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**DURING NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVER APPRECIATION WEEK,**  
**A SALUTE FROM THE TEAM AT BENDIX**

*Supporting America's Professionals Behind the Wheel*

**ELYRIA, Ohio – Sept. 10, 2021** – From delivering the goods that are helping rebuild America's economy, to carrying lifesaving vaccines and medical equipment, and coming through with emergency supplies in the wake of natural disasters, it could hardly be clearer how much depends on America's truck drivers. Every hour of every day, these professionals behind the wheel perform a vital service that often goes unseen and unrecognized by the millions of people who depend upon them – whether they know it or not.

“National Truck Driver Appreciation Week is a great opportunity to put a spotlight of gratitude on America's 3.6 million professional truckers – but really, we should be thanking them year-round, because let's face it: They never stop delivering for all of us,” said Fred Andersky, director – demos, sales and service training at Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC. “And they do it around the clock with an unparalleled commitment to highway safety and keeping an eye out for everyone on the roads around them.”

This year's National Truck Driver Appreciation Week takes place Sept. 12-18 and is sponsored by the American Trucking Associations (ATA). According to the organization, 80% of U.S. communities depend solely on trucking to deliver goods, and professional truck drivers are responsible for hauling roughly 70% of America's total annual freight – more than 10 billion tons of goods and products each year. Trucking and truck drivers truly move America forward!

“The entire Bendix team offers its heartfelt thanks to America’s truck drivers, and we’re proudly committed to supporting their work behind the wheel by developing systems and solutions that provide safer trucks,” Andersky said. “The most important delivery at the end of the day is the one that sees everyone home safely.”

### **Driver Assistance – Not Replacement**

Bendix is the North American leader in the development and manufacture of active safety, air management, and braking system technologies for commercial vehicles, including advanced driver assistance systems (ADAS) that deliver stability control and collision mitigation. These solutions are engineered to help drivers do their jobs more safely – but there’s nothing that can replace a good driver’s skillset.

“In all of our efforts, we continuously emphasize the critical role of the driver,” said Andersky, who holds a Class A CDL. “ADAS technologies are there to support and complement drivers, and to help prevent even the best driver from having a bad day due to constantly changing road and traffic situations. There’s no substitute for a skilled driver practicing safe habits, supported by ongoing and proactive training. Ultimately, the professionals behind the wheel are responsible for a vehicle’s safe operation, and the full portfolio of Bendix technologies offers an exceptional measure of support.”

Other Bendix solutions supporting these goals include air disc brakes, blind spot monitoring, lane departure warning, and steering assistance. Additionally, Bendix electronic parking brake technology helps prevent rollaways and improves the in-cab ergonomics by eliminating the “sting” of push-pull air brake valves.

### **Staying in the Know**

As commercial vehicle technologies rapidly evolve and advance, up-to-date proper training on their use and maintenance has become even more important to keeping drivers safe. Bendix offers a combination of hands-on experiences, continuous education, and ongoing communications to help fleets, drivers, and owner-operators understand new technologies, what these technologies do in traffic situations to help, and, overall, keep their skills sharp.

“Understanding is key to getting the best out of today’s most advanced technologies, whether it’s an in-person demonstration where we can guide drivers through the actual experience of how these systems work and feel, or virtual demos like we did in 2020 and then shared on the Bendix websites and our YouTube channel,” Andersky said. “We also have a training portal at [www.brake-school.com](http://www.brake-school.com) that provides free access to a wide array of technical

courses, and the Knowledge Dock® at [www.knowledge-dock.com](http://www.knowledge-dock.com), which has archived resources like the Bendix Tech Tips series, podcasts, blogs, and white papers.”

With a legacy of dedication to the commercial vehicle industry that goes back more than 90 years, Bendix remains a proud and enthusiastic supporter of America’s professional truck drivers and their skills and safety. And that won’t change – no matter what lies on the road ahead.

#### **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 4,100 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](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).