

Meritor WABCO Honored by Frost & Sullivan for Innovation and Advancement of the Year Award for its OnGuard(TM) Collision Safety System

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April 9 - Meritor WABCO Vehicle Control Systems has been awarded the prestigious 2009 North American Industry Innovation & Advancement of the Year Award in Class 6-8 truck safety systems by Frost & Sullivan for the joint venture's superior innovation, technological advancement and business performance in developing and marketing the OnGuard(TM) collision safety system. According to Frost & Sullivan, the new product represents a significant safety upgrade over competing systems, continuing their tradition of truck safety innovations and industry achievements.

It was presented to Meritor WABCO's Rick Romer, director-key customer management, last night at a Frost & Sullivan formal awards ceremony in San Antonio, Texas. "We are obviously proud of this new safety advancement, the OnGuard collision safety system, and quite gratified to learn that distinguished observers in our commercial vehicle industry feel the same way," stated Jon Morrison, president of Meritor WABCO. The technology is in use today in over 1,400 heavy-duty trucks across North America.

The system uses forward-looking radar sensor technology - featuring advanced algorithms - to detect multiple moving and fixed objects at distances up to 500 feet away. It quickly and reliably coordinates the engine, transmission and anti-lock braking systems. Through audible and visual warnings, the system optimizes braking reaction time. If a safe distance is compromised, OnGuard then automatically engages the throttle, engine brake and foundation brakes if necessary.

"This breakthrough is a critical advancement from passive systems, which are only capable of alerting the driver to potential danger through alarm and engine braking," added Morrison. "This represents a significant step forward in an industry where growth and development has largely depended on systems that provide safety at the lowest possible cost," explains Neeleu Singh, Research Analyst of Frost & Sullivan.

Meritor WABCO is a leading supplier of vehicle control systems and safety enhancement technologies to North American commercial trucking manufacturers. Its integrated safety systems are easy to use; require little maintenance; and enhance performance, reliability and cost savings. The OnGuard collision safety system is part of the joint venture's Pyramid of Safety which integrates a broad portfolio of advanced braking suspension and SmartTrac(TM) stability control systems that add value to the vehicles equipped with them.

Frost & Sullivan Best Practices Awards recognize companies in a variety of markets for demonstrating outstanding achievement and superior performance. The North American Industry Innovation & Advancement of the Year Award is based on many criteria, including:

Technology innovation contrasted against competitors

New product/process introduction

Adoption of the technology/process by leading market participants

Advancement of the industry through research

Ability to conceptualize industry activities while successfully addressing customer needs

(1) Meritor WABCO products are available in the United States, Mexico and Canada.