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BENDIX HONORS 2024 ATA NATIONAL TRUCK DRIVING CHAMPIONSHIPS
GRAND CHAMPION AWARD WINNER

NTDC Competitors Exemplify Dedication to Professionalism and Highway Safety

AVON, Ohio – Aug. 26, 2024 – After four days of spirited competition among the country’s top professional commercial vehicle drivers, the 87th American Trucking Associations (ATA) National Truck Driving Championships (NTDC) has come to a close. Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC (Bendix) proudly honors the Bendix Grand Champion winner of this year’s competition: Jackie Reed, a Mississippi-based professional driver with FedEx Freight.

The 2024 NTDC was held Aug. 21-24 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Bendix sponsored the Grand Champion Award, presented to the overall top driver, for the 13th consecutive year.

Reed has 3 million safe driving miles in his 34 years in the trucking industry. His driving skills and knowledge of safety, equipment, and the industry earned him the top award in a field of 422 professional truck drivers from 49 states competing in all vehicle classes. This year’s competitors have accumulated nearly 685 million combined accident-free miles.

“All of us at Bendix are excited to congratulate Jackie Reed on his remarkable achievement,” said Nicole Oreskovic, vice president for sales and marketing at Bendix. “Every competitor in this year’s championships deserves our praise and thanks for the excellence they bring to their jobs. The NTDC shines a deserving spotlight on these outstanding professionals, their supportive families, and the indispensable role they play in helping to keep roadways safe for all of us.”

During this year’s competition at the Indiana Convention Center, drivers demonstrated their expertise of safety, equipment, and the industry through a written exam, pre-trip inspection

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test, and – always a crowd favorite – navigating the skills-based driving competition course. Behind the wheel, drivers were scored on their abilities to handle their trucks, judge distances, and move through tight spaces. The driving course challenged drivers to maneuver, reverse, park, and position their vehicles with precision over scales, before barriers, and around curves.

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