

News Release

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**BENDIX SPICER FOUNDATION BRAKE LAUNCHES
HIGH-PERFORMANCE, EXTENDED SERVICE DRUM BRAKE**

*New Developments Offer Cost-Effective, Best-in-Class Options to
Meet New Stopping Distance Requirements*

ELYRIA, Ohio – March 30, 2011 – Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC introduced today a new, higher performing version of its Extended Service drum brake (ES™ Brakes) developed to meet the new federal stopping distance requirements mandated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

New higher performing versions of the company's popular Single Anchor Pin, ES™ Extended Service drum brakes will be available in a variety of sizes for steer axle applications. The new brakes will phased into production and will be fully launched by Aug. 1, 2011, the initial implementation date for the new stopping distance regulations.

NHTSA requires a 30 percent reduction in stopping distance for new three axle tractors with Gross Vehicle Weight Ratings (GVWRs) up to 59,600 lbs. and produced after the Aug. 1, 2011 implementation date. Tractors with two axles, as well as severe service tractors with GVWRs above 59,600 lbs., must comply with the new mandate by Aug. 1, 2013.

"We developed our new high-performance drum brake to give customers the best possible option for complying with the NHTSA requirements, as well as economical cost of ownership," said Gary Ganaway, director for the foundation brake group and marketing at Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake. "While meeting the requirements for compliance, this new brake technology also will help improve vehicle safety, which is our core commitment at Bendix. We believe customers will find the high-performance models to be worthy additions to the Extended Service drum brake product line, which offers best-in-class performance."

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The High-Performance ES™ drum brakes are a culmination of far-reaching development efforts, including more than five years of engineering, testing, and validation in preparation for NHTSA's new requirements. They are engineered to develop the increased torque necessary for shorter stops. In addition, they sustain that torque, which reduces brake fade and allows shorter stops.

The brakes achieve this performance through three enhancements. One is the use of bronze bushings, which offer greater durability compared with plastic bushings and tightened tolerances within the brake. Bronze bushings, optional on the existing ES drum brake models, will become standard on the High-Performance ES.

A second enhancement is the use of precision cams, like bronze bushings an improvement of the brake's geometry. Precision cams help reduce variation and improve overall braking performance.

Lastly, the High-Performance ES drum brakes employ new state-of-the-art lining materials. Existing ES brakes already offer the most wearable lining volume in the industry, a benefit of the Single Anchor Pin design.

Along with the new enhancements, the High-Performance ES brakes will include other features currently in all ES brakes. Among these features are an improved paint process the company calls E-Coat2, a patented hot-staked shoe manufacturing process for improved quality and better fatigue life and the most wearable lining volume in the industry. E-Coat2 is a significant improvement to the existing electro-deposition paint process and provides the very best protection against corrosion and rust jacking available. It is the same state-of-the-art technology used to paint automotive body panels.

Extensive lab and vehicle testing by Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake and their OEM customers confirms that new vehicles can meet or exceed the proposed stopping distances through a variety of Bendix® foundation brake configurations. With the addition of the high-performance drum brake, Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake will offer all possible configurations, including all wheel drum brakes, all wheel disc brakes, or a combination of both.

"We carried forward all of the great features in our Single Anchor Pin brake design and made them better; as a result, the new HP ES is a welcomed addition to the Extended Service product family," Ganaway said. "Regardless of the application, duty cycle, or customer need, we are well positioned to deliver the right brake solution – be it drum, disc, or a combination of the two."

Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake is a joint venture between Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems and Dana Commercial Vehicle Products. Since its inception in 2004, Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake has remained focused on its efforts to advance its braking technology. The full lineup of Bendix foundation brake products is already commercially available and in production today at the company's state-of-the-art wheel-end manufacturing facility in Bowling Green, Ky.

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. Follow BSFB on Twitter at http://twitter.com/Bendix_CVS.

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