

NEXUS Automotive International and Meritor announce intent to establish a strategic Heavy-Duty braking partnership for the DR!VE+ brand in Europe



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Joint Statement

Hannover, October 7, 2026 –NEXUS Automotive International and Meritor are pleased to announce their intention to enter into a strategic collaboration that would position Meritor as the exclusive heavy-duty braking supplier of the DR!VE+ brand in Europe (EU27 + UK).

The proposed collaboration reflects a shared commitment to delivering high-quality heavy-duty braking solutions, enhanced technical support, and long-term value to NEXUS members, workshops, and fleet operators across the European commercial

vehicle aftermarket. The two organisations are working together to finalise the framework of the partnership.

Through this intended partnership, NEXUS members in Europe would gain access to a DR!VE+ heavy-duty braking range built on Meritor's portfolio, including brake pads, brake discs, calipers, remanufactured braking solutions, and supporting service components.



Pascal Popis, CEO, SmartParts SA, commented:

"We are excited to begin this journey with Meritor. Their heritage as a leading braking manufacturer and their strong commitment to the Commercial Vehicle aftermarket make them an ideal partner as we extend the DR!VE+ brand to Heavy-Duty. Extending our offer to Heavy-Duty has always been part of our roadmap, and partnering with Meritor will give NEXUS Heavy-Duty members absolute trust in the programme and make it a real success. We believe this collaboration has the potential to create significant value for our members involved in Heavy Duty in Europe."



Will Stumpf, General Manager, CDBS Aftermarket Europe, added:

"This planned partnership brings together two highly complementary strengths: Meritor's century-long heritage in OEM braking innovation and the extensive market reach of the DR!VE+ brand. Together, we intend to deliver a powerful value proposition that supports customer growth, enhances operational performance, and provides the assurance of trusted, high-quality braking solutions."

About the Intended Partnership

The proposed collaboration aims to:

- Launch a DR!VE+ heavy-duty braking offering available through the NEXUS network in Europe.
- Support fleet uptime, vehicle safety, and workshop productivity.
- Drive long-term growth opportunities for both organisations and their customers.

The parties are currently working towards a definitive agreement and will provide further updates as discussions progress.

About DR!VE+

DR!VE+ is the global exclusive aftermarket brand of the NEXUS Automotive International

network. Its aim is to respond to the changing global aftermarket landscape and the ageing of the global car parc by delivering high-quality products that offer excellent value for money, complementing premium brands. For ten years it has offered workshops and distributors a consistent value-for-money proposition: quality parts at a competitive price. It today offers more than 11,500 part numbers across key product families, including braking, filtration, suspension, batteries, lubricants and drivetrain, distributed in 55 countries by more than 100 NEXUS distributors.

About SmartParts SA

Launched in November 2023, SmartParts SA oversees the rollout of the DR!VE+ global aftermarket brand available to NEXUS members, and maximises product development and sourcing capabilities. SmartParts is a recognised expert in agile product development and sourcing services, with a robust global network of manufacturing partners.

About NEXUS Automotive International

Established in 2014 by CEO Gaël Escribe, NEXUS Automotive International, the leading automotive aftermarket (AA) global community, is shaping the future of the AA.

Thanks to an entrepreneurial, innovative and agile mindset, N! disrupts the industry bringing innovative solutions for a more sustainable, digital and connected mobility. At the same time, it supports its community of more than 668 members in 146 countries, allied with more than 90 global suppliers, by providing services to accelerate their growth.

N! is offering new approaches and new ideas for a connected, global and consolidated world of tomorrow to accelerate the success of car and heavy duty spare parts and services distributors and manufacturers, through 16 regional structures that connect them.

NEXUS' consolidated turnover was more than 56 billion euros in 2026.

About Cummins Inc.

Cummins Inc., a global power leader, is committed to powering a more prosperous world. Since 1919, we have delivered innovative solutions that move people, goods and economies forward. Our five business segments—Engine, Components, Distribution, Power Systems and Accelera™ by Cummins—offer a broad portfolio, including advanced diesel, electric and hybrid powertrains; integrated power generation systems; critical components such as aftertreatment, turbochargers, fuel systems, controls, transmissions, axles and brakes; and zero-emissions technologies like battery and electric powertrain systems. With a global footprint, deep technical expertise and an

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