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National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration

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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT
INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 04V-501 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **October 6, 2004**

Date Faxed: **October 27, 2004**

MANUFACTURER: **Kentucky Manufacturing Co.**

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: **Bill Schlaupitz**

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SUBJECT: 800 Kentucky 2002-2003 trailers equipped with Bendix brakes have experienced air leakage on the brake valve pipe nipple connecting the air reservoir. The pipe nipple starts to crack creating an air leak. If the air leaks off faster than the tractor compressor can keep up, the emergency spring brake chambers will activate and stop the trailer increasing the risk of a crash.

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

As stated in your report, United Parcel Service (UPS) is the only customer involved and they have been notified. Vehicles are now being repaired.

As stated in Part 573.6, 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. As stated in your report, owner notification began during October 2004. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by January 30, 2005.

If you have any questions, please call:

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