

Press Release

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SUPER TANKER® LINE OF NITROGEN GAS SPRINGS OFFERS EASY SERVICING
IN THE FIELD AND WIDE VARIETY OF MOUNTING OPTIONS

Brecksville, OH—Hyson Products introduces the latest generation of the Tanker® Series, the Super Tanker®. The Super Tanker gas spring is engineered for the rigors of high performance, high volume applications in the metal stamping industry. Hyson Products is a division of Associated Spring, a business unit of Barnes Group Inc. (NYSE:B)

The new design of the Super Tanker gas spring offers a lock ring in place of the threaded cap. This innovation allows easy servicing in the field without torquing. The flange mounting grooves of the new springs have changed so that they are compatible with T2-style flanges that can be removed and re-used. Flanges continue to be available for the existing bolt patterns as well. The TNK1 and TNK3 models feature both upper

and lower mounting grooves to increase the choice of mounting options.

The Super Tanker Series offers the same performance features of its predecessor including Dyne-A-Lube®, the patented dynamic lubrication system that coats the sealing surfaces of the gas spring with each stroke of the press to reduce heat build-up and extend spring life. Other features include a lower operating temperature and pressure rise for reduced wear on die components, and corrosion-resistant body and piston rod assembly as well as dynamic sealing on the cylinder bore for increased durability.

Hyson Products designs and manufactures Nitro-Dyne® XP manifold systems and accessories, Super Tanker® high performance gas springs with dynamic lubrication, T2 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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with 2002 sales of \$784 million: Associated Spring, one of the world's largest manufacturers of precision mechanical and nitrogen gas springs; Barnes Aerospace, a manufacturer and repairer of highly engineered assemblies and products for commercial and military aircraft engines and airframes, and for land-based industrial gas turbines; and Barnes Distribution, a distributor of maintenance, repair and operating supplies. Over 6,200 dedicated employees at more than 60 locations worldwide contribute to Barnes Group Inc.'s success.

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