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That had a article on my truck

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Disc brakes for a good cause

This August, Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake LLC (BSFB) pulled out all the stops to help an inspirational trucker. Barry Owens, a paraplegic owner-operator, is now the first person in the world to be operating with a company-sponsored retrofit of Bendix® ADB 22XTM disc brakes.

Bendix offered to outfit Owens' rig, a 1998 Freightliner FLD120, with its Bendix® ADB 22X™ air disc brakes - state-of-the-art technology that promised to greatly enhance the vehicle's overall safety and braking performance. Owens' brake system is operated by specially designed hand controls in the cab of the truck. The equipment donated included air disc brakes on all wheel ends as well as a full supply of all related hardware and components for use in future preventive maintenance.

Looking under the hood

When a team of Bendix and BSFB professionals conducted a complete inspection of the vehicle, which had seen over eight years and more than 1.2 million miles of service, they uncovered several other areas that were in need of improvement. Air lines and valves were replaced, a new Bendix AD-9 air dryer installed, and the ABS system was returned to working order.

Barry Owens was 22 years old when the brakes of his truck suddenly locked and caused the vehicle to roll over, leaving him permanently paralyzed. But despite being confined

to a wheelchair, Owens was undeterred, and within a year was once again sitting behind the wheel, making a living as a working owner operator. In addition to the upgraded equipment, Owens received comprehensive air and foundation brake training, a VIP tour of the Bendix facility, and an opportunity for an extensive dialogue with engineering and product managers from Bendix and Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake.

Good for Owens, Good for Bendix

Kishor Pendse, President of Bendix Spicer Foundation Brake, spoke for many people in the company when he commented: "Barry's heart and determination are truly an inspiration to the truck-driving profession. We are grateful to have an opportunity to further improve his truck's safety and braking performance with the latest technology air disc brakes." In assisting Owens the company is also evaluating the introduction of a wide-reaching air disc brake retrofit program in response to frequent requests from commercial vehicle operators and fleets.

Barbara Gould ■



Bendix engineer Scott Wagner shows Barry Owens a new spring-loaded parking brake being installed in his truck



Bendix engineer Dean Jones and Barry Owens inspect the new disc brake