**PRESS RELEASE**

Hybrid wiper blades for local vehicle market

***28 August, 2014:*** *Champion has introduced its latest premium original replacement Aerovantage hybrid- and vehicle-specific plastic rear wipers that are available for the windscreen and rear screen.*

Champion wiper blades are manufactured by global powertrain and vehicle safety technology leader Federal-Mogul. The company’s latest innovation in wiper blade technology is in the form of the new Champion Aerovantage hybrid wiper~~s~~ blades.

The Aerovantage blades share the features of both conventional and flat blades. Federal-Mogul Marketing Director **Heath Stow** says that the blades have an articulate plastic frame with conventional hook type connection and the blades come in sizes from 35cm to 65cm and click into place with a pre-fitted connector system, to make wiper replacement easy.

“The Aerovantage hybrid wiper blades also include steel sub-structure supporting twin spring flexors and rubber wiping elements which allows the design of the wiper blade to perform in the toughest heavy-duty environments and offer outstanding resistance to corrosion and the extremes of temperature and UV radiation,” he explains.

Stow highlights the fact that the Aerovantage blade has been designed to fit modern vehicle windscreens, giving outstanding wipe quality and improved aerodynamics as less wiper area is exposed to wind force, which leads to a reduction in lift and wind noise. “The aerodynamic shape acts as an air spoiler for improved wiper performance and the curved or bowed flexor shape equalises pressure along the blade to optimise contact with the windscreen.”

In addition, Champion has also introduced the Aerovantage plastic rear screen blade. Champion's Aerovantage rear screen wiper range offers state-of-the-art wiper manufacturing technology. Stow notes that the blade has been specifically designed to match the individual design of the vehicle’s original rear screen wiper blade and is guaranteed to be a high quality replacement wiper.

“The key features of the Aerovantage rear screen blade include; high quality design, easy fitment, the blade matches or exceeds original equipment specifications and has superior wiper quality. The Aerovantage rear screen blades are fitted as original equipment by a number of internationally-recognised automotive manufacturers,” he concludes.

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**Notes to the editor**
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