



PRESS RELEASE

Uvex® Leads Industry in Military-Certified Safety Eyewear

– Lens Innovations Bring Greater Safety to Workers in Every Market

SMITHFIELD, R.I. – Feb. 27, 2006 – Uvex®, world leader in safety eyewear, is the first commercial brand offering a wide range of products that meet the military's demanding certification for ballistic eye protection known as Military Velocity Sub Zero (MIL V₀). Innovations in lens design set the Uvex line apart from its competitors by offering military-level safety performance to users in all industries.

Uvex eye protection that meets the MIL V₀ standard offers the same lightweight design, safety, comfort and fit that Uvex is recognized for, plus the added value of even greater protection against projectiles. Currently 100% of the Uvex core eyewear line meets the MIL V₀ standard, giving Uvex a significant competitive advantage over other safety eyewear manufacturers. Uvex products that meet the MIL V₀ standard include Uvex Astrospec 3000®, Uvex Astrospec 3000® S, Uvex Bandit™, Uvex FitLogic®, Uvex Genesis®, Uvex Pivot®, Uvex Protégé™, Uvex Skyper®, Uvex Skyper X2®, Uvex U2®, and Uvex XC®.

To gain MIL V₀ approval, products undergo rigorous testing to assess projectile resistance levels and meet technical requirements set forth by the U.S. military. The ballistic resistance of the equipment is determined using high-caliber, misshaped projectiles at a prescribed velocity within a defined range of distance. Certified products can withstand an impact of 650 feet per second.

"Uvex is dedicated to protecting military personnel and civilians alike by meeting or exceeding the highest level of eye safety standards," said Erica Osley, group product manager, American Brands. "By incorporating MIL V₀ specifications widely across our product line, we ensure superior protection to workers who rely on safety eyewear in every market."

The world's top-selling protective eyewear brand, Uvex is a preferred vendor for the U.S. military. 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. 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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