



- 1869** The Civil War just ended when the Westinghouse Air Brake Company is established to manufacture air brakes invented by George Westinghouse.
- 1924** The twenties are roaring and Westinghouse air brake systems are applied to International Harvester coaches in Akron, Ohio.
- 1927** With automobiles giving Americans greater mobility, innovative auto engineer, Vincent Bendix, forms the Bendix Corporation to produce Safety Servo vacuum brakes.
- 1930** As Roosevelt proposes a New Deal, a new company, the Bendix-Westinghouse Automotive Air Brake Company, is established following a merger.
- 1934** While Babe Ruth is well on his way to 714 home runs, Bendix-Westinghouse scores on the international front, establishing air brake licensing agreements in France, Germany, Italy and England.
- 1941** During WW-II, Bendix-Westinghouse establishes new headquarters in Elyria, Ohio.
- 1949** Hollywood is the hub of moviemaking, and dependable Bendix air brakes are the standard on all heavy trucks, tractor-trailers, buses, fire trucks and off-highway vehicles.
- 1960** Kennedy is elected as Bendix pioneers automatic slack adjusters, air dryers, dual brake valves and first generation antilock braking systems.
- 1969** The space race is on, and the Bendix Corporation acquires 100 percent ownership of Bendix-Westinghouse.
- 1975** The American League adopts the Designated Hitter Rule, and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 21 adopts Bendix® dual air brake systems as standard.



- 1980** As two Voyager spacecrafts fly by Jupiter, Bendix achieves another major milestone, establishing a worldwide parts distribution center and remanufacturing operation in Huntington, Ind.
- 1982** Martina Navratilova wins one of nine singles titles at Wimbledon as Bendix Corporation teams up with Allied Corporation, becoming an independent supplier of brand names such as Bendix®, Fram® and Autolite®.
- 1986-1989** Larry Bird is MVP, and a series of valuable mergers and acquisitions strengthen European operations, resulting in the establishment of Allied-Signal, Inc.
- 1999** Allied-Signal merges with Honeywell International, continuing to offer the Bendix® brand name under its Honeywell Commercial Vehicle Systems unit.
- 2000** In 2000, the Bendix integrated control module for International Truck and Engine Corporation was among the first integrated products of its type in the commercial vehicle industry to capitalize on a migration toward complex pre-manufactured, pre-tested sub-assemblies.
- 2002** Salt Lake City hosts the Winter Olympics and Knorr-Bremse obtains 100 percent ownership in Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC, forming a true global partnership of innovative braking technologies.
- 2004** Harvard undergrad, Mark Zuckerberg, started Facebook and Bendix and Dana Corporation formed a joint venture known as Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC (BSFB).
- 2005** Hurricane Katrina hits the Gulf Coast of the U.S. on August 29, leaving 80% of New Orleans and large tracts of neighboring parishes flooded for weeks. That same year, Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC marked a production milestone – shipping the company’s 200,000th integrated control module.
- 2006** In September 2006, BSFB took a significant step to expand its operations with the purchase of Fresno, California-based Di-Pro, Inc., a privately held manufacturer and distributor of spring brake actuators and brake chambers to the heavy-duty trucking industry.
- 2007** Apple introduces the iPhone and Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC marked the 5000th download of its Bendix® ACom® diagnostics software. The milestone in customer service demonstrates the Bendix commitment to assisting fleets and technicians in the diagnosis, repair, troubleshooting and recalibration of components that form its antilock braking and stability systems.
- October 28, 2007 marked the first Bendix® ES™ drum brake shipped from the new manufacturing plant operation in Bowling Green, Ky. Air disc brake production began at the site on February 25, 2008. Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake’s production facility was designed to feature the most productive and economic movement of materials and personnel.



**Bendix Spicer  
Foundation Brake LLC**  
*A Bendix CVS and Dana Joint Venture*

**2008**

Barack Obama was elected President of the United States, and became the first African-American U.S. president when he succeeded George W. Bush in 2009. On October 2, 2008, Bendix experienced a first of its own when it rolled the first cab module off the assembly line in a newly renovated, 75,000-square-foot state-of-the-art dressed cab assembly facility located in Huntington, Ind. The facility represents substantial growth for the Bendix modules business.

In the closing months of 2008, Bendix further expanded its technology offerings with two key acquisitions. First, in October, Bendix CVS acquired select assets – including the SmarTire advanced tire monitoring solution – from the Vancouver, Canada-based SmarTire Systems Inc. Next, on December 31, 2008, the company acquired the VORAD® Collision Warning System from Eaton Corporation. The technologies from both transactions become a part of the electronics business unit of Bendix.

**2009**

At the 2009 MidAmerica Truck Show, Bendix introduced the Bendix® Pneumatic Booster System (PBS), the first air management system of its kind to simultaneously improve fuel economy and vehicle acceleration, while reducing engine emissions.

**2010**

Bendix marked its 80th anniversary of operation, expanding its global business again to include torsional vibration engine dampers produced by Hasse & Wrede, a Chicago area-based business unit that is the North American arm of the long time Knorr-Bremse Group member.

Marking major production and delivery milestones in 2010, Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC delivered its 100,000th Bendix® ESP® Electronic Stability Program system for tractor-trailers, trucks, and motor coaches and produced its 750,000th Bendix® BA-921® air compressor.

**2011**

Continuing to advance its technology roadmap, on July 29, 2011, Bendix finalized its purchase of select assets – including SafetyDirect® and the AutoVue® Lane Departure Warning System – from Iteris, Inc. (NYSE Amex: ITI). The transaction immediately incorporates the technologies and associated research, development, sales and service operations into the electronics business units at Bendix and Knorr-Bremse.

Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC (BSFB) continues its rapid growth in the production of air disc brakes in North America to meet increased market demand. BSFB recently reached a milestone when it manufactured its 175,000th Bendix® ADB22X™ air disc brake at the company's state-of-the-art wheel-end production facility in Bowling Green, Ky., which began producing the air disc brakes in 2005.

