



## *News Release*

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*Acuña Operation Leads Company's Charge toward Becoming  
100 Percent Landfill-Free by 2020*

**ELYRIA, Ohio – Feb. 8, 2017** – The Acuña campus of Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems diverted nearly 97 percent (over 6 million pounds) of material waste in 2016, helping the company close in on its overall goal of becoming 100 percent landfill-free by 2020. Bendix's Acuña operation – which consists of three state-of-the-art facilities – also helped the company make gains in its quest to reduce overall energy consumption and carbon dioxide emissions 10 percent each by 2019, from a 2014 baseline.

“Our commitment to environmental responsibility and sustainability is a core principle at Bendix,” said Jim Batson, Acuña plant manager. “The work and dedication displayed daily by our leadership and plant workforce is a testament to that commitment. Our sustainability efforts have helped and will continue to help make a positive impact on our business, the communities we each call home, and our planet.”

Bendix has a two-step plan to increase its waste diversion efforts Year over Year. Phase one targets diversion of only industrial waste. The company is on track to be landfill-free by 2020, due in part to innovative waste diversion practices at the Acuña campus, and at Bendix facilities across North America. Acuña III and Acuña II currently lead all Bendix North American locations with 99.3 percent and 97.6 percent waste diversion, respectively. Acuña I ranks fifth of eight overall, with 93.4 percent. All Acuña operations will reach their goal to become industrial waste landfill-free during 2017.

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Key waste diversion and recycling programs at Bendix include trash audits (called dumpster dives) that identify remaining opportunities in the company's recycling programs; instituting returnable packaging with suppliers whenever possible; and creating a business case to go landfill-free by utilizing waste to energy facilities.

Toward its goal of eliminating industrial waste, Bendix recently invested \$2.8 million to complete a new, more environmentally friendly production line at the Acuña manufacturing campus. The line exclusively utilizes trivalent chrome on components where chrome is used as a corrosion-resistant coating. No longer used is hexavalent chrome, which tends to face tighter restrictions on manufacturing and usage due to its persistence in the environment and health concerns.

### **Innovations in Energy Efficiency**

The Acuña campus saved more than 680,000 kilowatt hours – translating to a savings of over \$72,000 – through its energy efficiency efforts over the last two years. Company-wide, Bendix saved more than 6.3 million kilowatt hours – a savings of \$383,700 – in the same time frame. Many of these savings are due in large part to the company's continued improvement of lighting efficiency, as well as a focus on the main energy consumers – HVAC and compressed air. The company is also standardizing its energy submetering at Acuña and several other Bendix facilities.

Submetering is the installation of metering devices with the ability to measure and identify the energy usage of major consumers in each facility. Real-time data collection helps drive efficient management of energy demands, as well as peak and down times. Bendix has added energy submetering at its Acuña campus, as well as its Huntington, Indiana, campus and Elyria, Ohio, headquarters. The company plans to implement submetering at all manufacturing locations by 2019.

From 2009 to 2014, Bendix's Acuña campus reduced both its overall energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by over 44 percent.

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC – the North American leader in the development and manufacture of active safety and braking solutions for commercial vehicles – operates facilities in the United States, Mexico, and Canada. The Acuña manufacturing operation, established in 1988, employs more than 1,400 workers and encompasses 412,000 square feet. Acuña and its employees represent one of the fastest-growing Bendix manufacturing sites, and were honored by leaders of Bendix's parent company, the Knorr-Bremse Group, as the company's top-ranked plant worldwide in 2011.

### **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, energy management solutions, and 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 3,000 people, Bendix is driven to deliver solutions for improved vehicle safety, performance, and overall operating cost. Contact us at 1-800-AIR-BRAKE (1-800-247-2725) or visit [bendix.com](http://bendix.com). Stay connected and informed through Bendix expert podcasts, blog posts, videos, and other resources at [knowledge-dock.com](http://knowledge-dock.com). Follow Bendix on Twitter at [twitter.com/Bendix\\_CVS](https://twitter.com/Bendix_CVS). Log on and learn from the Bendix experts at [brake-school.com](http://brake-school.com). And to learn more about career opportunities at Bendix, visit [bendix.com/careers](http://bendix.com/careers).

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