes products are produced.

“It is truly an honor to receive this recognition from PACCAR, a highly valued customer of Bendix,” said Tom Otter, vice president – OE sales for Bendix. “Our account teams closely partner with our manufacturing sites, challenging them to meet our exacting customer standards for excellence. In every aspect, the team at Bowling Green continues to rise to the task to find truly innovative ways to meet those challenges.”

In meeting the PPM standard, BSFB creates a successful product more than 99.995 percent of the time – in other words, for every million parts it produces, fewer than 50 contain defects that reach the customer. All of this, while efficiently managing the flow of more than 10,000 active part numbers for this product set.

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The PACCAR 50 PPM recognition is the first for Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake or Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC, which operates BSFB in a joint venture with Dana Commercial Vehicle Products, LLC. Suppliers must have one year of product history with PACCAR before they can be nominated for the 50 PPM quality certification, a distinction maintained on a rolling six-month performance basis. In addition to maintaining a non-conforming parts rate of less than 50 PPM, PACCAR's robust criteria includes maintaining a warranty claims rate of less than 50 PPM (one claim per 20,000 receipts); Production Parts Approval Process (PPAP) submission acceptance rate of 98 percent; an On-time Submission Rate of greater than or equal to 99 percent for the prior six months; maintaining a quality system in compliance with QS-9000, ISO/TS 16949 or ISO 9001 for 2000; and passing PACCAR's Supplier Readiness Review.

The PACCAR award follows another important recognition of quality performance at BSFB: the Bowling Green facility's 2009 ISO/TS 16949 certification.

"Even though we are highly experienced in brake assembly and production, our Bowling Green facility is still considered a relatively new plant in a recent start-up mode, so we are especially proud to be recognized for quality by a valued customer like PACCAR," said Charlie Miller, plant manager at the Bowling Green facility. "The award, along with our ISO/TS certification, shows our unwavering dedication to continuous improvement of our processes and our quality to benefit our customers and our overall business."

Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake has an aggressive continuous improvement agenda in place aimed at further strengthening the excellence and efficiency of its already solid operations in Bowling Green. The plant began production in late 2007, following the consolidation of existing Kentucky-based manufacturing sites from both Bendix and Dana, and with a commitment to the company's QFirst quality and productivity culture, has steadily lowered its defect rate to current levels. The company implemented new process controls, extensive employee training, and customer teams to proactively address all potential quality issues.

Among the new manufacturing technologies in place at Bowling Green is a computerized air disc brake line that monitors every aspect of production. On the new line, parts with defects are detected and, depending on the category of flaw, are either immediately rebuilt or rejected. In addition, the company improved existing technologies, including equipping benches with tools that measure and record fastener torque on key components.

"Our push for quality is driven by the continuous improvement culture throughout Bendix," said Ken Myers, corporate quality assurance manager for BSFB. "At the Bowling Green facility, we took a fresh, aggressive approach, looking at every possible way our

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processes could fail and implementing systems to mitigate that risk. We continue to improve the metrics related to our processes, allowing us to meet customer expectations and maintain our TS certification status.”

BSFB’s Bowling Green facility is now wrapping up the addition of incremental capacity to its current production line to more easily support production of air disc brakes for the Peterbilt® Motors Company’s new Aerodynamic Flagship Model 587.

“The latest OEM standard-position endorsement from Peterbilt and the PACCAR 50 PPM award are testaments to the quality efforts at Bendix,” said Monte Heisler, quality assurance manager at the Bowling Green plant. “They are also testaments to the people at Bowling Green, where we believe in our American-made products and are working tirelessly to make them even better. We won’t be satisfied until we reduce our PPM to zero.”

BSFB offers a wide range of air drum and disc brakes to meet a variety of customer needs. Bendix® foundation drum brakes, disc brakes, automatic slack adjusters, and combination spring brakes are produced and made available by Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC under the Bendix® brand name.

### **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. Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC is headquartered in Elyria, Ohio, with engineering operations in both Elyria and Kalamazoo, Mich., and a manufacturing facility in Bowling Green, Ky. For more information, call 1-866-610-9709 or visit [www.foundationbrakes.com](http://www.foundationbrakes.com). Follow Bendix Spicer on Twitter at [http://twitter.com/Bendix\\_CVS](http://twitter.com/Bendix_CVS).

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