



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

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NEF-107KL  
21E-090

**Subject:** iABS Securing Screws Improperly Tightened

Dear Kelly Freeman:

This letter serves to acknowledge WABCO USA 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:**

WABCO TRAILER/IABS-2M/9999

**Mfr's Report Date:** October 26, 2021

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 21E-090

**Components:**

SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC  
SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC:ANTILOCK/TRACTION CONTROL/ELECTRONIC LIMITED  
SLIP:CONTROL UNIT/MODULE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 277

**Problem Description:**

WABCO USA, LLC (WABCO) is recalling certain Trailer ABS Systems, model number iABS-2M. The screws that secure the bracket cover and end cover of the iABS unit may have been improperly tightened, which can allow the screws to loosen and back out, resulting in a loss of pressure in the unit.

**Consequence:**

Pressure loss in the iABS unit can cause a loss of brake function, increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Wabco will work with vehicle manufacturers to repair or replace affected components as necessary, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact WABCO customer service at 1-248-435-8001.

**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.nhtsa.gov](http://www.nhtsa.gov).

Please ensure the following requirements are met:

Based on the provided remedy plan, it appears that your company may not be able to provide the required recall completion rate quarterly reports. If another company intends to file the report with detailed information about your company's remedy counts, please state so in the remedy section of the 573.

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

Your company must supply the estimated date(s) for which it will notify vehicle manufacturers and/or owners regarding this safety recall. Please be reminded that all owners must be notified of the safety risk associated with this filing within 60 days of the 573 being submitted. If the remedy is not available at that time, mail the interim notice, following it with a second notice once the remedy becomes available. If your company subsequently becomes aware that either the beginning or the completion dates reported to the agency for any of the notifications will be delayed by more than two weeks, your company shall promptly advise the agency of the delay and the reasons therefor, and furnish a revised estimate. If there are no owners involved in this recall, please state so in the 573 (49 CFR 573.6 (c)(8)(ii)).

**AMENDED 573 REQUIRED.**

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.

WABCO USA LLC's contact for this recall will be Kristin Lepper who may be reached 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 Investigation  
Enforcement