

Commercial Vehicles: Bosch, Brakes India Private Limited and Wheels India Limited announce joint venture

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Scheduled to start at the end of 2026

- ▶ Bosch board member Markus Heyn: “Software will make commercial vehicles even smarter, more modular, and more cost-efficient in the future.”
- ▶ Joint venture aims to combine companies’ strengths to unlock growth opportunities in the area of e-enabled air systems.
- ▶ Focus on development, manufacturing and distribution of electronically controlled and software driven modules for commercial vehicles.

Stuttgart / Bengaluru – The technology company Bosch along with Brakes India Private Limited (BIPL) and Wheels India Limited (WIL), companies of the TSF Group in Chennai, today announced plans for a joint venture. This partnership aims to drive growth in air systems for commercial vehicles. The joint venture will be a 50:50 partnership between Bosch and TSF Group (BIPL & WIL), aiming to commence operations by end of 2026, post receiving all regulatory approvals.

“Software will make commercial vehicles even smarter, more modular, and more cost-efficient in the future. With our extensive electronics and systems expertise, we will jointly create an attractive range of high-performance compressed air systems. Bosch is thus expanding its comprehensive portfolio for trucks and strengthening its leading role in the commercial vehicle industry,” says Markus Heyn, member of the board of management of Robert Bosch GmbH and chairman of Bosch Mobility.

Decisive step towards designing advanced air systems

“At Bosch, we are continuously expanding our capabilities to solidify our global leadership in the commercial vehicle sector. This joint venture is a decisive step to shape the future of advanced air systems. By integrating premier engineering and manufacturing prowess, we are co-creating cost-effective, intelligent

modules that will empower our customers globally to build more advanced commercial vehicles,” says Guruprasad Mudlapur, President of the Bosch Group in India, and Managing Director, Bosch Limited.

The joint venture will focus on engineering, manufacturing and sales of electronically controlled and software driven modules for air compression, air processing, air suspension, and air parking brakes. With a registered office in Chennai, the India sales will be handled by the joint venture whereas the global supply chain (barring China) will continue to be managed by already established entities of Bosch, Brakes India Private Limited and Wheels India Limited.

Demand for greater efficiency, safety and automation

“This milestone marks a step towards building a more integrated, system-level approach for OEMs in the commercial vehicle space. We bring our strengths as one of the leading suppliers of pneumatic braking systems. Through this joint venture, we will be able to offer air braking system parts for e-enabled future mobility to customers. We look forward to supporting the industry’s shift towards more advanced, electronically controlled, and software-driven systems,” says Sriram Viji, Managing Director, Brakes India.

“Wheels India has been a pioneer in air suspension systems for buses in India for over three decades. Over this period, we have built strong relationships with both OEMs and end users through consistent product quality and service. We are pleased to collaborate with Bosch on this development initiative to advance electronic air suspension systems for the global customers,” says Srivats Ram, Chairman & Managing Director, Wheels India Limited.

The Boards of Bosch Group, Bosch Limited, Brakes India Private Limited and Wheels India Limited have already approved this transaction. This development enables both companies to cater to the accelerating customer demands for greater efficiency, safety, and automation.

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The company was set up in Stuttgart in 1886 by Robert Bosch (1861-1942) as "Workshop for Precision Mechanics and Electrical Engineering." The special ownership structure of Robert Bosch GmbH guarantees the entrepreneurial freedom of the Bosch Group, making it possible for the company to plan over the long term and to undertake significant upfront investments in the safeguarding of its future. Ninety-four percent of the share capital of Robert Bosch GmbH is held by Robert Bosch Stiftung GmbH, a limited liability company with a charitable purpose. The remaining shares are held by Robert Bosch GmbH and by a company owned by the Bosch family. The majority of voting rights are held by Robert Bosch Industrietreuhand KG. It is entrusted with the task of safeguarding the company's long-term existence and in particular its financial independence – in line with the mission handed down in the will of the company's founder, Robert Bosch.

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