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### **BENDIX TECHNICAL CENTER IN MONTERREY, MEXICO,** **MARKS FIVE YEARS OF GROWTH**

*Engineering Team Is Integral Part of Company's North American R&D Effort to  
Develop Solutions That Deliver More Value for Evolving Global Customer Base*

**AVON, Ohio – Nov. 29, 2023** – It opened in 2018 with 34 employees – 32 of them engineers – in a 7,800-square-foot space. Five years later, the Technical Center that Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC (Bendix) launched in Monterrey, Mexico, is home to 80 engineers and some three dozen administrative employees in a facility expanded to more than 25,500 square feet, featuring a larger lab, additional office space, and a state-of-the-art vehicle engineering garage now under construction.

Located in the Research and Technological Innovation Park (PIIT), the center has helped Bendix further expand its North American presence by powering research and development across the company's expansive portfolio of integrated products and solutions. The Monterrey-based team – working in tandem with Bendix and Knorr-Bremse engineering colleagues across North America and worldwide, respectively – helps advance new and emerging technologies to deliver more value to the company's global customers and strengthen its global presence. Knorr-Bremse is Bendix's Munich, Germany-based parent company.

"The Monterrey facility – designed to help expand Bendix's global engineering capabilities – was aimed at growth from the start, and it has more than delivered for the company and our customers," said Claus Beyer, vice president – ADAS/HAD North America and chief engineer at Bendix.

Beyer continued, “The center reflects Bendix’s standing as an evolving global company and a technology innovator. Our robust engineering team there supports the entire Bendix product portfolio, including the most advanced technologies in development. And it’s an invaluable contributor as we bring Bendix’s expertise to bear in the introduction of emerging technologies, from vehicle electrification to automated and autonomous vehicles.”

Mexico, where the commercial vehicle industry manufactures more than a third of its tractors and a growing number of trailers, has been a vital part of Bendix’s business for 35 years, dating to the establishment of manufacturing operations in Acuña in May 1988. The center in Monterrey helps further enhance the company’s presence in North America and expand its engineering footprint.

Bendix’s headquarters in Avon, Ohio, serves as the company’s engineering and R&D leadership hub. In addition to Monterrey, Bendix also maintains vibrant engineering operations in Acuña; Hanover, Pennsylvania; Irvine, California; Kalamazoo, Michigan; Sterling Heights, Michigan; and Vancouver, British Columbia.

### **Center for Growth**

A fundamental goal of the Monterrey Technical Center is to help develop and validate new generations of applied safety technologies for commercial vehicles while increasing overall value for customers. At its start, the center’s engineers worked toward this goal by serving as contributors to projects led in Avon. Today, Monterrey leads projects of its own.

“Our Monterrey engineers demonstrated their expertise and exceeded expectations,” said Juan Carlos Mellado, director of product engineering at Bendix – Mexico. “The company sees the abilities and skills of these engineers and recognizes the value they bring to product development, in concert with Bendix across North America. The Monterrey team is proud to fulfill its promise by complementing and helping advance the R&D work of Avon and Bendix’s other powerful North American engineering centers – all with responsiveness to customer needs remaining top of mind.”

A key part of the Technical Center’s growth has been an investment to increase the size and capabilities of its lab. Now 150% larger, the lab is home to functions ranging from vibration and other mechanical testing to electrostatic discharge validation.

As the center has grown, it has also accelerated its ability to train new engineering team members with less input from the Avon hub. This more efficient transfer of knowledge has contributed to the center’s evolution into project owners.

The latest growth at the Technical Center is its expansion into vehicle testing. Construction is underway on a new, more than \$1.1 million USD engineering truck garage across the street from the center. This investment will result in a facility for Bendix's Monterrey engineers to outfit vehicles and perform testing, both simulations and in-vehicle.

The highly skilled engineers contributing to the center's success come from numerous universities, leveraging their wide-ranging experience to shape transportation technologies for today and tomorrow.

"We have developed close working relationships with prestigious local universities renowned for their technical experience, such as ITESM (Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey), UANL (Universidad Autónoma de Nuevo León), and UdeM (Universidad de Monterrey), in addition to the research centers at CONACYT (Consejo Nacional de Ciencia y Tecnología)," Mellado said. "We're taking steps to expand these relationships further, including creating a co-op program with two of our university partners."

Employees at the center have also continued the long-standing Bendix corporate culture of giving back to the communities in which company team members live and work. Recent activities include joining in reforestation efforts in Apodaca, which is where the center is located within the Monterrey metropolitan area.

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

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, a member of Knorr-Bremse, 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 4,400 people, Bendix – and its wholly owned subsidiary, R.H. Sheppard Co., Inc. – is driven to deliver the best 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](https://www.bendix.com). Stay connected and informed through Bendix expert podcasts, blog posts, videos, and other resources at [knowledge-dock.com](https://www.knowledge-dock.com). Follow Bendix on X, formerly known as Twitter, at [twitter.com/Bendix\\_CVS](https://twitter.com/Bendix_CVS). Log on and learn from the Bendix experts at [brake-school.com](https://www.brake-school.com). And to learn more about career opportunities at Bendix, visit [bendix.com/careers](https://www.bendix.com/careers).

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