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Strato Press Release – **StratoMAX F-Knuckle (F51AE) Approved by the AAR Coupling System and Truck Casting Committee**

Piscataway, NJ, May 19, 2017 - Strato, Inc. is pleased to announce that its F-Style knuckle has received approval by the Association of American Railroads (AAR) Coupling System and Truck Castings Committee per the AAR M-216 knuckle fatigue test.

In accordance with the M-216 and M-211, the letter "V" will be added to the **AAR catalog number (F51AEV)** designating that the knuckle has met the M-216 test requirement of 600,000 fatigue life cycles. This item is available from stock, Strato part number F51AE-S.

"These are exciting times at Strato as our StratoMAX products continue to meet the rigorous standards specified by the AAR and fulfill our mission to 'Do More for the Future of Rail' ". – Daniel Foxx, V.P. Business Development

The StratoMAX product line includes AAR M-216 E-knuckles and M-216 F-knuckles, couplers and coupler components. These products are ready to ship from several strategically placed distribution centers in North America.

About Strato, Inc.

Strato is a leading manufacturer of quality products for the rail industry. Products include airbrake hose and components, freight and passenger car parts, castings and fabrications, custom product design and engineering services. Headquarters: 100 New England Avenue, Piscataway, New Jersey 08854; www.stratoinc.com.

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