**OPTIRIDE™ ELECTRONICALLY CONTROLLED AIR SUSPENSION**

**A NEW “LEVEL” OF RIDE PERFORMANCE**

WABCO’s OptiRide electronically controlled air suspension (ECAS) system provides a new level of ride performance for buses, coaches and motor homes. OptiRide enhances the vehicle’s air suspension by automatically maintaining the vehicle’s optimum height and level as road and vehicle characteristics change. In addition to an enhanced ride, OptiRide offers ride height control and kneeling functions with rapid response times.

**OPTIRIDE BENEFITS INCLUDE:**

- Allows vehicle access to normally inaccessible areas
- Reduced air consumption
- Ease of entry and exit for passengers
- Level vehicle body, even with weight distribution
- Makes vehicle more adaptable to road environment
- Enhanced ride, handling and control
- Reduced vibration and wear on the driveline

**OPTIRIDE ECAS FEATURES**

**ELECTRONIC HEIGHT CONTROL AND LEVELING FUNCTION**

Height sensors constantly measure the distance between the axles and the vehicle body, sending the data to the electronic control unit (ECU). The data will change whenever the vehicle is loaded or unloaded. These changes are registered by the ECU, which through the use of a solenoid valve automatically adjusts the suspension air bags to ensure proper ride height level, enhancing ride, handling and control.

**KNEELING FUNCTION**

When stationary, the vehicle can be raised and lowered to facilitate passengers’ entry and exit – all at the press of a button. WABCO’s modular solenoid valve system does not require extra valves for kneeling, offering rapid response times and simplified installation and maintenance.

**HIGH RIDE FUNCTION**

This function allows the driver to raise the vehicle in driving conditions where sharp break overs (e.g. railroad tracks) or steep road angles (e.g. driveways, entrance ramps) occur. This prevents the vehicle from bottoming out. A limited height feature prevents the driver from overinflating the suspension air bags when adjusting vehicle height.

**LOW RIDE FUNCTION**

This function allows the driver to lower the vehicle for access to areas where low overhangs and canopies exist.

**DOOR AND TRANSMISSION INTERLOCK**

The system has a built-in passenger safety feature that requires the door to be shut, parking brake applied and vehicle in neutral prior to kneeling.

**SIMPLE DIAGNOSTICS**

WABCO’s TOOLBOX software provides PC diagnostics for OptiRide ECAS and can help increase your uptime. Visit the WABCO Snap-On website at https://wabco.snapon.com to learn more.
SYSTEM COMPONENTS

ELECTRONIC CONTROL UNIT (ECU)
- State-of-the-art electronics function that acts as the “brain” of the OptiRide ECAS
- Compact design
- Receives driver input from control panel
- Controls solenoid valve to ensure proper vehicle height
- Constantly monitors system performance

SOLENOID VALVE
- Modular system that reduces pneumatic piping
- Reduces leveling response times to seconds
- Less hardware and fewer leak points
- Minimal space requirements

HEIGHT SENSORS
- Three-sensor system
- Maintains level vehicle body under every vehicle load
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WABCO’s OptiRide is designed to enhance traction performance of 6x2 axle configurations and provide ride height flexibility by managing the vehicle’s air suspension. OptiRide also provides Automatic Level Control, continually monitoring the vehicle’s height (axle-to-frame distances) and correcting deviations quickly when needed through exhausting or pressurizing the air suspension bags. OptiRide will maintain the nominal vehicle level regardless of the freight load or number of passengers loading or unloading.

For further product details contact your distributor or the WABCO Customer Care Center at 855-228-3203.

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