Press release

BPW develops hydraulic drive axle AGRO Drive for agricultural trailers

- World premiere of AGRO Drive at Agritechnica in Hanover
- Improved traction, simplified service
- BPW at the trade fair in hall 15, stand E05

Szombathely, 11 October 2017 --- On soft, loose soils or when operating on banks or hillsides, agricultural vehicles often reach their limits. In order to facilitate vehicle start-ups on such surfaces and to prevent getting stuck, BPW has developed a hydraulic drive axle for agricultural trailers: the BPW AGRO Drive. The additional drive ensures enhanced performance on difficult terrain. The AGRO Drive axle is celebrating its world premiere at Agritechnica this November.

Not only does the new hydraulic drive axle improve the vehicle's traction, but it also simplifies servicing: the sophisticated design of the drive axle allows maintenance work and brake pad changes to be carried out without having to disassemble the hydraulic motor. This is made possible by using the tried and tested BPW brake system, which enables easy removal of the brake drum. The drive axle can be installed in leaf-sprung, air suspension as well as hydraulic suspension units.

As standard, the AGRO Drive includes an interface for connecting a tyre pressure control system. This interface was developed exclusively for BPW in close collaboration with PTG Reifendruckregelsysteme GmbH.

In addition, there is the option of integrating speed, rotation direction and ABS sensors into the axle. The positioning of the sensors in the upright keeps them very well protected from dirt, providing maximum operational safety and reliability.

Caption: AGRO Drive, the new drive axle from BPW, improves the traction of vehicles in difficult soil conditions. (Source: BPW Bergische Achsen KG)
About the BPW agricultural market
BPW-Hungária Kft., a wholly owned subsidiary of BPW Bergische Achsen KG, is the BPW Group's specialist for agricultural vehicles and machinery. The company's product portfolio ranges from dead axle stub assemblies and single axles to complete tridem running gears with frames including suspension and fitted brake system for unit weights of over 30 tonnes. More than 1,400 employees in Hungary produce these high-quality and technically sophisticated axles and running gear systems. The products for the agricultural industry are distributed by the BPW Group's member companies worldwide. [www.bpwagrar.com](http://www.bpwagrar.com)

About BPW Bergische Achsen KG
BPW Bergische Achsen KG is the parent company of the BPW Group. With more than 1,600 employees, including around 120 trainees, the family-run company has been developing and producing complete running gear systems for truck trailers and semi-trailers at its headquarters in Wiehl since 1898. BPW's technologies include axle systems, brake technology, suspension and bearings. BPW's trailer axles and running gear systems are in use in millions of vehicles around the world. An extensive range of services also provides vehicle manufacturers and vehicle operators with the opportunity to increase economic efficiency in their production and transport processes. [www.bpw.de/en](http://www.bpw.de/en)

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Caption: The additional drive ensures enhanced performance on difficult terrain. (Source: BPW Bergische Achsen KG)
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