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**SQUARE D RACING TEAMS UP WITH
HABITAT FOR HUMANITY IN MARTINSVILLE**

PALATINE, III. – April 27, 2004 – The Square D® Dodge truck, driven by well-known racer Bobby Hamilton, featured the Habitat for Humanity logo at the NASCAR Craftsman Truck Series race April 17 in Martinsville, Va. – the first of several times the Square D brand will be teaming up with Habitat for Humanity this racing season.



For the past three years, Square D, a brand of Schneider Electric, has been the leading supplier of electrical distribution equipment for Habitat homes. This year, Schneider Electric is celebrating its partnership with Habitat and the milestone of supplying 10,000 Habitat for Humanity homes since 2001 with safe, quality Square D brand load centers and circuit breakers.

“The work Square D Racing is doing with Habitat for Humanity is vital,” says Millard Fuller, founder and president of Habitat for Humanity. “We are excited about including NASCAR in our partnership with Schneider Electric to raise awareness about poverty housing, and we know that this relationship will help us continue to eliminate substandard housing.”

The Square D Racing Team will run several races this year with the Habitat for Humanity logo displayed on the tailgate of the Square D truck.



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“This commitment with Habitat will provide the best electrical protection available for the more than 5,500 Habitat for Humanity homes built each year in the U.S. and Canada,” Schneider Electric North American Operating Division President and CEO Dave Petratis said.

“As a leader in the electrical industry for more than 100 years, we are very excited to take a leadership role in this great cause and have Habitat be our ‘lead’ cause. We are looking forward to growing this partnership and assisting Habitat with its mission to end poverty housing and meeting its More Than Houses campaign goal of raising \$500 million to build 100,000 homes in five years.”

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