

Meritor WABCO Reverse Detection Module Now Available through Trailer OEMs LOUISVILLE, Ky. (March 19, 2003) — Meritor WABCO Vehicle Control Systems has announced its new Reverse Detection Module (RDM). Designed to interface with standard trailer power harness connections, the unit provides fleets the protection they need from unwanted mishaps. The new back-up detection system is available immediately through all North American trailer OEMs for new installations and aftermarket distributors for retrofitting.

The module detects vehicle direction utilizing a Hall-effect sensor(1) mounted at the wheel end. The sensor output can be utilized to activate the following functions: audible alarm, back-up lights, lift axle or lock-out steer axle solenoid. This allows the system to be tailored to meet specific fleet needs.

Dennis Sandberg, president of Meritor WABCO Vehicle Control Systems, said, “Our new Reverse Detection Module is a practical solution to helping keep trailers as productive as possible. And, with the high expectations placed on today’s vehicles, fleets need a system they can feel confident in.”

An industry-standard power connector is utilized with the system; the same proven output connectors used with Meritor WABCO speed and pressure sensors are employed as well. The unit is factory-sealed to protect sensitive wiring from the environment and road debris.

Sandberg added, “One of our key goals in new product development is to help fleets keep their operating costs in line. The back-up detection system helps accomplish this by keeping fleets’ trailers on the road, protecting this significant investment.”

The Reverse Detection Module is just one element offered by Meritor WABCO and ArvinMeritor as part of their complete braking system. Other braking system components include: anti-lock braking system, electronic braking systems, stability control systems, air dryers, brake control valves, air compressors, foundation brakes, automatic slack adjusters, friction materials, and hubs and drums.

Meritor WABCO(2) is a joint venture of ArvinMeritor, (NYSE:ARM) and the WABCO Automotive Products Group of American Standard Companies Inc. (NYSE:ASD).

American Standard is a global manufacturer with market leading positions in three businesses: Trane®, the United States' leading supplier of central air conditioning systems and service for commercial and institutional buildings and a premier brand for residential buildings; American Standard® and Ideal Standard®, the world's largest manufacturer of plumbing products; and WABCO®, a leading supplier of electronic braking and control systems to the world's manufacturers of heavy-duty trucks and buses. The company employs approximately 58,000 people in 36 countries. American Standard is included in the Standard & Poor's MidCap 400 Index.

ArvinMeritor Inc. is a premier \$7-billion global supplier of a broad range of integrated systems, modules and components to the motor vehicle industry. The company serves light vehicle, commercial truck, trailer and specialty original equipment manufacturers and related aftermarkets. In addition, ArvinMeritor is a leader in coil coating applications. The company is headquartered in Troy, Mich., and employs 32,000 people at more than 150 manufacturing facilities in 27 countries. ArvinMeritor common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker symbol ARM. For more information, visit the company's Web site at: <http://www.arvinmeritor.com/>.

1. An additional speed sensor block is required for the RDM Hall-effect sensor. The second sensor block can be supplied as part of the axle set-up or the Hall-effect sensor can be mounted in a wheel end not equipped with an ABS speed sensor.

2. Meritor WABCO products are available in the United States, Mexico and Canada.

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