

Uvex Celebrates Fifth Anniversary of Falcon Protective Eyewear Line

Innovative Frameless Design Drives Double-Digit Annual Sales Growth

SMITHFIELD, R.I. – August 15, 2006 – Uvex®, world leader in safety eyewear, today announced the five-year anniversary of its Falcon line of premium protective eyewear. Since its launch in July 2001, the product line has experienced average sales growth in the double digits year over year.

“Uvex has had tremendous success with the Falcon product family,” said Erica Osley, Group Product Manager, American brands. “While it provides superior comfort and excellent eye protection coverage, Falcon’s popularity and sales growth can be attributed to its position as a high-quality, stylish alternative to other, more traditional safety eyewear in the category.”

Falcon features frameless dual nine-base wrap-around lenses to provide superior peripheral coverage and complete protection of the entire eye area – all with style and a sporty design that is unmatched in the industry. Its frameless design provides workers a clear, unobstructed view of their environment for improved workplace safety. It also has a one-click system to remove lenses for replacement, making the eyewear an even more economical choice.

Versatile and economical, Falcon is hard at work in a number of industries including automotive, transportation, food processing, aerospace and clean room applications such as semiconductor. It meets or exceeds ANSI and CSA standards and Falcon is one of the lightest protective eyewear in its class, weighing just 22 grams. The temple color comes in black nylon, and lenses are available in clear, espresso, amber, mirror and SCT-Reflect 50.

Photos of the Uvex Falcon line are available to the media upon request. Please refer to the Uvex safety eyewear catalog for complete product details and ordering information or visit www.uvex.com.

About Uvex

The world’s top-selling protective eyewear brand, Uvex has been an acknowledged leader in safety eyewear innovation for more than fifty years. The pioneer of many groundbreaking innovations such as a cost effective silicone goggle body and MMT – Multi-Material Technology® – Uvex is a leading brand of the Bacou-Dalloz Group. Bacou-Dalloz sells Uvex branded safety eyewear and face protection products only in the Americas. For more information, please visit www.uvex.com.



About Bacou-Dalloz

Bacou-Dalloz is the world leader in the design, manufacture and sale of personal protective equipment, offering a comprehensive range of safety products designed to protect people from hazards in the workplace. The Group specializes in head protection equipment (eye and face, respiratory and hearing protection), body protection equipment (clothing, gloves and footwear) and fall protection equipment. With a worldwide presence and over 6,000 employees, Bacou-Dalloz endeavors to contribute to ongoing improvements in workplace health and safety by providing innovative, comfort-engineered products that workers want to wear. The Group's products are sold through a worldwide network of distributor partners for use in all sectors of activity (construction, manufacturing, telecommunications, homeland security, petrochemicals, medical, public services, etc.). Bacou-Dalloz is listed on the Premier Marché of the Euronext stock exchange in Paris, and is part of the SBF 120 index.

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