

# ***JASPER® Driveline Division Ready for 2018 Racing Season***

## **For Immediate Release**

The Jasper Engines & Transmissions Driveline Division will supply 4-Speed Transmissions to Stewart-Haas Racing, Joe Gibbs Racing, Furniture Row Racing and Leavine Family Racing, for the 2018 Monster Energy NASCAR® Cup Series season.

Danica Patrick will have a JASPER 4-Speed Transmission in her Premium Motorsports entry as she makes her final Daytona 500 start.

Defending Monster Energy NASCAR® Cup Series Champion, Martin Truex, Jr. of Furniture Row Racing, along with Stewart-Haas Racing drivers Kevin Harvick, Clint Boyer, Kurt Busch and Aric Almirola, and Kasey Kahne of Leavine Family Racing, will use the single-rail version of the JASPER 4-Speed Transmission in 2018, which allows a single external rail to rotate and move two internal forks to engage the four forward gears.

"The off season gets shorter and shorter," said Pete Rondeau, Furniture Row Racing Competition Director. "We are excited about getting back on the track and running the JASPER 4-Speed Transmission again this year."

Joe Gibbs Racing drivers using a JASPER, three-rail, 4-Speed Transmission for 2018 include: Denny Hamlin, Kyle Busch, Daniel Suarez, and Erik Jones in the Monster Energy NASCAR® Cup Series.

2017 was another highly successful season for the JASPER Driveline Division. Five of the top ten drivers in the 2017 Monster Energy NASCAR® Cup Series final points standings drove cars equipped with JASPER products, including 2017 Series Champion, Martin Truex, Jr. Monster Energy NASCAR® Cup Series cars equipped with JASPER products accounted for 21 wins, 103 top-five finishes, 189 top-ten finishes, and earned 21 pole position starts in 2017.

"We look forward to the beginning of the season," said Mark Harrah, JASPER Manager. "Bringing on additional teams has been a big challenge, but we feel good about the performance of our transmissions on the track."

The following NASCAR® Xfinity Series teams will use JASPER 4-Speed Transmissions in 2018: Joe Gibbs Racing with drivers Daniel Suarez, Brandon Jones and Christopher Bell, Stewart-Haas Racing with drivers Cole Custer and Aric Almirola, Kaulig Racing with driver Ryan Truex, JGL Motorsports with Kaz Grala, and Mike Harmon Racing with driver Mike Harmon. JD Motorsports drivers Vinnie Miller, Garret Smithley, Matt Mills and Ross Chastain, will use JASPER 4-Speed Transmissions on superspeedway races in 2018.