



Meritor India Earns Major Industry Award

Meritor India was the only supplier to receive a major industry award for its new front-drive steer tandem axles and rear-drive tandem axles built for Ashok Leyland's 8x8 military vehicles.

The site earned the Commercial Vehicle (CV) Component of the Year 2015 award at the sixth Apollo CV Awards in Mumbai. The award was received by Thimmaiah NP, managing director, Meritor India, and Kamaljeet N, director, Specialty and Military business.

Commercial vehicle component manufacturers competed for the award based on market performance, cost and technology of their new products that were developed from Dec. 16, 2013 to Dec. 15, 2014.

"The 8x8 solution stood out for its technology and value of its engineering," Thimmaiah said. "All entries were subjected to detailed

scrutiny by a jury composed of major industry leaders."

The Apollo CV Awards, which are the only awards specifically for India's commercial vehicle industry, have been presented annually by Apollo Tyres, Ltd. and Commercial Vehicle magazine since 2010. Prominent OEMs and suppliers nominate themselves and their products in multiple categories.

Vinod Dasari, managing director, Ashok Leyland Ltd., thanked Meritor when he received the CV Man of the Year and CV Maker of the Year awards for supporting his company's efforts to build competitive products.

As part of the awards ceremony, Thimmaiah joined senior executives from OEMs, suppliers and industry consultancies to lead a panel discussion, "CV Components Sector and Evolution in 2015." The



R Ramakrishnan (left), senior vice president, Commercial Vehicle Business, Tata Motors Ltd., presents the CV Component of the Year 2015 award to Thimmaiah NP (center), Meritor India managing director, and Kamaljeet Nandkeolyar, director, Defense and Specialty.

discussion focused on the component industry, client expectations and the challenges of growing and evolving. Dasari, along with Eric Nesselhauf, CEO and managing director of Daimler India, also participated in the discussion. They covered a variety of industry issues, including increased collaboration among OEMs and suppliers, quick response to changing markets, changing technologies and

potential new markets.

"Meritor's message focused on the need for upfront involvement by suppliers on OEM product innovation and long-term participation," Thimmaiah said.

(Read more about Meritor's additional industry awards in the next issue of Bull's Eye.)

Morristown Employee Aids Coworker

Some quick thinking by Tim Coffey (right), senior production team lead, Morristown, Tennessee, helped a coworker out of a serious and potentially life-threatening situation. During a lunch break, production technician Gary Cooper (left) began to choke on some food and couldn't breathe. Coffey rushed to his aid by applying the Heimlich maneuver, a skill acquired through Meritor's first responder training program. "Tim noticed something was wrong, quickly assessed the situation, and after three abdominal thrusts, cleared the obstructed food lodged in Gary's throat," said Mike Mandzak, site manager.

