

## **PRESS RELEASE**

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### **BRANICK INDUSTRIES INC. IS AWARDED A NITROGEN TIRE INFLATION SYSTEM ORDER.**

Branick Industries and their distributor Westesco announced today that they received an order from Costco Wholesale for Nitrogen Tire Inflation Systems. Branick and Westesco will be supplying Costco Wholesale with Nitrogen Tire Inflation Systems for all of their US and Canadian warehouses.

A number of companies in North America have started testing the use of Nitrogen as an inflation option. Costco Wholesale is the first major corporation to install units in all locations.

After extensive testing, Costco chose Branick because as stated by Manny Manos of Westesco, "It is clearly the best Nitrogen Generator available."

Nitrogen's main purpose is to stabilize a tires inflation pressure. By stabilizing a tires inflation pressure you maximize:

Vehicle handling

Fuel economy

Tire life

And reduce rust and corrosion to rim and valve hardware

Installation of the Nitrogen Tire Inflation Systems has already begun and is expected to be completed by August.

Nitrogen tire inflation is not a new idea. Tires inflated with Nitrogen have been used in NASCAR and Formula One for years. NASA, Military Divisions, and commercial aircraft also use nitrogen.

Duane Brasch, owner of Branick Industries said the unit was engineered in partnership with Air Products Membranes of St. Louis.

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