



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

1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington, DC 20590

April 21, 2022

William Amato
Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC
901 Cleveland St
Elyria, OH 44035

NEF-107KL
22E-033

Subject: Brake Light 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/BRAKE LIGHT SWITCH/9999

Mfr's Report Date: April 13, 2022

NHTSA Campaign Number: 22E-033

Components:

EXTERIOR LIGHTING: BRAKE LIGHTS: SWITCH
SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC: PEDALS AND LINKAGES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 835

Problem Description:

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC (Bendix) is recalling certain Brake Lights, Model DCM-BB and part number 10049991. The connection between the brake pedal and brake light switch may bind, causing the brake lights to illuminate continuously, or fail to illuminate when the brake is applied.

Consequence:

Brake lights that do not operate as intended can cause confusion to other drivers, increasing the risk of a crash.

Remedy:

Bendix will work with the vehicle manufacturer to provide replacement part kits, free of charge. Bendix will notify the vehicle manufacturer by June 1, 2022. 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.nhtsa.gov.

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 eight 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