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### **U.S. XPRESS SPECS BENDIX® AIR DISC BRAKES ON TRACTOR STEER AXLES**

*Leading Carrier Equipping More Than 2,800 Tractors Fleetwide,  
Meeting Need for Improved Brake Safety, Performance, and Value*

**ELYRIA, Ohio – June 28, 2016** – North American commercial carriers committed to improved fleet and highway safety continue turning to technologies from Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC (BSFB).

U.S. Xpress, Inc., the nation's second largest privately owned truckload carrier, is specifying Bendix® ADB22X™ air disc brakes on the steer axles of more than 2,800 tractors, including vehicles manufactured by Freightliner, International®, Kenworth, and Peterbilt®. Delivery began last year and continues in 2016.

Founded in 1986 and based in Chattanooga, Tennessee, U.S. Xpress provides a wide variety of transportation solutions throughout North America.

“When it comes to safety, we are proud to be recognized as an industry leader, and we work very hard to maintain and improve on that position. This means the brakes we choose must meet an exceptionally high standard for safety – as well as for performance and value,” said Gerald Mead, senior vice president of maintenance for U.S. Xpress, Inc. “Bendix air disc brakes help us repay the trust and confidence our customers and drivers place in us.”

The Bendix ADB22X air disc brake offers straight, stable stops along with greater reliability due to virtually no brake fade or degradation of stopping power. Uptime benefits of the technology include longer brake lining life and quicker pad replacement, leading to lower maintenance costs. The internal self-adjustment mechanism can help lower the risk of out-of-adjustment brakes during roadside inspections, which can affect Compliance, Safety,

Accountability (CSA) scoring. While routine maintenance is still important with any brake system, air disc brakes – unlike drum brakes – do not require any additional maintenance associated with out-of-adjustment brakes.

BSFB began producing the Bendix® ADB22X™ air disc brake in 2005 – a first for the North American marketplace. Continually investing in resources to advance, manufacture, and support air disc braking systems, in 2016, BSFB will exceed the 1.5 million-unit production mark. The brake is 100 percent North American manufactured and assembled.

“In addition to safety, reliable performance and total cost of ownership are essential to today’s fleets. The team at U.S. Xpress understands and strives for that goal every day. It’s a true honor to be a partner with them – a responsibility we take very seriously,” said Scott Burkhart, Bendix vice president – sales, marketing, and business development. “Working together, we have helped the team at U.S. Xpress equip their vehicles with solutions for outstanding performance and responsiveness for their drivers as well as strong support when it comes to both driver and service training.”

For more information about Bendix ADB22X air disc brakes, call 1-800-AIR-BRAKE or visit [www.foundationbrakes.com](http://www.foundationbrakes.com).

### **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, Michigan, and a manufacturing facility in Bowling Green, Kentucky. For more information, call 1-866-610-9709 or visit [www.foundationbrakes.com](http://www.foundationbrakes.com). To learn about career opportunities at Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake, visit [www.bendix.com/careers](http://www.bendix.com/careers). Follow BSFB on Twitter at [http://twitter.com/Bendix\\_CVS](http://twitter.com/Bendix_CVS). Log on and learn from the Bendix experts at [www.brake-school.com](http://www.brake-school.com).

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