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HEAVY DUTY TRUCKING PLACES BENDIX® ADB22X™ -LT AIR DISC BRAKE AMONG ITS TOP 20 PRODUCTS OF 2017

Award Recognizes Cost-Saving and Performance Advantages of Trailer-Specific Brake

ELYRIA, Ohio – Feb. 21, 2017 – Bendix's first air disc brake engineered specifically for trailers, the ADB22X™ -LT, has been named one of the Top 20 products of the past year by *Heavy Duty Trucking*. The ADB22X-LT was created exclusively for trailers and launched in October 2016. In advancing the design of its industry-leading Bendix® ADB22X™ air disc brake, Bendix delivered the lightest air disc brake available in North America, incorporating an improved adjustment mechanism, along with a new pad that extends life beyond current ADB standards.

This marks the fourth time in the past six years that *Heavy Duty Trucking* has honored Bendix technology. Bendix® Wingman® Fusion™, the company's leading-edge driver assistance system, was on the 2016 list. In 2013, the roster included the Bendix® eTrac™ automated air pressure transfer system, and Bendix® Wingman® Advanced™ – A Collision Mitigation Technology made the cut in 2012.

"We are extremely pleased and honored by the recognition of the ADB22X-LT as a safety technology that both builds on our existing successes, and expands our air disc brake capabilities into new specialized territory," said Eddie Wilkinson, president of Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake. "It reflects the result of combining the Bendix team's talent with invaluable insight from our OEs, fleet customers, and drivers. The ADB22X-LT brake is an example of what we can achieve through our shared commitment to improving commercial vehicle safety."

The ADB22X™ -LT is produced by Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC (BSFB), a joint venture of Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Dana Commercial Vehicle Products, LLC.

Heavy Duty Trucking will present the award to Bendix at the 2017 TMC Annual Meeting and Transportation Technology Exhibition in Nashville. TMC (Technology Maintenance Council) is part of the American Trucking Associations.

The industry publication's Top 20 selections were chosen from products and services introduced between December 2015 and November 2016. The products and services were judged on their innovation, ability to address top industry issues, and potential to improve a fleet's bottom line in areas such as safety, efficiency, and maintenance. The list was compiled by *Heavy Duty Trucking's* editors and a panel of experienced fleet executives and maintenance managers, including the HDT Truck Fleet Innovators.

Innovation at Work

Weighing in at 40 pounds lighter per tandem axle than the Bendix® ADB22X™, and with a 23,000-pound brake rating, the LT helps deliver increased payload capacity and value, particularly for trailers in applications that are sensitive to brake weight. Lighter weight wheel-ends can also help fleets and drivers improve their overall fuel efficiency.

The new Bendix BX276 brake pad for the ADB22X-LT offers 8 percent more wearable volume, and up to a 40 percent improvement in wear rate, extending the service life beyond current industry air disc brake standards. Friction life is further improved by a new adjustment mechanism within the brake that reduces the risk of brake drag. The new pad can also be utilized in tractors, so fleets can streamline inventory, as well as training and maintenance practices.

"For more than a decade, we've been refining and improving our commercial vehicle air disc braking systems, listening to customer feedback and taking it to heart every step of the way," said Keith McComsey, BSFB director of wheel-end marketing and customer solutions. "And you see it on the roads: There are more than 1.5 million of our ADB22X air disc brakes on the highway today. With the ADB22X-LT, we were fully committed to maintaining the safety and performance benefits that the industry has come to expect from a Bendix air disc brake, while delivering additional advantages that meet the varied needs of trailer customers."

Like the ADB22X for tractors, the ADB22X-LT cuts downtime through quicker pad replacement, taking about one-fourth the time of the foundation drum brake procedure, once the wheel is removed. Additionally, upkeep and technician training can be streamlined when fleets

equip both the tractor and trailer versions of the brake, since the two share replacement wear items, and utilize the same installation and maintenance skill sets.

Both brakes provide a car-like feel and dependable performance, due to virtually no brake fade or degradation of stopping power. Air disc brakes are also not susceptible to rust jacking, and feature an internal self-adjustment mechanism that can help lower the risk of brakes being found out of adjustment during inspection, which can affect Compliance, Safety, Accountability (CSA) scoring.

The full lineup of Bendix® brand air disc brake and foundation drum brake solutions, including the ADB22X™ -LT, is commercially available and produced at BSFB's state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Through its complete line of wheel-end solutions that include drum brake systems, automatic slack adjusters, spring brakes, friction, and remanufactured brake shoes, BSFB delivers on areas critical to fleets' success: safety, reliability, stopping power, lower total cost of ownership, and post-sales support. The resulting improvements in vehicle performance and efficiency help strengthen the return on investments that fleets and drivers make in technologies that can improve roadway safety for everyone.

For more information about Bendix ADB22X™ air disc brakes, call 1-800-AIR-BRAKE or visit foundationbrakes.com.

About Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC

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