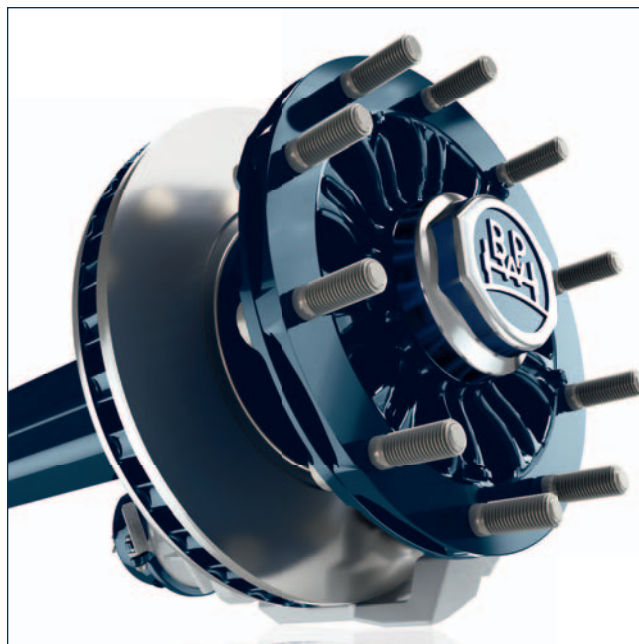




ECO Plus 3 series launch... the countdown begins!

May 15, 2015 marks the series launch of the 9t - ECO Plus 3 bearing technology, with the introduction of the offset 120 version and disc brake (offset 120-Wheel End).



The launch of the new Wheel End involves the following changes to the offset 120 designs:

- ⦿ All disc brake designs will be equipped with an exciter ring and will then be ready for the retro-fitting of ABS sensors.
- ⦿ The 93mm wheel bolts, which were introduced in 2012 with the ECO Air COMPACT, will also now be used in the ECO Plus 3 axles (see also BPW News 72551204, QR-code below: "New wheel bolt for ECO Air Compact with disc brake (offset 120 mm)", 2012)
- ⦿ ECO Plus 3 designs will no longer include pre-mounted wheel nuts, but they could be ordered separately

Further features include the axle nut with integrated tightening torque, the continuous hub flange/ wheel contact surfaces, and the open spoke design of the offset 120-hub.



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Countdown:

Depending on orders and the resulting delivery times, the following stages are planned for the offset 120-Wheel End launch:

Immediately:

Conversion information on your order confirmation.

From February 16, 2015:

BPW will provide conversion lists of the old and new code numbers to avoid any confusion. You can request the conversion lists from your point of contact.

From April 1, 2015:

From April 1, 2015, all orders with a delivery date later than May 15, 2015 will be confirmed in the new design. For you, this step means that your order confirmations will contain new code numbers which replaces the old designs.

From April 13, 2015:

All existing orders with a delivery date later than May 15, 2015 will be converted to the new design. BPW will inform you in good time about the converted orders.

From May 15, 2015:

Beginning of the ECO Plus 3 series launch with the offset 120-Wheel End.

Please note the following points:

- ⊙ Vehicle type approvals will not be affected.
- ⊙ The introduction of the ECO Plus 3 will not affect the vehicle interface or BPW's delivery scope. Every existing old design will be replaced by a new design.
- ⊙ From this point of time, modules with the old ECO Plus 2 Wheel End will no longer be supplied.
- ⊙ A mixture of the old ECO Plus 2 modules and the new ECO Plus 3 modules within the same vehicle is possible. If you do not wish to do this, please revise your inventories and adapt them accordingly.
- ⊙ It is not possible to return your existing stock of ECO Plus 2 components to BPW.
- ⊙ Aftermarket: Axles for the aftermarket will be offered only in ECO Plus 3. There is no compatibility of components between ECO Plus 2 and ECO Plus 3. For this reason, ECO Plus 2 components (e.g. hub caps, axle bolts) and Wheel Ends will still be available in the aftermarket.

Other dates:

From October 1, 2015:

ECO Plus 3 series launch with the offset 0-Wheel End 22.5" for drum and disc brakes.

Beginning 2016:

ECO Plus 3 series launch with the offset 0-Wheel End for 19.5" and 17.5" designs.

Your BPW contact person can provide you with further information.