



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

December 29, 2020

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NEF-150KL  
20E-092

**Subject:** Brake Light Pressure Switch Malfunction

Dear William Amato:

This letter serves to acknowledge Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

BENDIX/SL4 STOP LIGHT SWITCH/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 21, 2020

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 20E-092

**Components:**

EXTERIOR LIGHTING:BRAKE LIGHTS:SWITCH

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 1,701

**Problem Description:**

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC (Bendix) is recalling certain SL-4 Brake Light Pressure switches with part numbers K101993, K101996, K108141, and K108142 manufactured between December 1, 2019 and January 31, 2020. When air pressure is supplied to the brake light switch it may leak, possibly causing the internal electrical contacts to become jammed.

**Consequence:**

Jammed electrical contacts in the brake light switch can cause the brake lights to remain illuminated, or fail to illuminate. Either of these scenarios can increase the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Bendix will notify owners, and dealers will replace the brake light switch, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin February 1, 2021. Owners may contact Bendix customer service at 1-877-345-9526.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, or by email at [kristin.lepper@dot.gov](mailto:kristin.lepper@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



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Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement