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BENDIX ANNOUNCES 2024 TECHNICAL TRAINING COURSES

Expert Instructors Will Lead 15 In-Person Classes in Seven States;

Three Virtual Sessions Also Scheduled

AVON, Ohio – Feb. 29, 2024 – For more than 50 years, Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC (Bendix) has made it a priority to understand and deliver on the critical need for commercial vehicle technical training. That commitment continues as Bendix kicks off its 2024 brake school sessions, hosting multiday classes across the country from March to November. Bendix will host in-person and virtual training opportunities for fleet technicians, owner-operators, and others to enhance the skills necessary for keeping vehicles on the road and in safe operating condition.

“Technical training is more important than ever – at Bendix, we hear this time and again in conversations with fleets across North America,” said Al Rollison, Bendix interim senior director, fleet & aftermarket sales and service. “Technicians operate in a fast-changing commercial vehicle environment, where safety components advance rapidly. The pressure is intense for carriers to maintain overall safety, performance, and uptime – while striving to lower their total cost of ownership. It’s in this landscape that Bendix maintains its decades-long dedication to providing comprehensive, convenient training.”

One of the unique aspects of the company’s in-person training schools is the air boards used for instruction. The Bendix air system boards, in particular, feature a working Bendix® Wingman® Fusion™ system to help students receive a robust overview of the company’s collision mitigation technology, along with other critical parts of the Bendix air braking system.

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In-person opportunities on the 2024 calendar cover seven states. They include 11 sessions of Bendix's three-day Air Brake Training class – long recognized as setting the industry training standard – beginning March 19-21 at company headquarters in Avon, Ohio.

To address market demand, Bendix has expanded availability of its two-day Advanced Technology Training program. Four sessions are scheduled: two in Avon and two in Sparks, Nevada, with the first taking place April 16-17 in Avon.

Bendix has scheduled three sessions of its three-day virtual training class, with one scheduled on Eastern Time and two on Mountain Time for the convenience of attendees in western North America.

Registration is open for the complete schedule of both courses, shown on the last page of this news release. A member of the Bendix Tech Training Team conducts every class. The training team is led by a Master-level, ASE-certified technical trainer.

All in-person training adheres to the latest safety, health, and sanitization protection protocols, as applicable, along with other general safety guidelines.

What's on the Agenda

Bendix's three-day Air Brake Training class is tailored to both new and experienced technicians. It covers the description, operation, troubleshooting, and service elements for the total range of components found within dual air brake systems. Classroom topics include the fundamentals of compressed air; tactics for air system failure mode diagnosis and troubleshooting; and air brake system and foundation brake components, including air compressors, valves, foundation drum brakes, air disc brakes, and steering.

Bendix recommends that each participant complete the online air brake training at the company's [brake-school.com](https://www.bendix.com/brake-school.com) site before taking the in-person Air Brake Training class.

The two-day Bendix Advanced Technology Training class picks up where the Air Brake Training class ends. It covers the operation and troubleshooting of advanced safety systems and software. Topics include:

- Active steering by Bendix
- Antilock braking systems (ABS)
- AutoVue® Lane Departure Warning (LDW) System from Bendix CVS
- Bendix® ESP® Electronic Stability Program full-stability system
- Bendix® Wingman® Advanced™ – A Collision Mitigation Technology
- Bendix® Wingman® Fusion™, the company's flagship driver assistance system family
- SafetyDirect® by Bendix CVS, Bendix's web-based vehicle monitoring system

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- SmarTire® and SmarTire® Trailer-Link™ Tire Pressure Monitoring Systems (TPMS) by Bendix CVS.

The Advanced Technology Training program includes hands-on, in-depth maintenance instruction for Bendix® air disc brakes and electrical diagnostics.

“The increase in technological advances in braking and stability makes this training a must for the advanced technician,” said Brian Screeton, Bendix manager – technical training and service. “As safety advances continue, technicians are only going to see more of these systems and components. Courses like ours provide critical foundational knowledge for both today’s and tomorrow’s trucks.”

Screeton noted that a major North American OEM requires its team members working toward obtaining Master Technician certification for their vehicle brake systems to take the Bendix two- and three-day programs as part of the overall curriculum.

“Our OEM partner sees the value in the practical information gained by attending the Bendix courses,” he said. “We look forward to more collaborations like this one in the future.”

All registrants in the three-day Air Brake Training and two-day Bendix Advanced Technology Training school may elect to take part in a written test administered at the close of each class. Bendix will grade the exam, and registrants earning a passing grade will receive a Tested and Passed certificate. Those who take the exam and don’t pass will receive a Certificate of Completion, as will registrants who elect not to participate in the optional testing. In-person Bendix training and the optional test are not affiliated with the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT). It does not take the place of any instruction or certification exam administered by the DOT.

Screeton noted that Bendix does not certify technicians for work on its systems.

How to Register

Because of the quantity and complexity of the products covered, Bendix highly recommends that each student complete the three-day Air Brake Training course or, at a minimum, the online air brake training at brake-school.com before taking the Advanced Technology Training class.

Per-person enrollment costs are \$475 USD for Air Brake Training, \$425 USD for Advanced Technology Training, and \$375 USD for the virtual class. Enrollment is on a first-come, first-served basis, and class size is limited. Registration may be completed online at bendix.com, B2Bendix.com, or rhsheppard.com; by phone at 1-800-AIR-BRAKE (1-800-247-2725), option 3; by email at BendixTrainingSchool@hkm.dcgcentral.com; or via fax (216-651-3261). See the full listing of dates and locations below or visit bendix.com.

2024 Bendix Training Schedule

		State	City	Date <i>All Training Classes are 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</i>	Class Code
Air Brake Training (3-Day) Tuesday – Thursday					
Recommended Pre-Attendance Instruction	Bendix® Online Air Brake Training (Available on brake-school.com)	AR	Springdale	October 8 – 10	19-24
		CA	Fresno	March 26 – 28	1-24
			San Marcos	June 11 – 13	2-24
		CT	Southbury	April 30 – May 2	3-24
		MN	Arden Hills	October 15 – 17	4-24
		NV	Sparks	April 9 – 11	5-24
				August 27 – 29	6-24
				November 12 – 14	7-24
		OH	Avon	March 19 – 21	8-24
				August 27 – 29	9-24
WA	Tacoma	August 6 – 8	10-24		
East ET	VIRTUAL CLASS On-line only	August 20 – 22	11-24		
West MT		November 19 – 21	13-24		
		December 3 – 5	14-24		
Advanced Technology Training (2-Day) Tuesday – Wednesday					
Recommended Pre-Attendance Instruction	Bendix® Air Brake Training (3-Day Class)	NV	Sparks	June 18 – 19	15-24
				September 24 – 25	16-24
		OH	Avon	April 16 – 17	17-24
				October 22 – 23	18-24

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 4,400 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 X, formerly known as 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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