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BENDIX EXPANDS AVAILABILITY **OF REMANUFACTURED BENDIX® BA-921® AIR COMPRESSOR**

*Industry Standard Compressor Now Available from All Authorized Bendix
Dealers and Distributors, Offering Cost Savings and Superior Air System Protection*

ELYRIA, Ohio – Jan. 24, 2022 – Delivering long life and superior air system protection, genuine Bendix® remanufactured BA-921® compressors for Detroit® Diesel 2007 EPA and 2010 EPA DD13® and DD15® engines are now available for sale in the commercial vehicle aftermarket. Along with greater access to this key component, authorized Bendix dealers and distributors will have the advantage of being able to consolidate purchases, expand their offerings, and provide even more one-stop shopping convenience for customers.

“The BA-921 is one of the most popular compressors on the road today, and now it’s easier than ever to replace with a genuine Bendix® remanufactured version, which means you’re getting original equipment manufacturer (OEM) quality and reliability, along with a competitive price,” said Richard Nagel, Bendix director, marketing and customer solutions – Aftermarket and Air Supply. “Factor in Bendix’s more than 45 years as a remanufacturing leader and 24-month warranty, and you’re looking at an incredibly dependable means of reducing replacement costs, extending vehicle life, and reducing total cost of ownership for fleets and owner-operators.”

Bendix is the North American leader in the development and manufacture of active safety, air management, and braking solutions for commercial vehicles. The company

remanufactures foundation drum brake shoes, valves, air dryers, compressors, steering gears, and electronics.

Know Your Reman

A true remanufactured component must be rebuilt by an original equipment manufacturer, such as Bendix. The component incorporates a mix of internal parts and features inspected and refurbished for reuse by Bendix and brand-new parts from the very same suppliers the manufacturer uses for original equipment. Internal parts that exhibit high levels of wear during normal operation – gaskets and bushings, for example – must be replaced with original spec parts identical to the ones used in a brand-new product.

Pistons, connecting rods, bearings, and fasteners used in a truck's air compressor undergo a great deal of stress, and the compressor's head and unloading valves can experience carbon buildup. They remain potential failure points if they're not replaced as part of the reman process.

"There are crucial differences between real reman components and those that are often labeled 'rebuilt,'" Nagel said. "For instance, a rebuilt air compressor might be cheaper – but it also might just be cleaned and repainted, with wear parts that are either being reused or replaced with inferior versions. This means you can't guarantee that the component will perform to the original manufacturer's specifications, which can lead to failures or system damage down the road."

OEM-level remanufacturers like Bendix also conduct the same postproduction testing as performed on OEM components to ensure proper performance levels.

Protecting Today's Trucks

Commercial vehicles today are using compressed air for more non-braking functions, including automated manual transmissions (AMTs) and emissions controls. A dependable, durable compressor, backed by an OEM warranty and technical support, helps keep these systems operating safely and reliably.

"A clean, dry air supply is essential for today's trucks, and compressors should pass only a minimal amount of oil, which is needed to lubricate the piston rings," Nagel said. "The BA-921® unit has always been known for low oil passing, and only genuine Bendix® remanufactured compressors maintain that performance. One of the reasons is that we re-hone the piston bore and match the new bore diameter with a new and properly sized piston during remanufacturing."

Over time, a compressor bore gets worn and scuffed, losing its precise original fit with the piston. Re-honing a piston restores that fit, which is key to ensuring the piston passes just

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the right amount of oil during operation. A small amount is necessary to lubricate the compressor, but too much oil passing risks contaminating the air supply – which can lead to significant problems.

“We also understand how much downtime impacts the bottom line,” Nagel noted. “With Bendix supplying these remanufactured compressors directly to the aftermarket, you know they’re readily available. And considering the number of hours required for a technician to replace a compressor, you want to be sure you’re putting the best product available on your truck.”

Through its ever-growing portfolio of air management, braking, and safety technologies, Bendix delivers on areas critical to the success of fleets and owner-operators, including safety, equipment reliability, performance and efficiency, and lower total cost of ownership. By encouraging investments toward enhancing driver and vehicle safety, Bendix supports the commercial vehicle industry’s pursuit of safer roads for all who share them.

For more information about Bendix air management systems, visit www.bendix.com or call 1-800-AIR-BRAKE (1-800-247-2725). Additional Bendix insight can be found in Bendix’s multimedia center at knowledge-dock.com.

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. 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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