



Cooper Standard to Supply Material Science Innovation, Fortrex™, and other Leading Technologies to 2020 Ford Explorer

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NOVI, Mich., Jan. 14, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Cooper-Standard Holdings Inc. (NYSE: CPS), a leading global supplier of systems and components for the automotive industry, is pleased to announce it will supply the recently introduced 2020 Ford Explorer with sealing and fluid transfer systems, including the Company's award-winning Fortrex™ lightweight elastomeric material.

"We have an outstanding global team of employees that are committed to serving our customers and creating value with products and technologies that enhance performance and address today's automotive trends," said Patrick Clark, senior vice president and chief global engineering and product strategy officer, Cooper Standard. "We take great pride in supporting Ford Motor Co. with its 2020 Ford Explorer launch."

According to Ford Motor Co., the 2020 Ford Explorer - the sixth-generation of the SUV - is the most advanced and adventure-ready version yet. Cooper Standard will supply the latest model of the Explorer with: a static sealing system that incorporates Cooper Standard's Fortrex™ material science technology; engine cooling hose assemblies, including e-motor and battery cooling; as well as transmission oil cooler hose assemblies.

Fortrex™ is an innovative lightweight elastomeric material that offers significant performance advantages over EPDM synthetic rubber and thermoset plastics in terms of weight reduction, weathering, durability and sound characteristics. Fortrex™, which won the 2018 *Automotive News* PACE Award, can take on many forms, including dense extrusions, foams, films and membranes that can be used in many applications within automotive and non-automotive products.

About Cooper Standard

Cooper Standard, headquartered in Novi, Mich., is a leading global supplier of systems and components for the automotive industry. Products include rubber and plastic sealing, fuel and brake lines, fluid transfer hoses and anti-vibration systems. Cooper Standard employs approximately 33,000 people globally and operates in 21 countries around the world. For more information, please visit www.cooperstandard.com.

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