

# 4 TIPS

## for Navigating Trailer Air Disc Brakes



**Hendrickson MAXX22T™**  
Optimized trailer air disc brake system

### 1. IDENTIFY

The ability to quickly identify components can make the start of the service process run more smoothly. Understanding which trailer air disc brake system you have can be a challenge if you don't know where to look. Here are some easy tips to help identify your trailer air disc brake system:

- Learn the location of the identification tag.
- Identify key visual differences between trailer air disc brake brands like the presence of a spreader plate, the design of the retaining bar and the retaining bar screws.

### 2. STOCK

Continued growth in the trailer air disc brake market means additional complexity when it comes to stocking parts. Recommended stocking lists, parts lists and cross-reference tools can provide guidance for appropriate part numbers and stocking levels.

### 3. TRAIN

Finding, training, motivating and retaining qualified technicians is crucial to adapting to the fluid landscape of today's commercial vehicle technologies. Following these steps can help minimize time away from the shop floor while maximizing retention efforts.

- Make regularly scheduled training a priority.
- Choose course content that is impactful but easy to consume.
- Conduct hands-on training.
- Reward technicians for progress.

### 4. MAINTAIN

While the perception may be that air disc brakes are maintenance-free, the reality is that, as with any other braking system, a regularly planned maintenance schedule is vital to help maximize performance and achieving optimal life of air disc brakes. Some recommendations for maintaining your trailer air disc brake system include:

- Train drivers on what to look for during their daily "walk around" inspections.
- Establish a regular maintenance schedule for trailer drum or disc brakes.
- Keep good notes on component performance to detect patterns.

## THE HENDRICKSON ADVANTAGE

For after-the-sale support:

#### IDENTIFY / STOCK

- L949 Wheel-End & Brakes Parts List
- L1000 Recommended Stocking List
- L1181 Recommended Stocking List
- PLUS+ Parts Look-Up System

#### TRAIN / MAINTAIN

- T72009 MAXX22T Air Disc Brake Installation & Maintenance Procedures
- [www.Hendrickson-Academy.com](http://www.Hendrickson-Academy.com)

#### HELPFUL LITERATURE:

- Understanding Your Brakes: Considerations When Specifying Air Disc Brakes
- L809 Brake Certification
- Tips for Navigating Trailer Air Disc Brakes
- L1225 Air Disc Brake Application Guide

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