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Next milestone in strategic partnership with Hendrickson: Joint launch of new electric drive axle at ACT 2026

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- Designed by Hendrickson, powered by Driventic: ELECTRAAX – a high-efficiency, lightweight electric drive axle engineered for Class 6–7 school bus and medium-duty truck applications.
- Key advantages include full motor torque regenerative braking, helping maximize energy recovery, as well as a single-speed gearbox design, reducing friction and weight.
- Setting a new benchmark for zero-emission commercial vehicles, together.

HEIDENHEIM, GERMANY. ACT Expo in Las Vegas provides the backdrop for the next milestone in the strategic partnership between Hendrickson and Driventic, extending the collaboration the companies first announced at last year's ACT. The partnership is focused on helping commercial fleets improve efficiency and manage total cost of ownership as they move toward zero-emission vehicles.

The new jointly engineered solution launched at ACT 2026 will bring together Hendrickson's suspension and axle expertise with Driventic's advanced, energy efficient technologies in a next-generation platform designed with performance and uptime in mind: ELECTRAAX, a high-efficiency, lightweight electric drive axle engineered for Class 6–7 school bus and medium-duty truck applications.

Built to move what's next for medium-duty electrification

Based on Hendrickson's proven suspension heritage and aligned with its Reliable by Design philosophy, ELECTRAAX, powered by Driventic, is built to move what's next for medium-duty electrification. It features a fully integrated ePowertrain that combines the axle, single-speed gearbox, motor, and inverter into one system to maximize efficiency. This design helps deliver up to 94% system-level efficiency, which can extend vehicle range and reduce energy requirements based on internal testing.

Basically, the key advantages of ELECTRAAX include full motor torque regenerative braking, helping maximize energy recovery, as well as a single-speed gearbox design, reducing friction and weight compared to multi-speed gearboxes. In addition to this, a single-speed gearbox provides a smooth ride without shift-quality concerns for pickup-and-delivery duty cycles, while reducing component count to support increased long-term reliability. And Driventic's electric drive system adds an efficient motor with a power-dense inverter to deliver extended peak torque for sustained, consistent power during acceleration, hill climbs, and heavy hauling.

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Setting a new benchmark for zero-emission commercial vehicles

"This collaboration with Driventic reflects Hendrickson's Reliable by Design philosophy as we help customers transition to zero-emission mobility with solutions grounded in real-world performance," said Matt Joy, CEO of Hendrickson. "By combining the technological expertise of our respective companies, we are developing the next generation of integrated solutions for commercial fleets."

"Working with Hendrickson allows Driventic to bring our high-efficiency electric capabilities into integrated solutions that meet the practical needs of OEMs and fleets," said Dr. Gregor Wiche, CEO of Driventic. "Together, we are pairing our efficiency-driven, customer-focused mindset with Hendrickson's industry leadership to deliver innovative solutions that help set a new benchmark in reliability and performance for zero-emission commercial vehicles."

The joint launch of ELECTRAAX at ACT 2026 is the best proof of that – and, in fact, the next milestone in the strategic partnership between Hendrickson and Driventic.



Launched at ACT 2026: ELECTRAAX, designed by Hendrickson and powered by Driventic, is a high-efficiency, lightweight electric drive axle engineered for Class 6–7 school bus and medium-duty truck applications.

About Driventic

Driventic is the specialist for efficient drive technologies in commercial vehicles. Whether for use in e-mobility or conventional drives, Driventic's complete systems and digital services are drivers of the mobility transition – because they enable manufacturers and operators alike to sustainably operate their trucks, buses, and off-highway vehicles. The company's 1,400 employees at 26 locations in 18 countries are dedicated to one mission: to combine ecology with technological progress in the service of efficiency.

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This is what Driventic understands by 'Mobility beyond today'.

Driventic has been on the market since November 1, 2025. The company, which is based in Heidenheim, Germany, is a spin-off of parts of the drive systems division of international technology group Voith. All Driventic's products, systems and digital services are technological refinements and advancements of Voith solutions.

About Hendrickson

Hendrickson, a Boler company, is a leading global manufacturer and supplier of medium- and heavy-duty mechanical, elastomeric, and air suspensions; integrated and non-integrated axle and brake systems; tire pressure control systems; auxiliary lift axle systems; parabolic and multi-leaf springs; stabilizers; bumpers; and other components for the global commercial transportation industry. Based in Woodridge, IL, USA, Hendrickson has served the transportation industry for more than 100 years. Visit www.hendrickson-intl.com

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