



Gentex Introduces Argonaut Ground Crew Headset to European Market at SAFE Europe JSF-Based design supports the most extreme noise environments

Carbondale, PA, April 05, 2016. Gentex Corporation, a global leader in personal protection and situational awareness solutions for defense, emergency response and industrial personnel will introduce its Argonaut® double hearing protection (DHP) communications headset to the European market at this year's SAFE Europe Symposium. Based on the design of the ground crew headset Gentex developed for the U.S. F-35 Joint Strike Fighter (JSF) program, the Argonaut DHP headset is designed for use in other harsh military and industrial noise fields.

The Argonaut DHP communication headset is a product of Gentex's recent acquisition, Aegisound, an established provider of products that significantly improve hearing protection, safety and communications in high-noise environments. In addition to the expansion of their aircrew product line, the acquisition also increased Gentex's contribution to the JSF program. Gentex now provides protective hearing and communication products to JSF ground crew, in addition to the JSF aircrew helmet system platform and respiratory protection system, on which there will be a technical presentation during the symposium.



Argonaut DHP Headset with Earplugs

"The introduction of the Argonaut DHP communication headset to the European market demonstrates how the addition of Aegisound has strengthened our hearing and communications offering and allowed us to further expand in this category internationally," said Robert McCay, vice president, Aircrew Systems, Gentex Corporation. "We're excited to demonstrate the Argonaut headset at SAFE, and honored to have been chosen to provide our expertise during the symposium on the latest in aircrew helmet system technology, as demonstrated through our work on the JSF program." Product experts from Gentex Corporation will lead the presentation "Protecting the F-35's Most Valuable Asset," scheduled on Wednesday, April 13th at 1:30 pm.

The Argonaut DHP headset is appropriate for noise fields up to 130 decibels and features a digital noise cancelling microphone, and high-performance earcups with integrated communication earplugs that yield a 32 noise reduction rating (NRR).

Gentex is the leading supplier of high-performance flight equipment for military, law enforcement, and rescue aircrew worldwide. Their comprehensive line of durable and innovative products for fixed and rotary wing aircrew includes: modular, integrated helmet systems; protective visors and spectacles; high-altitude oxygen breathing equipment; communication and hearing protection systems; chemical/biological defense respirators for fixed-wing aircraft; aircrew flight equipment test sets; and a full suite of accessories. Gentex also offers aircrew flight equipment servicing, fitting, and operations/maintenance training. A global network, with expanding services in the U.K., supports the company's aircrew customers.

SAFE Europe takes place April 11th through the 13th in Old Windsor, U.K. Gentex Corporation is located at stand number 4. Product experts and executives from Gentex will be on hand to meet with customers and media throughout the show. To attend the Gentex presentation on JSF helmet and respiratory protection system technology, please visit the [SAFE Europe Symposium website](#). For more information on the Gentex Aircrew portfolio, visit www.gentexcorp.com/aircrew.

About Gentex Corporation

Leveraging a history that spans over 100 years, Gentex is a leading provider of innovative solutions that enhance personal protection and situational awareness for global defense forces, emergency responders and industrial personnel operating in high performance environments. The company's product portfolio includes helmet system platforms and capability upgrades sold under the Gentex, Ops-Core, ALPHA, Aegisound, Cromwell, and PureFlo brands; Dual Mirror aluminized fabrics; and Filtron light management technology. Privately held, Gentex is headquartered in Carbondale, Pennsylvania and supports its global customers through a worldwide distributor network and eight other facilities in the U.S. and the U.K. Learn more at www.gentexcorp.com.

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