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Uvex Inspires Safety with New Specifix™ Collection of Protective Eyewear

Three new styles feature breakthrough Supra-Dura™ anti-scratch coating and 11 new patents

SMITHFIELD, R.I. — February 10, 2010 — Sperian Protection, the world leader in personal protective equipment (PPE), today announced that its flagship brand, Uvex®, has launched the Specifix collection of protective eyewear. The Specifix collection includes three new styles – Uvex VersaPro™, Uvex PrecisionPro™ and Uvex ExtremePro™ – each designed to meet the unique needs of workers in the specific industries they serve. The entire collection features Uvex’s revolutionary new Supra-Dura advanced anti-scratch coating that provides five times more scratch resistance than other coatings on the market. Each piece of Specifix eyewear inspires safety through high-performance protection, superior comfort and fit and exceptional value.

“We developed the Specifix collection based on extensive research and surveys of safety managers throughout the Americas, whose foremost hurdle was selecting the proper eyewear for the job among such a broad – even overwhelming – product spectrum,” said David Iannelli, senior product manager for Uvex. “Because each Specifix style is designed for a specific work application, it has never been easier to choose the best-suited safety eyewear for any job.”

Uvex VersaPro’s streamlined, lightweight design provides optimal performance in light industrial applications where comfort and versatility are essential. The style is perfect for keeping workers safe during assembly line work, shipping, machine operation and other light manufacturing tasks. Its extended-wear comfort features and increased durability help keep workers safer because they wear their safety eyewear longer. Available with Uvextreme® anti-fog coating or new Supra-Dura advanced anti-scratch coating, Uvex VersaPro provides excellent coverage, protection and value.

Uvex PrecisionPro combines a frameless design with precise optics to maximize vision and reduce distortion for jobs where seeing every detail in perfect clarity is critical. The style is ideally suited for applications such as quality control, inspection, lab work, aerospace, fine maintenance, cleanrooms and mechanics. Its specialized, task-specific SCT-Spectrum Control Technology® lens tints optimize lighting and enhance visual perception. Available with Uvextreme anti-fog coating or Supra-Dura anti-scratch coating, Uvex PrecisionPro delivers ultra-lightweight design for all-day comfort.

Uvex ExtremePro stands up to the most extreme environments, making it ideal for work in foundries, chemical plants, metalworking, machining, pulp and paper, shipbuilding and oil and gas industries. Its MoistureWick™ brow accessory absorbs and wicks away perspiration to keep lenses clear in high heat and humidity. The style is available with Supra-Dura anti-scratch coating, Uvextreme Plus anti-fog coating or Dura-streme® dual anti-fog/anti-scratch coating. Uvex ExtremePro lasts longer and performs better in rugged environments that demand site-specific eye protection.

In addition to Uvex's new Supra-Dura anti-scratch coating, the Specifix collection features FlexFit™ bendable temples and nosepieces for the most comfortable, customized fit and ratcheting temples that make it easy to adjust the lens angle for a close fit. Each piece of eyewear meets the ANSI Z87.1- 2003 (high impact) and CSA Z94.3 standards and comes with a lifetime frame guarantee.

The Specifix collection also includes five breakthrough design patents and six innovative utility patents for improved fit and features. The design patents apply to Uvex VersaPro, Uvex PrecisionPro and Uvex ExtremePro spectacles as well as the nasal assembly and the wicking bar assembly. The utility patents include the new nasal assembly with a wire core and flexible soft fingers; the nasal attachment to the lens; the headwidth adjustment combined with other adjustment features; the wicking subframe assembly and means of securing the textile material to the bar; and the blue mist lenses that provide cosmetic color and light filtration properties.

The Specifix collection embodies Uvex's unparalleled commitment to product innovation and a workplace culture of safety. Multimedia product demonstrations are available at www.UvexSpecifix.com.

About Uvex

Uvex is the world's top-selling protective eyewear brand. Through high-performing products and innovative services, Uvex is the brand that inspires people to heighten awareness, increase productivity and foster a culture of safety in the workplace. For more than 60 years, Uvex has delivered the most advanced coatings, styles and materials to protect workers in every industry. Its commitment to rigorous testing and extensive research and development ensures that every Uvex style meets or exceeds industry safety standards while delivering unparalleled comfort. The brand's unique service offerings enable safety managers to access Uvex expertise, educational tools, programs and references to build and sustain best-in-class safety platforms. Sperian Protection offers Uvex® branded products exclusively in the Americas. For more information please visit www.uvex.us.

About Sperian Protection

With nearly 6,000 employees worldwide, Sperian Protection serves the global personal protective equipment (PPE) industry, providing hearing, eye, respiratory, fall, body and hand protection. As a world leader in multiple PPE categories, Sperian is committed to offering innovative products adapted to high-risk environments so that workers in the manufacturing and services industries can work with confidence. For more information, please visit www.sperian.com. Sperian Protection is listed on NYSE Euronext and is part of the SBF120. It is eligible for the SRD deferred settlement system.

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