



## *News Release*

*For more information, contact:*

Barbara Gould  
**Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC**  
(440) 329-9609  
barbara.gould@bendix.com

or  
Ken Kesegich  
**Marcus Thomas LLC**  
(888) 482-4455  
kkesegich@marcusthomasllc.com

***FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE***

**FORT WORTH CARRIER CORPORATION: BIG TERRITORY – AND A BIGGER  
COMMITMENT TO SAFETY**

*Coast-to-Coast Hauler Equips Advanced Bendix Technologies,  
Including Bendix® Wingman® Fusion™*

**ELYRIA, Ohio – Oct. 5, 2017** – From its headquarters in Texas, the Fort Worth Carrier Corporation sends its fleet across 29 states, a territory that spans coast-to-coast and border-to-border between Canada and Mexico. It's a trucking environment of diverse landscapes, highways, and driving conditions, where change can happen as gradually as the seasons or as quickly as a thunderclap – and where one true constant guides Fort Worth Carrier and its partnership with Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems.

"We never stop searching for ways to become safer," said Roger Wampler, fleet maintenance manager. "We only hire experienced drivers, we take pride in our equipment, and we put a real emphasis on spec'ing our trucks and trailers with the best safety systems on the road."

Founded in 1980, Fort Worth Carrier is a dedicated hauler for a nationwide retail chain of several hundred stores. Its fleet of 113 tractors and more than 1,100 trailers equips Bendix safety systems that include the flagship collision mitigation technology of Bendix® Wingman® Fusion™; Bendix® ADB22X™ air disc brakes; and SmarTire® Tire Pressure Monitoring System by Bendix CVS.

Bendix is the North American leader in the development and manufacture of leading-edge active safety and braking system technologies for commercial vehicles.

“Fleet safety is a complex issue with a lot of moving parts – and there is nobody better in the industry to work with than Bendix,” Wampler said. “They roll up their sleeves and work tirelessly with our team to get problems solved, and when we need customer service, it’s instantaneous.”

### **The Right Equipment**

Fort Worth Carrier has spec’ed Bendix air disc brakes since 2011, and equips the ADB22X™ on all its tractor axles for straight, stable stops with virtually no brake fade. Bendix air disc friction is also engineered for longer life, and the brake design allows for pad changes in one-quarter the time of drum brake friction replacement once the wheel is off.

“The drivers love them, the stopping power is fantastic, and we save so much on brake maintenance, due to the longevity of the brake shoes and the convenience in the shop,” Wampler said. “And when it comes time for our next round of trailer spec’ing, those will be getting air disc brakes too.”

Wampler said Fort Worth Carrier drivers are also big fans of SmarTire®, which uses wheel-mounted sensors inside each tire to continuously monitor temperature, as well as pressure. This enables the system to not only address changing situations that can affect pressure – such as whether a truck has been parked for some time or has traveled hundreds of miles – but also provides earlier warnings of potential tire problems.

### **Advanced Technology Adoption**

Fort Worth Carrier began spec’ing Bendix® Wingman® Advanced™ – A Collision Mitigation Technology in 2012, just a year after the system’s launch, and eventually equipped it fleetwide. When Bendix introduced the next-generation Wingman® Fusion™ in 2015, the fleet began making the move to the more advanced technology. There are currently two dozen Fusion-equipped trucks in the Fort Worth Carrier fleet.

Bendix’s most advanced driver assistance system gathers input through radar, video, and the vehicle’s brakes, with the sensors working together and not just in parallel. By combining and cross-checking the information from all sources to create a highly detailed and accurate data picture, Fusion delivers adaptive cruise control along with enhanced rear-end collision mitigation, following distance alerts, stationary object alerts, lane departure warning, alerts when speeding, and braking on stationary vehicles – all while prioritizing alerts to help reduce driver distraction.

“I test-drive any technology we’re considering so that I can get firsthand experience and see just how it will work behind the wheel,” Wampler said. “I also talk to all the drivers I can. Once they’ve gotten used to these active safety systems, they quickly realize the technology is an effective driving aid that they really appreciate. And we’ve seen results: We haven’t had any major accidents in several years.”

The forward-facing camera of Wingman<sup>®</sup> Fusion<sup>™</sup> is powered by the Mobileye System-on-Chip EyeQ processor with state-of-the-art vision algorithms. Fusion can also help drivers in collisions, potential rollovers, and loss-of-control situations, since the system is built on the Bendix<sup>®</sup> ESP<sup>®</sup> Electronic Stability Program full-stability system.

“Every day, Fort Worth Carrier drivers put their skills and dedication to safety to work on the roadways of North America, facing an incredible range of challenges,” said Lance Hansen, Bendix North America regional vice president – fleet/trailer sales & service engineering. “Working with the fleet team to support the men and women behind the wheel with safe and reliable vehicles is a privilege that Bendix is immeasurably proud to share.”

Bendix emphasizes that no matter how advanced, no commercial vehicle safety technology replaces a skilled, alert driver exercising safe driving techniques and proactive, comprehensive driver training. Bendix safety technologies are meant to complement and support safe driving practices – not to enable or encourage aggressive driving. Responsibility for the safe operation of any commercial vehicle remains with the driver at all times.

The Bendix multimedia center at [knowledge-dock.com](http://knowledge-dock.com) provides a wealth of information on commercial vehicle safety trends and technologies, as well as Bendix’s advanced safety system development. Other product- and service-related content includes podcasts, blogs, videos, and more. For further information about Bendix collision mitigation systems and air disc brakes, contact Bendix at 1-800-AIR-BRAKE or visit [www.safertrucks.com/solutions](http://www.safertrucks.com/solutions).

### **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<sup>®</sup> brand name for medium- and heavy-duty trucks, tractors, trailers, buses, and other commercial vehicles throughout North America. An industry pioneer, employing more than 3,200 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).

# # #