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EP NTZ MICRO FILTRATION INTRODUCES BYPASS TRANSMISSION FILTER COMPONENTS

Filter System Selected
For Two Ford OE Projects

INKSTER, Mich., Mar. 8, 2004 – EP NTZ Micro Filtration has introduced a new patented transmission micro filtration system that reduces fluid contamination and internal wear of transmission parts, while increasing fluid performance and durability.

The micro filter technology will be used on the 2004 Ford E-250 and E-350 vans. Production of the system is scheduled to begin early this year.

The filter system functions in a secondary circuit that combines bypass and micro filtration, and can be used in all automatic transmission systems, including CVTs, six speed and dual clutch transmissions. This system can have several positive effects on transmission components, including reduced system contamination and longer fluid life that will yield environmental benefits, cleaner parts and increased performance and durability.

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The filtration system utilizes a patented technology to ensure the most efficient filtration, according to Kirk Ciak, vice president of engineering at EP NTZ Micro Filtration. “Our trademarked filtration element is key to the superior performance of the system,” Ciak said. The medium features a cellulose base and a specialized construction method to achieve the highest level of depth filtration. Because of this efficient filtration, the EP NTZ system is the perfect choice for heavy-service and fleet vehicles, such as the Ford E-Series vans.

“Fluid contamination management is significant in meeting the continued need for improved vehicle performance and reduced environmental impact,” Ciak said. “The EP NTZ filter system will have a considerable impact on the life of the vehicle, because improved transmission performance will result in reduced warranty costs.”

EP NTZ Micro Filtration is the North American leader in development and manufacturing of micro filtration technology for automotive OEM and aftermarket applications. Based in Inkster, Mich., the company conducts product development and precision machining and assembly from facilities in the U.S. and Mexico.