



## **Parker Hannifin Reports Monthly Orders Trend**

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### **- Orders Increase Despite Very Tough Comparisons**

CLEVELAND, Dec. 3 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Parker Hannifin Corporation (NYSE: PH) today reported orders for the month of November in the company's industrial and aerospace segments. Orders for the North American Industrial businesses increased 11 percent over the same month last year, while Rest-of- World Industrial orders increased 5 percent. In the Climate and Industrial Controls business (CIC) order rates were 18 percent lower, and orders at Parker Aerospace were 24 percent higher compared with last year.

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In the North American Industrial segment, the company noted order strength across all major markets, particularly heavy-duty truck, construction, agriculture, and general industrial. Distribution continues to be strong. In the Rest-of-World Industrial units, all regions reported year-over-year increases. The decrease in CIC order rates is primarily a result of tougher comparisons with an exceptionally strong period a year ago and light activity in automotive, while industrial refrigeration remains strong.

Aerospace orders continue to gain solid momentum in both the commercial and defense markets.

Orders provide near-term perspective on the company's outlook, but are not in themselves an indication of future performance. All comparisons are at constant currency exchange rates, with the prior year restated to the current- year rates. All exclude acquisitions until they can be reflected in both the numerator and denominator. Aerospace comparisons are rolling 12-month average computations to mitigate volatility within monthly figures.

Comparative data on current and historical orders is available on the company's investor information web site, <http://www.phstock.com> . To access the information, first click on "Newsroom" and then click on the "Monthly Orders" link. Parker's investor web site also offers registration for investors to receive automatic e-mail notification of all upcoming news, events and information from the company.

With annual sales exceeding \$7 billion, Parker Hannifin is the world's leading diversified manufacturer of motion and control technologies and systems, providing precision-engineered solutions for a wide variety of commercial, mobile, industrial and aerospace markets. The company employs more than 48,000 people in 46 countries around the world. Parker has increased its annual dividends paid to shareholders for 48 consecutive years, among the top five longest-running dividend-increase records in the S&P 500 index. For more information, visit the company's web site at <http://www.parker.com> , or its investor information site at <http://www.phstock.com> .

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