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Dynamic Dampers Will be Required In Top Class of USF2000 Series

PALMETTO, Fla., Jan. 27 — Dynamic Suspensions supplies state-of-the-art dampers to racing teams competing in everything from rallying to Formula One. In 2010 its list of teams will include many competing in the new USF2000 National Championship presented by Cooper Racing Tires and powered by Mazda, because Dynamic dampers will be required on cars competing in that series' top division, the Championship class.

“Our Championship class competitors will have two options for 2010 — the current-model shim damper, or the new DSSV cartridge damper,” said Dan Andersen, the president and chief executive officer of Andersen Promotions, which administers the series. “For 2011 the DSSV cartridge damper will be the required spec damper in the Championship class.”

Dynamic Suspensions UK is headquartered in Thetford, Norfolk, England. Its products are distributed in North America by Carl Haas Automobile Imports, Inc. (CHA) of Lincolnshire, Ill., which will have personnel and equipment trackside at all 12 of the USF2000 races this year.

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"F2000 has a long history with Dynamic dampers, dating back to the early 2000s when they were the spec damper in the Cooper F2000 series, the predecessor to our USF2000 Championship," Andersen added. "They have terrific products, and the new Dynamic DSSV cartridge damper, complete with SpecFinder™ software, is a far superior piece that we know will be well received by our teams. It is a pleasure to be working with them again, and with the folks at Carl Haas Auto handling the trackside support, it's a perfect fit for our program."

"Dynamic Suspensions and Carl Haas Auto have had a great relationship since we became their North American distributor back in 1999," said Carl Haas, president and owner of Carl Haas Automobile Imports, Inc. "In fact, the original F2000 series was one of our first great successes with the folks from Dynamic Suspensions, so it's very satisfying to be able to continue the program with the USF2000 Championship series in 2010 and beyond."

The DSSV cartridge damper provides significant performance and operational gains over conventional dampers and eliminates the use of shims commonly used in motorsports dampers. It is a unique damper featuring independent high- and low-speed valves for control of both bump and rebound, and includes linear indexed adjusters, matched from damper to damper to optimize the symmetry rating across each axle.

For more information on CHA, see its Web site at haasauto.com or call (847) 634-8200. More information on Dynamic dampers and its SpecFinder™ software can also be found on Dynamic Suspensions' Web site at dynamicsuspensions.com.

Sanctioned by the Indy Racing League (IRL), the USF2000 National Championship is one of only two series that are part of both the IRL's Road to Indy ladder system and the MAZ-DASPEED Motorsports driver development program. The series' 2010 season will open with a doubleheader March 27-28 on the street circuit in St. Petersburg, Fla. in support of an IZOD IndyCar Series headliner.

For the rest of the schedule and additional information on the series, see usf2000.com or call (941) 723-3900.

Although Dynamic dampers are required in the Championship class, the USF2000 series' National class will accept any cars that meet the current SCCA Formula Continental rules.

About Mazda:

On any given weekend there are more Mazdas on the road courses of America than any other brand of vehicle. MX-5 Miata, RX-8, MAZDA3, MAZDA6, RX-7 and other vintage Mazda models are all popular race cars because every Mazda has the soul of a sports car. In fact, the largest road-racing class in the world is Spec Miata. With more than 2,500 first- and second-generation Miatas tearing up America's racetracks, it the most-raced production car in the world. Mazda's involvement in motorsports extends to its relationship with one of the world's premier road courses, Mazda Raceway Laguna Seca in Monterey, Calif., and the Skip Barber Schools for driving and racing.

Celebrating its 40th anniversary in the United States in 2010, Mazda North American Operations is headquartered in Irvine, Calif. It oversees the sales, marketing, parts business and customer service of Mazda vehicles in the United States, Canada and Mexico through nearly 900 dealers. Operations in Canada are managed by Mazda Canada, Inc., located in Ontario. Operations in Mexico are managed by Mazda Motor de Mexico in Mexico City.

About Cooper Tire & Rubber Company:

Cooper Tire & Rubber Company is a global company that specializes in the design, manufacture, marketing and sales of passenger car and light truck tires and subsidiaries that specialize in medium truck, motorcycle and racing tires. With headquarters in Findlay, Ohio, Cooper Tire has manufacturing, sales, distribution, technical and design facilities within its family of companies located in 10 countries around the world. For more information, visit Cooper Tire's Web site at coopertire.com.

About Dynamic Dampers:

Dynamic Suspensions has an enviable record of supplying state-of-the-art dampers including the new DSSV range to winning motorsports teams competing in series from rallying to Formula One, including the USF2000 National Championship.

Its DSSV dampers provide significant performance and operational gains over conventional dampers and eliminate the use of shims commonly used in motorsports dampers. The desired damping specification is achieved by using Dynamic Suspensions' SpecFinder™ software to select interchangeable valve cartridges. Fine-tuning is achieved through on-car adjustment of both the linear indexed high- and low-speed adjusters.

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Dynamic Suspensions has two state-of-the-art seven-post shaker rigs. One is located at its headquarters in Thetford, Norfolk, England. The other is in North America at Multimatic's headquarters in Toronto, Ontario, Canada.

Carl Haas Automobile Imports is the exclusive distributor of Dynamic dampers in North America.

For more information see dynamicsuspensions.com.

About Carl Haas Automobile Imports:

Carl Haas started his parts business in 1960, filling a need for quality race cars and parts in the rapidly growing professional and amateur racing industry. Since the very beginning the company's goal has been to deliver nothing but the best for its customers. Haas introduced a revolutionary program called the Haas FAS-PAC service, which guaranteed delivery of parts in less than 24 hours anywhere in the United States long before any of the express delivery companies were in operation. Haas also did the unheard of and started taking used race cars as trade-ins on new cars. These two programs helped the racing industry grow immensely in the '60s and '70s. Carl Haas Automobile Imports still strives to deliver the same quality parts and service, be it a single part for a club racer or a complete trackside parts program for an entire series. For more information see haasauto.com.