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BENDIX EXPANDS AFTERMARKET BRAKE SHOE LINE,
PAIRING NEW STEEL WITH MORE FRICTION OPTIONS

*New Steel/Coreless Shoe Eliminates Remanufacturing Core Charges,
Incorporates High-Level Rust Jacking Protection*

ELYRIA, Ohio – Jan. 23, 2018 – For fleets and owner-operators seeking an initial lower cost and high-quality aftermarket brake shoes without the core charges associated with remanufactured products, Bendix now offers a new steel/coreless shoe with its Bendix® Basic Friction or Bendix® Advanced Friction lines. The company announced the addition to its aftermarket product set Monday at Heavy Duty Aftermarket Week in Las Vegas.

“With so many truck vocations and fleet applications out there, the more options Bendix can provide, the better we can equip the commercial vehicle industry for putting safer trucks on the road,” said Keith McComsey, director of marketing and customer solutions at Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC (BSFB).

McComsey continued, “We know, for instance, that not every job demands the superior performance level of Bendix® OE Friction. At the same time, we recognize that some customers prefer not to deal with remanufactured shoes – which carry core charges, plus require collecting used shoes and returning them to the manufacturer. Yet, until now, our aftermarket shoes with Bendix Basic and Bendix Advanced frictions were solely available as remanufactured products. With the new steel/coreless shoe, we’ve filled that niche in our aftermarket line, giving vehicle operators another option to best meet their particular needs.”

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Fleets or owner-operators needing RSD performance should continue to select Bendix's OE-level friction through Bendix® reman brake shoes.

In addition to eliminating core charges, the new steel/coreless shoe also utilizes an E-coat process, which offers improved corrosion protection to help prevent rust jacking. A combination of brake shoe corrosion and lining failure, rust jacking occurs when rust builds up on the steel beneath a brake lining, exerting upward pressure on the friction and eventually causing cracks in the friction material.

BSFB is a joint venture between Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC and Dana Commercial Vehicle Products, LLC, contributing to the full lineup of Bendix wheel-end safety solutions, including the array of commercially available Bendix® brand foundation drum brakes, from its state-of-the-art manufacturing facility in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Bendix wheel-end offerings also include air disc brake systems, automatic slack adjusters, spring brakes, friction, and remanufactured brake shoes.

In addition to the new steel/coreless shoe, Bendix continues to offer its reman brake shoe series – a three-level aftermarket friction portfolio that includes friction engineered to deliver safety, performance, and value across a broad spectrum of customer needs. The Bendix® Basic line features economically priced friction such as BB200 and BB230, designed for good wear and consistent stopping power under normal operating conditions, in low to midrange temperatures. Bendix® Advanced Friction includes solutions certified to maintain compliance with the federal Reduced Stopping Distance (RSD) mandate, and is designed to provide higher torque and perform in higher temperatures with less fade, making it suitable for more demanding applications, higher weights, and steeper terrain. Friction at this level also demonstrates improved lining and drum wear, lowering the total cost of ownership. Bendix® OE Friction is the company's highest performing friction offering, and includes the exact materials found on original equipment.

“Regardless of a fleet's or operator's budget, it's important for every commercial vehicle on the road to be properly equipped for safe operation,” McComsey said. “That's why we listen every day to our customers and dedicate our resources to help them maintain safety and manage their operating costs.”

Bendix aftermarket brake shoes are part of the company's ever-growing portfolio of technologies that deliver on safety, reliability, performance and efficiency, and lower cost of vehicle ownership – all backed with unparalleled post-sales support. By encouraging investment

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in the components and technologies that improve safe commercial vehicle operation, Bendix aims to make North America's roads safer for all who share them.

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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 3,200 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. Stay connected and informed through Bendix expert podcasts, blog posts, videos, and other resources at knowledge-dock.com. Follow Bendix on Twitter at twitter.com/Bendix_CVS. Log on and learn from the Bendix experts at brake-school.com. And to learn more about career opportunities at Bendix, visit bendix.com/careers.

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