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DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 04V-170 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: April 5, 2004

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SUBJECT: 728 Spec Tec 1995-2000 AD, AE, AW, SD, SE, and SW trailers equipped with spring brake control valve assemblies and manufactured from November 1994 through April 2000. There is a recessed area on top of the valve in which a brass guide pin fits down inside the body of the valve and is held in place by a steel snap ring. The recessed area allows accumulation of water, dirt, and/or chemicals, occasionally resulting in corrosion. This corrosion builds up behind the snap ring to the point where it will no longer contain the guide pin, resulting in a failure of the air valve. Failure of the valve in an empty or lightly loaded trailer while the vehicle is in motion could result in a hard application of the spring brakes, possibly locking up the trailer wheels and resulting in a vehicle crash.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written ONLY if we have additional comments or concerns.

It is our understanding that Sealco (02E-028) will conduct the owner notification and remedy for this recall.

The recall was the subject of Equipment Query (EQ03-011) conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

If you have any questions, please call:



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