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IMPORTANT RECALL INFORMATION – RESPOND IMMEDIATELY

This is to inform you that Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC (Bendix) notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of the start of a voluntary safety recall campaign involving the Bendix® SC-3™ single check valve. The recall has been assigned number 21E015.

A copy of our February 17, 2021, Defect and Noncompliance Information Report submission to NHTSA can be found on the NHTSA website (<https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls>) under recall number 21E015. As required by law, Bendix provided NHTSA a list of all vehicle manufacturer customers to whom Bendix sold the affected products. (Company name) is one of the customers who may be affected by this recall.

IMPACTED PRODUCT

This recall includes all Bendix SC-3 single check valves assembled to a Bendix® SR-7™ spring brake control valve – **part number K096210** – manufactured between July 27, 2020 and September 29, 2020.

Affected SC-3 valves – those pre-assembled to a Bendix SR-7 – can be identified by the presence of a date code stamped onto the SR-7 valve body. The date code features a Work Team Number (optional), Shift of Manufacture (optional), Month-Day-Year code, plus a Manufacturing Plant and Shift Serial Number codes (optional). The portion of the date code that determines the date of manufacture is a letter indicating month, along with a two-digit date and two-digit year.

This action does not affect SC-3 single check valves manufactured prior to or after the stated dates. Please refer to the *Bendix SC-3 Check Valve Identification Guideline* (BW8136) enclosed with this document for complete details.

PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

Bendix has determined that a component manufactured at a Bendix sub-supplier was not within specification limits and has led to the potential defect – a retainer, not properly seated within the part during assembly, means that when air pressure is applied, it may no longer provide source air isolation as defined and required by FMVSS 121. Because the SC-3 valve’s retainer was not fully assembled, and may become disassembled when air pressure is applied, an unparked vehicle may apply its spring brakes without warning if a secondary circuit failure occurs,

increasing the risk of a crash. The degree of the brake application is dependent on the vehicle and the secondary circuit failure. A secondary circuit failure may trigger a low-pressure warning indicator on the vehicle dash.

WHAT WE WILL DO

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC (Bendix) will voluntarily remedy the defect of the impacted Bendix® SC-3™ single check valve, with parts from a later build range that do not have the potential defect.

The part(s) – that enable you and your customer to complete the recall remedy – are available as of the date of this notification via your standard parts ordering process. As a reminder, the part(s) will be provided to you free of charge and the installation labor charge to complete the remedy will be covered by Bendix.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO

First, we are providing you with this information to enable your business to determine whether there is a safety-related defect on your vehicles where the affected Bendix SC-3 single check valve is part of a Bendix® SC-3™ / Bendix® SR-7™ assembly.

Based on your determination, you may need to file a Defect and Noncompliance Report to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) with respect to new motor vehicles with an affected Bendix SC-3 single check valve sold in the United States. A similar notification is required to Transport Canada for all impacted vehicles sold in Canada.

Our records indicate that (Company Name) purchased the following quantity of affected Bendix SC-3 / Bendix SR-7 assemblies from Bendix:

Bendix OE Part Number	Quantity
K052254	x
K090988	x

For your convenience, the following is provided to help you in this recall process:

- A count of the affected Bendix SC-3/SR-7 assemblies purchased by your company; and
- A *Bendix SC-3 Check Valve Identification Guideline* (BW8136) to assist you in properly identifying impacted parts.

We value our business relationship with you. We regret the inconvenience that may result from these circumstances, and we sincerely appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or require more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Bendix Account Manager directly. You may also contact us via email at SC-3campaign21@bendix.com, or by telephone – toll-free – at 1-800-AIR-BRAKE (1-800-247-2725), option 2. Bendix Tech Team representatives are ready to assist you Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. ET, and Friday 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. ET.

Sincerely,



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