

Press Release

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TNKMAN® DISTRIBUTION BLOCKS PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE
TO HOISING GAS SPRINGS

Brecksville, Ohio—Hyson Products introduces the TNKMAN® distribution block, an alternative to hosing together self-contained gas springs. Hyson Products is a division of Associated Spring, a business unit of Barnes Group Inc. (NYSE:B)

The TNKMAN distribution block eliminates many fittings, including all elbow and tee fittings, potential sources of leaks. It also allows gas springs to be connected outside the die to reduce downtime and increase productivity.

TNKMAN distribution blocks are available with either six or twelve ports. Each features two end ports that can be used to connect additional gas springs, a control panel or pressure monitor. Each comes complete with a complete set of straight fittings as well as a set of plugs for ports not in use. A variety of fitting types is available to meet specific needs.

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.

Barnes Group Inc. (www.barnesgroupinc.com) is a diversified international manufacturer of precision metal components and assemblies and a distributor of industrial supplies, serving a wide range of markets and customers. Founded in 1857 and headquartered in Bristol, Connecticut, Barnes Group consists of three businesses with 2005 sales of \$1.1 billion: Barnes Distribution, an international, full-service distributor of maintenance, repair, operating and production supplies; Associated Spring, one of the world's largest manufacturers of precision mechanical and nitrogen gas springs and a global supplier of retaining rings, reed valves, shock discs, and injection-molded plastic components; and Barnes Aerospace, a manufacturer and repairer of highly engineered assemblies and components for aircraft engines, airframes, and land-based industrial gas turbines. Over 6,000 dedicated employees at more than 60 locations worldwide contribute to Barnes Group Inc.'s success.

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