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US Patents Office Issues Two Patents to Dallas Smith Corp. for Low-floor System

Engineering company now holds total of 15 patents on low-floor chassis design

GREENCASTLE, Ind. — Dallas Smith Corporation received notice from the United States Patent and Trademark Office granting the request of two new patents on the company's low-floor suspension system. The Indiana-based automotive engineering firm now holds a total of 15 patents on the design.

Patent number 6,986,519, titled "Low Profile Chassis and Suspension", covers the engineering that allows the low-floor chassis to be applied to a road vehicle. The second patent, USD 485,787S, protects the rights to the ornamental design of the vehicle chassis.

Both patents relate to Dallas Smith Corporation's propriety design of the low-floor chassis and Axleless® suspension. The system is now available on road vehicles such as shuttle buses, cargo vans and ambulances. The early designs of the low-floor chassis and subsequent patents covered medium- to heavy-duty vehicles such as dump trucks, military command vehicles and commercial trailers.

Dallas Smith Corporation has driven automotive innovation for more than 50 years. The company's latest contribution – Axleless® suspension – enables low floor systems on vehicles in Class II through Class VIII. Applications include military units, transit shuttle buses and other medium- and super-duty trucks and utility vehicles for municipalities, the federal government and private industry. Dallas Smith founded the company in 1954. The company remains family-owned and operated. For more information on Dallas Smith Corporation, visit the company online at www.dallassmithcorp.com or call the office at 765-653-1715.

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