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## RHINO INDUSTRIES SECURES AM GENERAL PRODUCTION CONTRACT

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**(February 15, 2007 – Medina, Ohio)** Rhino Industries, Inc. recently secured its first contract with AM General to supply new HMMWV's with the patented Drop Down Spare Tire Carriers over the next five years. The RHINO Spare Tire Carrier was chosen following an extensive by TACOM, the U.S. Army's Tank – Automotive and Armaments Command.

"Having our product placed on the vehicles as they move through the assembly process is testimate to the quality of our product and our internal quality systems. Prior to this contract, our product was purchased as a kit and mounted in the field by the individual users," says company president Dave Mueller.

"The Army's decision to continue with our Drop Down Spare Tire Carrier makes a great deal of sense," said Mueller. "The makeup of our armed forces is so diverse, the military needed a product that would allow a 5<sup>th</sup> percentile female to lower and raise a spare tire, without risk of injury. The spare tire can weigh up to 163 pounds. It would normally take at least two individuals, male or female, just to remove and replace the spare tire. The product also has to handle the rigors of punishing terrain and abuse that Humvees encounter on a daily basis."

The Drop Down Spare Tire Carrier is a patented spare tire carrier that raises and lowers a tire in excess of 165 lbs with an electric or manual actuator. It is designed to swing out 180-degrees in order to access the rear of a vehicle without obstruction.

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