



Dana Corporation Providing Rear Differential Assemblies for BMW X5 SAV

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TOLEDO, Ohio, Mar 8, 2004 /PRNewswire via COMTEX/ -- Dana Corporation (NYSE: DCN) announced today that it has begun supplying rear-axle differentials for the BMW X5 Sports Activity Vehicle(TM) (SAV). Dana previously announced that it was supplying the front differentials for the vehicle, beginning last June.

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"Being selected to supply both the front- and rear-axle differentials for the BMW X5 SAV speaks to Dana's solid technical capabilities," said Michael J. Burns, Dana CEO and president. "As we prepare to celebrate 100 years of advancing automotive innovation, we remain dedicated to enhancing these technologies in order to anticipate and satisfy the high standards of the world's leading vehicle manufacturers."

The front and rear differentials are assembled at Dana's recently opened manufacturing facility in Orangeburg, S.C., using sophisticated manufacturing systems to ensure the finished differentials meet the stringent expectations BMW has for performance.

Dana's quality assurance technology in Orangeburg employs 100-percent on-line coordinate measuring devices, which integrate the final machined dimensions of the gears and housing in real time, while also calculating their optimum relative positions for final assembly. The process verifies that incoming components are within specification and then determines the best final assembly positions from the actual dimensions of the components.

Dana is employing advanced manufacturing processes to incorporate face-hob ring gear and pinion tooth geometry, which relies on a high-speed, environmentally friendly machining process to cut the gears to the precision dimensions required by the final system specifications.

Dana Corporation is a global leader in the design, engineering, and manufacture of value-added products and systems for automotive, commercial, and off-highway vehicles. Delivering on a century of innovation, the company's continuing operations employ approximately 45,000 people worldwide dedicated to advancing the science of mobility. Founded in 1904 and based in Toledo, Ohio, Dana operates technology, manufacturing, and customer-service facilities in 30 countries. Sales from continuing operations totaled \$7.9 billion in 2003. Dana's Internet address is www.dana.com .

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