

OptiRide™

Electronically Controlled Air Suspension (ECAS)

Latest innovation in modular and scalable air
suspension solution for commercial vehicles



ZF's Latest Innovation in Air Suspension Control

The latest evolution of market-leading premium air suspension technology comes with simplified system layout and increased integration level. Its lean system architecture significantly reduces components, while minimizing wiring and piping. The modular and scalable design provides high flexibility for customization and can serve complex commercial vehicle applications with a broad spectrum of proven value-adding functionalities to effectively support a fleet's daily operations.

The ZF Difference

- Next evolution of ZF's market-leading premium air suspension technology comes with simplified system layout and higher integration level
- Modular and scalable design provides high flexibility for customization and serves even the most complex commercial vehicle applications
- Builds on 35+ years of engineering expertise in the development of electronically controlled air suspension systems with over 6 million OptiRide ECAS systems proven in the market globally

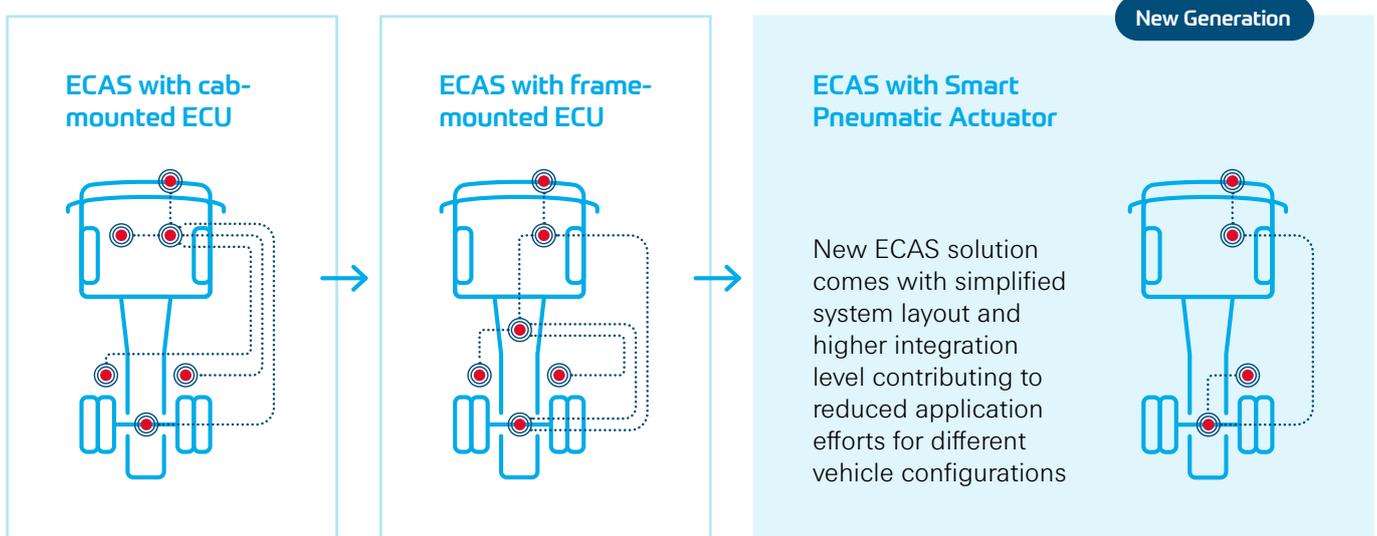
Unrivaled Expertise



Value to Customers

- Serves a wide range of commercial vehicle applications from standard 4x2 up to complex multi-axle applications
- Simplified system layout enables to reduce components by up to 60%*
- Fosters lean vehicle system architecture with considerably reduced wiring and piping
- Allows for flexible software updates and functional extensions
- Provides state-of-the-art air suspension control with numerous value-adding, proven truck- and bus- specific functionalities
- Enables easy implementation of lift axle control with minimized wiring
- Enables easier assembly and installation into the vehicle including a simple and smooth end-of-line (EOL) procedure
- Complies with cyber security to fulfill regulatory requirements

*Calculation based on 6x2 truck application with steel suspended front axle, air suspended drive axle and air suspended lift axle.



Technical Features

- Delivers highly scalable and modular innovative system solution
- Integrates electronic control unit, solenoid valves and pressure sensors into one smart pneumatic actuator
- Runs data processing on ECAS actuator, while integrating application software into domain controller
- Split system intelligence eliminates the need for a separate ECAS electronic control unit
- ECAS application software architecture is developed in full compliance with Autosar
- Operates through efficient and smart bi-directional communication via CAN-bus
- Offers direct connection of actuator and height sensor with up to two height sensors per actuator and axle
- Ensures functional safety according to highest automotive standards



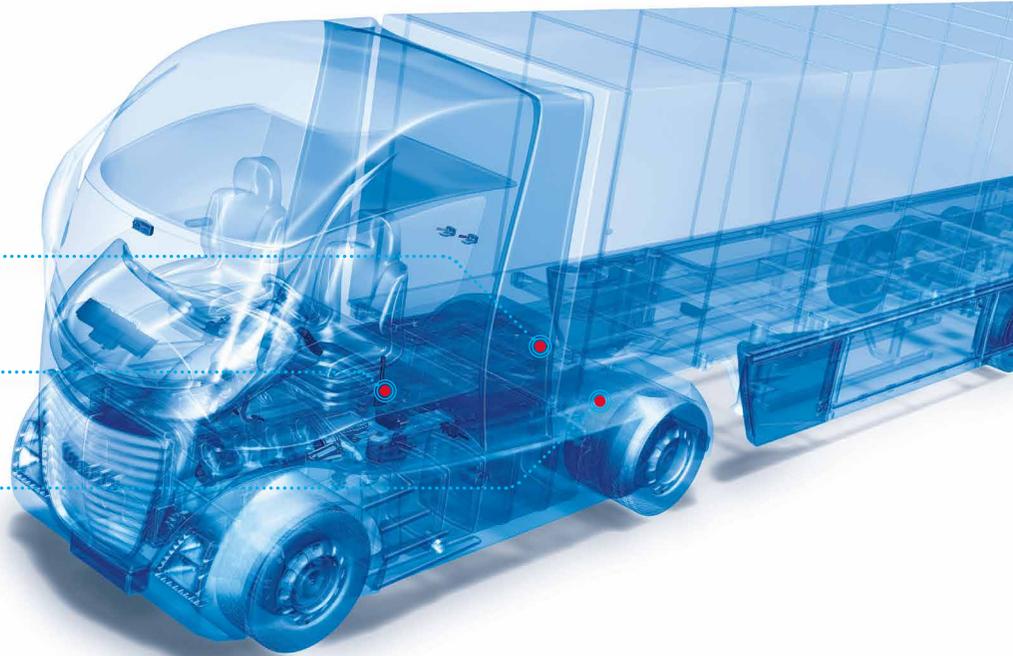
Smart Pneumatic Actuator



Remote Control Unit



Height Sensor



- Comes as smart and scalable module integrating electronic control unit, solenoid valves and pressure sensors
- Analyzes system data and provides information regarding valve status, chassis height and bellow pressure
- Connects system and vehicle through smart CAN interface to enable bi-directional communication
- Controlled by ECAS application software hosted on vehicle's domain controller
- Adjusts bellow pressure to enable sophisticated chassis height control
- Offers actuator options spanning from one up to three channels to enable tailored side-specific chassis height and/or lift axle control
- Provides smart and efficient self-configuration process, while eliminating the need for separate sensor calibration



- High linearity leading to very high measurement precision
- Converts measurement results into electric signals to transmit to smart pneumatic actuator
- Supports flexible positioning inside the vehicle



- Wired high-end RCU attached to cabin
- Dedicated for ECAS functionality on trucks
- Standardized interface with LIN protocol
- Protected against environmental influences through IP64 protection

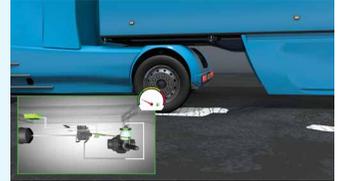
Functional Advantages

OptiRide ECAS provides a broad spectrum of proven value-adding functionalities boosting efficiency, safety and comfort of daily vehicle operations.



Ride Quality

Minimizes chassis movements to enable excellent cargo treatment



Traction Help

Mitigates imminent traction-loss through temporary axle load transfer to support start-up on low friction surfaces



Lift Axle Control

Reduces rolling resistance through load-dependent lifting of a rear axle to help optimize fuel efficiency and tire life



Fast Loading and Unloading

Adapts chassis height at the loading dock to different ramp heights



Quick Drop & Hook

Provides rapid and seamless chassis raising and lowering to ease coupling and uncoupling process



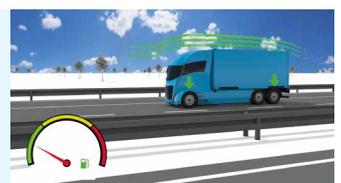
Axle Load Monitoring

Continuously checks axle load and alerts the driver of overload



Speed-Dependent Driving Levels

Optimizes aerodynamic characteristics through automatic vehicle height adjustments to help improve fuel efficiency



Heeling

Enables raising of the tractor chassis above ride height for easy unloading of liquid goods



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