

News Release

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BENDIX® VERSAJUST™ – AUTOMATIC SLACK ADJUSTER
TO BE AVAILABLE THIRD QUARTER 2010

Versatile Long Life Link-Style Brake Adjuster Delivers Extended Warranty & Interchangeability

ELYRIA, Ohio – March 24, 2010 – Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC announces a new automatic slack adjuster that will feature industry-leading durability and an extended warranty in the field. The company will begin production on the new Bendix® Versajust™ Automatic Slack Adjuster in the third quarter of 2010. The newest Bendix automatic slack adjuster from BSFB will ease upgrades and replacement of all link-style adjusters including the Bendix® ASA-5® model.

“In designing the Versajust slack, we preserved all of the outstanding engineering elements of the ASA-5, while engineering new features to make it best in class,” said Mark Kromer, engineering manager for Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake (BSFB). “Among the capabilities we maintained was the infinite adjustment rate, which is unique in the industry and makes this slack adjuster less sensitive to varying temperatures and duty cycles than comparable designs. This advanced design was developed to combat the extreme corrosive environment seen by today’s vehicle undercarriage. Plus the slack’s design features industry-standard clevis pin dimensions, making it easy to install as a replacement part in the aftermarket.”

The Versajust slack’s advanced design eliminates the need for templates, special brackets, attachments, or tools. Plus, the component also features patented bronze friction rings, an element that Bendix introduced several years ago.

Building on its experience with global brake adjustment, BSFB engineered a number of advanced sealing technologies in its latest slack adjuster model. The Versajust slack adjuster

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features increased corrosion resistance and stronger seals, making it more robust, longer lasting, and conducive to severe environments and duty cycles. Also, replacing competitive slack adjusters with the Versajust model will be simple, as customers can use welded yokes or competitive link-style yokes already installed on air chambers with 1.3" pin-to-pin dimensions. In addition, this new design optimizes an adjustment rate for modern friction material and foundation brake designs.

"Because of our high level of confidence in the robust design of the Versajust automatic slack adjuster, we will extend the warranty on the product to six years," said Kromer. This six-year warranty will help to differentiate Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake from several other link-style automatic slack adjuster manufacturers.

Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake is a joint venture of Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Dana Commercial Vehicle Products, LLC. The Elyria, Ohio-based company is the global slack adjuster center of excellence for the worldwide Knorr-Bremse Group.

"Taking into account air disc brakes, foundation drum brakes, and foundation brake assemblies," said Kromer, "BSFB manufactures more automatic slack adjusters than any other company in the world."

According to Gary Ganaway, director of marketing and global development at BSFB, the company is ideally positioned to create industry-leading automatic slack adjusters.

"Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake is truly the single source for brakes. We're the only North American manufacturer that designs and produces the full spectrum of brake products – air chambers and actuators, automatic slack adjusters, plus foundation drum brakes for this market," Ganaway said. "This puts us in the unique position of being able to better design components that work within that system."

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.