ELYRIA, Ohio – March 24, 2010 – SmarTire™ Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) by Bendix CVS is now the only tire pressure monitoring system available through commercial vehicle OEMs. Both International and Volvo recently announced that SmarTire TPMS is available as an option on new truck builds.

The SmarTire technology monitors the pressure and temperature of each tire on a commercial vehicle to provide real-time tire status information to the driver or maintenance technician. The technology is designed to warn the driver of tire-related problems, such as low pressure and high temperatures, before they become dangerous. The system reads pressure and temperature information from inside the tire and communicates wirelessly to an on-board receiver, which forwards the information and provides alerts through the vehicle dash.

SmarTire TPMS alerts the driver to loss of air pressure or high tire temperature and provides pressure information to maintenance personnel. Keeping commercial vehicle tires at proper inflation levels can deliver fuel savings, as well as reduce tire wear and help ensure the proper performance of active safety technologies like Bendix® ESP® (Electronic Stability Program) and Bendix® Wingman® ACB – Active Cruise with Braking when needed.

“Tires are the number one maintenance cost for fleets and owner-operators,” said Fred Andersky, Bendix director of marketing – Controls. “We are pleased that International and Volvo recognized this and decided to offer SmarTire TPMS to its customers. We know that several other major truck OEMs are also considering offering the system.”
Trailer tires also have a major need for tire pressure monitoring. Currently, Bendix works directly with major fleets on their specific needs for trailer tire pressure monitoring and plans to have an aftermarket kit available for trailers before the end of 2010.

**SmarTire Available through Aftermarket Distributors**

SmarTire is also available for the aftermarket through the broad network of Bendix OES and independent aftermarket distribution channel partners across North America.

Along with helping improve fuel economy, keeping tires properly inflated can provide a safety dividend. Braking technologies, including ABS, traction control, Bendix® ESP® and Bendix® Wingman® ACB – Active Cruise with Braking, rely on properly maintained and inflated tires and braking systems to ensure optimal system performance. According to the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), “Properly maintained and performing tires aid drivers in preventing and mitigating crash situations.” Maintaining inflated tires keeps trucks moving, improving fuel mileage, tire life, and tread life.

“This is a great product for aftermarket distribution,” continued Andersky. “The product is sold as a complete kit – sensors, antennae, receiver, wiring, display and instructions – providing easy and economical retrofitting of the system for almost any commercial vehicle application. Trucking companies and owner/operators can now get the TPMS system on their new vehicles, as well as retrofit older trucks – getting potential savings in fuel economy and tire durability across their entire fleet.”

For more information about SmarTire Tire Pressure Monitoring System (TPMS) by Bendix CVS, or to find a complete list of Bendix aftermarket distributors, please visit www.bendix.com.

**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, Bendix is 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.; Huntington, Ind.; and Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. For more information, call 1-800-AIR-BRAKE (1-800-247-2725) or visit www.bendix.com.

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