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### **BENDIX PRODUCTS NOW STANDARD ON DORSEY TRAILERS**

*Agreement Reinforces Long-Term Commitment by Bendix to Trailer Market*

**ELYRIA, Ohio – February 11, 2008** – The continued emphasis by Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems toward its trailer product offerings has garnered a long-term agreement with Dorsey Trailer.

Dorsey Trailer, an industry pioneer established in 1911, has made the Bendix® TABS-6 trailer ABS product and Bendix SR-5® spring brake relay valve standard on all of its trailers.

“Bendix is extremely price-competitive, especially for such a premium product,” said Jeff Pitts, owner of Dorsey Trailer, a division of Pitts Enterprises. “As a leader in the braking and trailer marketplace, we know we can rely on the products and service Bendix provides.

“We are aware that technology is going to continue to grow. To achieve our goal of providing safe and reliable trailers, we have added the Bendix® spring brake relay valves and the trailer ABS technology. These products will help ensure we have a top-notch ABS system.”

The Bendix® TABS-6 system is a high-performance trailer ABS technology specifically designed for a broad range of trailer types and applications. It is compatible with a variety of trailer axle configurations, as well as having the fewest electrical connectors of any other system.

The Bendix® SR-5™ spring brake relay valves provide premium performance under extreme conditions. The valve’s design also enables it to perform when common air-line contaminants are found in the trailer system. Its anti-compounding feature provides increased robustness and improved failure detection by audibly exhausting air through the tractor protection valve at the back of the cab. The heavy-duty aluminum die cast body withstands

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rigorous vibration and corrosive trailer environments, including heavy ice buildup that can accumulate on valve components and air lines and could fracture the valve body of other designs.

A long time industry leader, the Bendix SR-5 spring brake relay valve delivers fast, reliable performance under extreme conditions, including the ability to withstand temperatures as low as -50 degrees F. With the push of the trailer park brake release button, the trailer is ready to move before the driver can shift into gear. This speed of release prevents dragging tires and additional strain on the tractor's drive train. The Bendix SR-5 relay based design makes it the fastest performing valve available on the market.

Bendix offers a complete portfolio of trailer products and solutions, all designed for performance and reliability. By going beyond simply offering braking components for trailer applications, Bendix strives to create long-term partnerships within the trailer market by delivering a complete, integrated system and excellent customer service.

### **About Dorsey Trailer**

Dorsey Trailer offers a wide variety of truck trailers including dry and refrigerated vans, steel and composite flatbeds, open-top and closed-top chip vans and specialty trailers such as fruit haul and furniture drop frame vans. The company utilizes the decades of experience, computer-aided design, skilled craftsmen, and an 800,000 square foot state-of-the-art facility to produce safe and reliable trailers. For more information, visit [www.dorseytrailer.net](http://www.dorseytrailer.net).

### **About Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC**

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, a member of the Knorr-Bremse Group, develops and supplies leading-edge active safety technologies, air brake charging, and control systems and components under the Bendix® brand name for medium- and heavy-duty trucks, tractors, trailers, buses and other commercial vehicles throughout North America. An industry pioneer, employing more than 2,000 people, we are driven to deliver solutions for improved vehicle performance, safety and overall operating cost. Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems is headquartered in Elyria, Ohio, with manufacturing plants in Acuña, Mexico; Bowling Green, Ky.; and Huntington, Ind. For more information, call 1-800-AIR-BRAKE (1-800-247-2725) or visit [www.bendix.com](http://www.bendix.com).

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