

## **Meritor WABCO's Stability Control System Wins Technical Achievement Award from Truck Writers of North America FT. LAUDERDALE, Fla.**

(March 18, 2004) — Meritor WABCO Vehicle Control Systems' Roll Stability Control (RSC) for tractors and trucks has won the 2003 Technical Achievement Award from the Truck Writers of North America (TWNA). TWNA president Rolf Lockwood, editorial director for New Communications Group, presented the award to Richard Romer, director of electronic products for Meritor WABCO, at ceremonies held March 18, 2004, at the winter meeting of the American Trucking Associations' Technology and Maintenance Council meeting here.

"As pioneers in vehicle control systems, we are pleased to be at the development forefront of progressive technologies such as these," said Dennis Sandberg, president of Meritor WABCO Vehicle Control Systems. "Winning this award bolsters our philosophy of cultivating systems that improve vehicle safety and performance while lowering operating costs."

The advanced system is designed to provide intervention to help prevent a rollover situation. The RSC system focuses on a vehicle's center of gravity and the lateral acceleration limit or rollover threshold. When that limit is reached, the system intervenes to slow the vehicle by controlling the engine, retarder and automatically activating the drive axle and trailer brakes. An accelerometer mounted directly to the anti-lock braking system (ABS) electronic control unit (ECU) monitors the vehicle's lateral acceleration. RSC constantly monitors driving conditions and intervenes if critical lateral acceleration is detected.

Sandberg added, "It is important to remember that drivers are still the key element in the driving equation and this system complements their capabilities to control the vehicle."

RSC can be integrated with existing anti-lock braking system (ABS) componentry and is available through select original equipment manufacturers (OEMs).

TWNA is a prestigious national organization of professional journalists involved in writing and reporting news and information about trucks and trucking. The TWNA Technical Achievement Award recognizes significant new products and services to the commercial vehicle industry and has been presented for ten years. ArvinMeritor also received the award in 2001 for its ZF Meritor® FreedomLine transmission.

The RSC system is one of the elements offered by Meritor WABCO and ArvinMeritor as part of their Complete Braking System. Other braking system components include: pneumatic and hydraulic anti-lock braking systems; electronic braking systems; air dryers; brake control valves; air compressors; Roll Stability Support (RSS) for trailers; foundation brakes, including cam brakes, high-performance air drum brakes, and disc brakes (pneumatic/hydraulic); automatic slack adjusters; friction materials; and hubs and drums.

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

ArvinMeritor, Inc. is a premier \$8-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. Headquartered in Troy, Mich., ArvinMeritor employs approximately 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/>.

WABCO, the vehicle control systems division of American Standard (NYSE:**ASD**), is the world's leading producer of electronic braking, stability, suspension and transmission control systems for heavy duty commercial vehicles. WABCO products are also increasingly used in luxury cars and sport utility vehicles (SUVs). Customers include the world's leading commercial truck, trailer, bus and passenger car manufacturers. Founded in the US 135 years ago as Westinghouse Air Brake Company, WABCO was acquired by American Standard in 1968. Headquartered in Brussels, Belgium, the division today employs more than 6400 people in 29 office and production facilities worldwide. In 2003, WABCO contributed US\$1.358 billion to American Standard's total sales of US\$8.568 billion. Website: <http://www.wabco-auto.com/>.

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