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Norgren[®] Introduces Posi-Clik[™] Fitting Technology

Next Generation of Fittings Features Double-Sealing System, Significantly Reducing Air Leaks

Auburn, WA – October 22, 2007 – Norgren[®] Global Vehicle Technologies announces that heavy truck and trailer manufacturers around the world now have a revolutionary new fitting technology that will increase on-line manufacturing efficiency and productivity while reducing end of line air leaks, warranty claims and costs.

New Posi-Clik[™] fittings from Norgren feature a unique, “click” technology that allows installers to feel and hear when the connection is secured and installation is complete. With a reliable first time connection, end of line rework due to insufficient tube insertion is eliminated. In addition, Posi-Clik fittings provide double-seal technology, incorporating both an environmental seal and an air system pressure seal – features that work together to prevent paint, dirt and water ingress and eliminate abrasion damage to pressure seals caused by contamination over time.

“Posi-Clik fittings are virtually mistake-proof because they provide both a tactile and audible signal that tells the operator when the connection is true,” explains Steve Green, Director, Global Sales/Fittings with Norgren Global Vehicle Technologies. “These unique fittings *meet or exceed* every global standard, and deliver an unmatched set of features and benefits that will dramatically reduce end of line leaks, increase manufacturing speed and reduce or eliminate build-up areas in the manufacturing process.”

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Green points out that the unique, quality design of Posi-Clik fittings was created to help solve a number of heavy truck and trailer manufacturing issues identified by customers and through industry research. Some of the unique features and benefits of Posi-Clik fittings include:

- By allowing more efficient tube connection, Posi-Clik fittings help reduce or eliminate build-up areas in the manufacturing process and provide better continuous process improvement;
- The double-seal technology of Posi-Clik fittings eliminates potential contamination of seals by paint, water and dirt, thus prolonging the life of the seal and the system;
- Posi-Clik fittings can tolerate a wider range of temperatures than other fittings and connectors;
- Posi-Clik fittings' double-seal technology, combined with its audible and tactile "click" signal, makes it virtually mistake-proof, helping to reduce end of line leakage significantly, and can help reduce warranty claims due to leakage;
- Posi-Clik tube supports are molded from high strength plastics with a larger orifice size, resulting in greater flow for the same size fitting PIF size;
- The Posi-Clik technology is also available as a straight or shaped cartridge fitting. The Posi-Clik cartridge, which requires a much lower insertion force than current traditional cartridges, can be installed directly into an un-machined diecast port form or into the standard SAE port form.

"The benefits of using Posi-Clik fittings go far beyond the heavy truck manufacturer or OEM," explains Mike Bozich, President of Global Vehicle Technologies. "Fleet owners and managers will benefit through reduced maintenance time, improved truck lifetime and improved productivity. The high quality, unique engineering of Posi-Clik fittings benefits everyone in the trucking industry, from the manufacturing line to the highway."

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Available in metric or standard measurement systems, Posi-Clik fittings can be installed with standard tools and require no special sockets. In the event of incomplete assembly by the operator, the “double safety lock” feature of these unique fittings ensures that the body is retained on the adapter. For detailed specifications about the features of Posi-Clik fittings, please visit ***JointheClik.com***.

“Posi-Clik fittings are just the latest innovation that Norgren brings to the global vehicle technologies market,” explains Norgren Group President and CEO, Jim Mannebach (see ***Norgren Innovation Timetable***, included in this information kit). “To be able to work with our customers to design something that answers so many needs within the marketplace is the essence of what our mission, ‘***Your Success, Our Passion***,’ is all about. We’re excited to work with our customers to see how Posi-Clik fittings can help them improve their businesses and success.”

Editors notes:

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