

Press Release

Standard Car Truck Company and Cooper Standard sign collaborative agreement

Park Ridge, Illinois – June 6th , 2005 – Standard Car Truck Company and Cooper Standard, both leaders in technology and innovative product design, have signed a collaborative agreement to design and manufacture dynamic control parts for freight cars.

This collaboration brings together Standard Car Truck’s vast experience in the rail industry and Cooper Standard’s 40-plus years of vibration control design and manufacturing experience. “We are excited about the formation of this business relationship with Cooper Standard,” said Rick Mathes, Chairman of Standard Car Truck Company. “Our collective goal is to provide the global freight car community, innovative products that add to the safety and productivity of our customer base.”

“Cooper Standard is also pleased to join in this partnership with Standard Car Truck,” commented Paul Gilbert, President of Cooper Standard’s Global NVH Control Systems Division. “We value the depth of knowledge Standard Car Truck brings to the market and we look forward to growing our relationship,” Gilbert said.

Company Descriptions

Cooper Standard, headquartered in Novi, Mich., specializes in the design, manufacture and marketing of systems and components for the global automotive industry. Products include NVH control systems (Noise, Vibration and Harshness), sealing systems, trim, and fluid handling systems. Cooper Standard employs more than 14,000 across 46 facilities in 14 countries. For more information, visit the company’s web site at: www.cooperstandard.com.

Standard Car Truck Company is the world leader in providing stabilization systems for freight cars. Headquartered in Park Ridge, Illinois, Standard Car Truck provides Barber stabilization designs that are available for every major freight car type manufactured in North America and throughout the world.

In addition, SCT serves as headquarters to car and locomotive component suppliers such as, Anchor Brake Shoes, Barber Springs, Durox seals and gaskets, Triangle air compressors and REA rebuilt engine components. These companies all represent the Barber group of products. For more information, visit the company's web site at:

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