



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

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NEF-150KL
21E-015

Subject: Check Valve Retainer Not Properly Seated/FMVSS 121

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/SC-3 CHECK VALVE/9999

Mfr's Report Date: February 18, 2021

NHTSA Campaign Number: 21E-015

Components:

EQUIPMENT
SERVICE BRAKES, AIR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2,090

Problem Description:

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC (Bendix) is recalling certain SC-3 Single Check Valves, part number K094964. The retainer may not be properly seated in the retainer groove, causing an air leak within the brake system. As such, these check valves fail to comply with the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 121, "Air Brake Systems."

Consequence:

An air leak in the brake system can affect braking ability and increase the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Bendix will notify the manufacturers who purchased the SC-3 Single Check Valves. The remedy is currently under development. The recall is expected to begin April 19, 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.

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

As required in Part 573.6(c)(6), in the case of a defect, please provide a chronology of all principal events that were the basis for the determination that the defect related to motor vehicle safety, including a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information (such as the numbers of deaths and/or injuries), with their dates of receipt.

AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.

An identification and description of the risk to motor vehicle safety reasonably related to the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(5)). All filings should state an increased risk of either a crash, injury or fire.

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A description of the manufacturer's program for remedying the defect or noncompliance (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(i)).

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Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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.

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached by email at kristin.lepper@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Alex Ansley
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement