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## ***PRESS RELEASE***

# **The 1,000,000 Haldex Coupling for All Wheel Drive produced and delivered to the new Volkswagen Passat**

Stockholm, Sweden, September 22, 2005 – **Haldex Traction Systems, a division in the Haldex group, has since the first Haldex Coupling was produced in 1998 been producing one million Haldex Couplings in total by September 23, 2005. It started with the VW Golf and Audi TT in 1998 and the latest model now equipped with Haldex Coupling is the new VW Passat, which also will be the receiver of the millionth Haldex Coupling. The organic growth of the Haldex Traction Systems continues and the turnover for 2005 will be close to 800 MSEK.**

Since the launch of the innovative Haldex Coupling in 1998 entering the All Wheel Drive market for passenger cars with a new concept, Haldex has consistently been able to win new business in hard international competition and kept market leadership for controllable All Wheel Drive Systems. Haldex is now the world-leading supplier of intelligent all-wheel-drive systems (AWD-systems) for excellent vehicle dynamics performance in both passenger cars and SUV's.

The Haldex AWD-system is a compact stand-alone electronically controlled mechanical/hydraulic component that senses the changing vehicle state in fractions of a second and continuously adapt the torque distribution in the drive train to maintain traction and vehicle stability in all driving situations. The vehicle model list with cars equipped with a All Wheel drive System from Haldex is long and the latest model now equipped with a Haldex Coupling is the VW Passat which will be equipped with the one millionth Haldex Coupling in the beginning of October 2005:

- Volkswagen Golf 4motion
- Volkswagen Bora 4motion
- Volkswagen Beetle Rsi
- Volkswagen Sharan
- Volkswagen Passat 4motion (new)
- Audi A3/S3 Quattro
- Audi A3 Sportback
- Audi TT Quattro
- Skoda Octavia 4x4
- Seat León
- Seat Alhambra
- Bugatti Veyron
- Volvo S40 AWD
- Volvo V50 AWD
- Volvo S60 AWD
- Volvo S60R AWD
- Volvo V70 AWD
- Volvo V70R AWD
- Volvo XC 70
- Volvo XC 90
- Volvo XC 90 V8
- Volvo S80 AWD
- Ford Freestyle
- Ford Fivehundred
- Mercury Montego

“It has been a fantastic and exciting journey “says Ulf Ahlén, President of Haldex Traction Systems since 1998. “When I joined early 1998 we where 35 employees and we produced 20,000 Haldex Couplings the first year. That is what we are producing in three weeks now. We have grown the organization to 240 employees in Landskrona and Hungary. A rough estimation is that the product, which was developed out of an idea from a private person back in 1988 has created something like 800-1000 jobs if you also consider the supply chain”.

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Haldex ([www.haldex.com](http://www.haldex.com)), headquartered in Stockholm, Sweden, is a provider of proprietary and innovative solutions to the global vehicle industry, with focus on products in vehicles that enhance safety, environment and vehicle dynamics. Haldex is listed on the Stockholm Stock Exchange and has annual sales of nearly 7 billion SEK with 4,400 employees.

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