

Press Release

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NEW GENERATION OF
CONTROLLABLE NITROGEN GAS SPRINGS FEATURES NORMALLY OPEN
CARTRIDGE VALVE THAT SIMPLIFIES CONTROL SYSTEM

Brecksville, Ohio—Hyson Products introduces the next generation of controllable nitrogen gas springs, the CS2 Series. The CS2 Series is engineered to control the return of the pad to achieve part quality, and to simplify and improve part transfer. Hyson Products is a division of Associated Spring, a business unit of Barnes Group Inc. (NYSE:B)

The CS2 gas spring is now fitted with a normally open (NO) cartridge valve that simplifies the control system, combining the charge and bleed ports. The CS2 design requires only 4 bar/58 psi air pressure so the low pressure (LP) version of the original CS model is redundant and will no longer be offered.

Hyson Products designs and manufactures Nitro-Dyne® XP manifold systems and accessories, high performance and standard nitrogen gas springs, the Dyne-A-Cam® Series of cams, and the DRAC® Series of delayed return manifolds in an ISO 9001:2000 certified facility.

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