

## **Fabco™ Announces Steerable Drive Axle Family**

*New Model FSD-23 Steerable Drive Axle  
provides customers lighter weight and lower height solution  
for heavy duty all wheel drive vehicles*

Fabco™ has released its new FSD-23 low-profile Steerable Drive Axle family. The new line of Fabco axles offers customers a lighter weight and lower height solution for heavy-duty all wheel drive vehicles.

“Fabco’s new low-profile 18,000-23,000-lb. Steerable Drive Axle will assist truck manufacturers in their efforts to maintain a low cab height in vehicles with larger engines which normally make installation of front drive axles more difficult,” said President of Fabco, Al Sunderland. “The low profile axle design utilizes a high torque capacity and compact single reduction differential assembly to reduce the axle profile compared to previous Fabco and current competitor axles. Additionally, the optimized Fabco fabricated steel housing design can result in significant weight savings relative to competing products.”

“Until now, all wheel drive vehicle builders often specified imported, planetary hub reduction axles to improve engine to axle clearance and minimize chassis height. Hub reduction axles have added cost, lead time and service complexity compared to a traditional center reduction drive steer axle,” added Sunderland. “Using a North American built Fabco axle offers both the truck manufacture and end user benefits in delivery lead-time and after the sale serviceability.”

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The Fabco FSD-23 is the 4<sup>th</sup> generation 18,000-23,000-lb product from Fabco, based on decades of severe service experience. The FSD-23 retains the proven wheel end assembly from the previous SDA series of Fabco axles.

The FSD-23 brings these important benefits to our customers:

- Low profile design for reduced vehicle cab and frame height.
- Approximately 100-lb. weight savings over previous Fabco SDA-series, and several hundred pounds lighter than some competing products.
- Broad range of ratios allows coverage of many types of end-use applications.
- Driver Controlled Differential Locks optional.
- Utilizes non-proprietary high volume North American S-Cam brakes with Gunite<sup>®</sup> Automatic Slack Adjusters.
- Utilizes Fabco's unique and proven inclined spherical bearing king pins optimizing steering performance and easy maintenance.
- Fabricated steel axle housing construction is robust yet lightweight. Modular design philosophy allows customer specific configuration changes without major tooling investments or excessive lead times.

The FSD-23 axle is developed for severe service applications such as military, oil field, construction, mining, wildland fire, and municipal utility. Fabco All Wheel Drive components are either the exclusive offering or standard position offering at most North American severe service commercial vehicle OEMs.

**Fabco Automotive** has the most complete line of integrated all wheel drive transfer case and steerable drive axle systems for Class 6-8 vehicles in the industry. Since 1918, Fabco has been dedicated to the commercial vehicle industry and its products are based on decades of severe service experience. To learn more call 800-967-8838 or visit <http://www.FabcoAutomotive.com>

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