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January 5, 2005

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Recall Management Division
400 7th Street SW
Washington, DC 20590

Attention: Kelly Schuler

RE: 04V-143/Sealco Spring Brake Valve

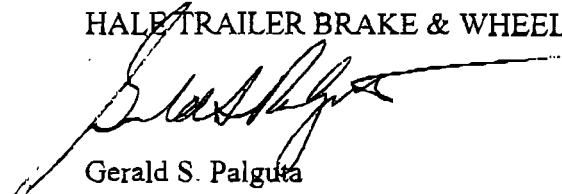
Dear Ms. Schuler:

The following is an overview of our campaign.

04/25/04	Mailing begins to original owners
06/30/04	Mailing completed
July 2004	Returned mailings researched and resent if new address available.
Nov-Dec '04	Fax's sent to (4) multiple trailer purchasers. Phone contact follow ups made
Jan. '05	Proposed re-mailing to balance of non-responders.

Very truly yours,

HALE TRAILER BRAKE & WHEEL, INC.



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April 25, 2004

RE: Recall #04V-143

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Hale Trailer has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in Sealco 110700 and 110800 Spring Brake Control Valves installed on Parker dump trailers manufactured between 1994 and 2000. The valves have a recessed area on the top in which a brass guide pin fits down inside the body of the valve and is held in place by a steel snap ring. This recessed area on top allows accumulation of water, dirt and/or chemicals, which occasionally results in corrosion. This corrosion may build up behind the snap ring to the point where it will no longer contain the guide ring resulting in a failure of the air valve.

We have experienced several incidents where the failure has occurred at road speed, which has the potential to result in a crash, especially if the trailer is empty or lightly loaded. Sealco therefore believes that this safety defect must be eliminated as quickly as possible.

We believe that you currently or previously have owned one of these vehicles. For this reason we ask that you contact us immediately to arrange the correction of this problem or to identify subsequent owner.

Identifying the Problem – This safety defect only pertains to Sealco 110700 and 110800 Spring Brake Control Valves manufactured before April 1, 2000. Valves manufactured after this date utilize a one-piece brass guide pin that screws into the valve body thereby eliminating the steel snap ring and recessed area on top of the valve. Enclosed are photographs of the old style valves (#1 & #2 and new style valves (#3 & #4) to assist in identification.

Solving The Problem – Sealco has developed a simple mechanical device that, when installed on the subject valve, renders it incapable of failure due to this corrosion issue. We have enclosed photographs of how the #705 Prevention Kit is installed (#5, #6 & #7) for your review. Sealco has provided this Prevention Kit to us for all trailers that contain valves manufactured prior to April 1, 2000. The device is easily installed on any subject trailer valve in less than two minutes without special tools, and will be provided free of charge.

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If you prefer to have the kit installed by us, please inform us in your first phone call requesting an appointment to have this done while you wait.

You may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of a problem associated with this recall. For more information contact Hale Trailer Brake & Wheel at (610) 395-0371.

Federal Regulations require any lessor receiving this letter to forward it to the lessee within 10 days.

We regret any inconvenience that this action may cause you. However, we are concerned about your safety. If we fail to remedy this defect without charge and within a reasonable time, you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, SW, Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

Thank you for your patience and support in helping us to keep you safe.

Very truly yours,

HALE TRAILER BRAKE & WHEEL, INC.

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Enclosures



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**Re: Notice Of Defect
NHTSA I.D. #02E-028**

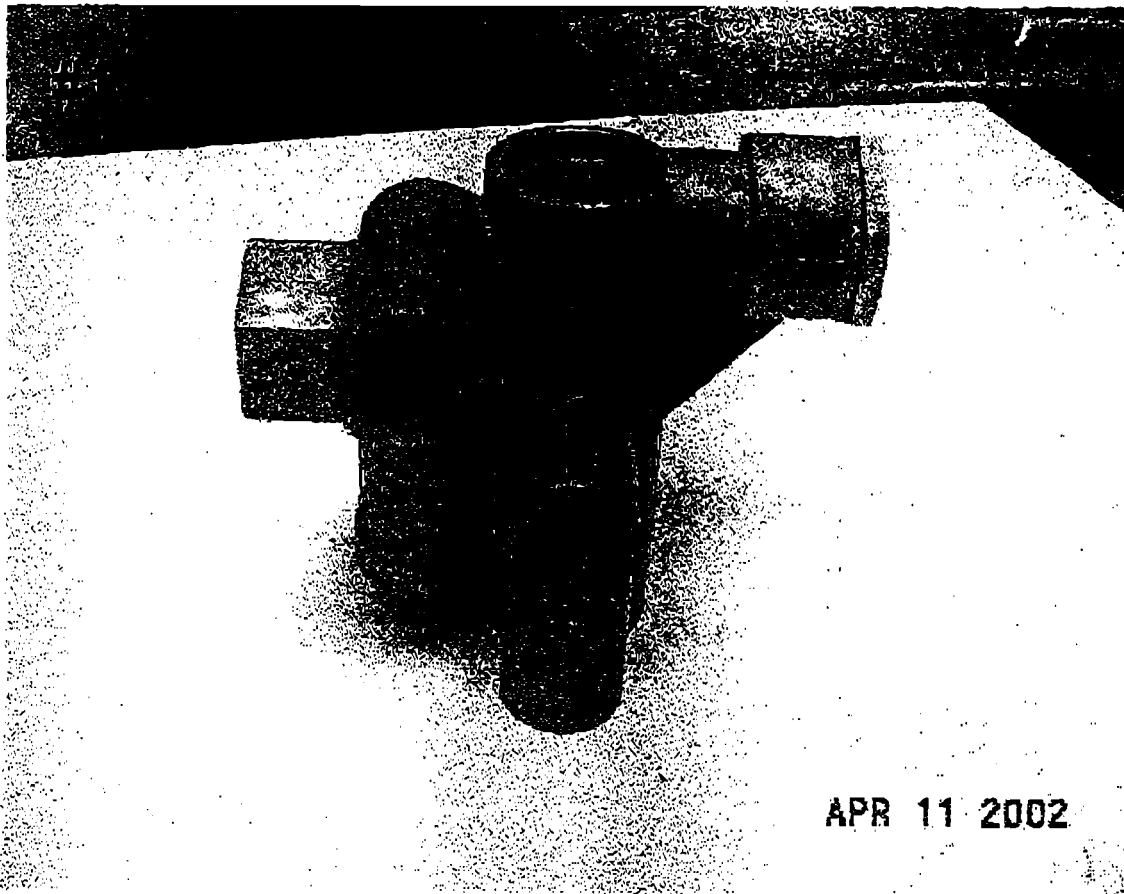
Dear Mr. _____:

Sealco has filed a Defect Information Report with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration ("NHTSA") regarding a potential safety defect in Sealco 110700 and 110800 Spring Brake Control Valves. The defect involves all such valves that were manufactured between March 1, 1994, and March 31, 2000. The valves have a recessed area on the top in which a brass guide pin fits down inside the body of the valve and is held in place by a steel snap ring. This recessed area on top allows accumulation of water, dirt and/or chemicals, which occasionally results in corrosion. This corrosion may build 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.

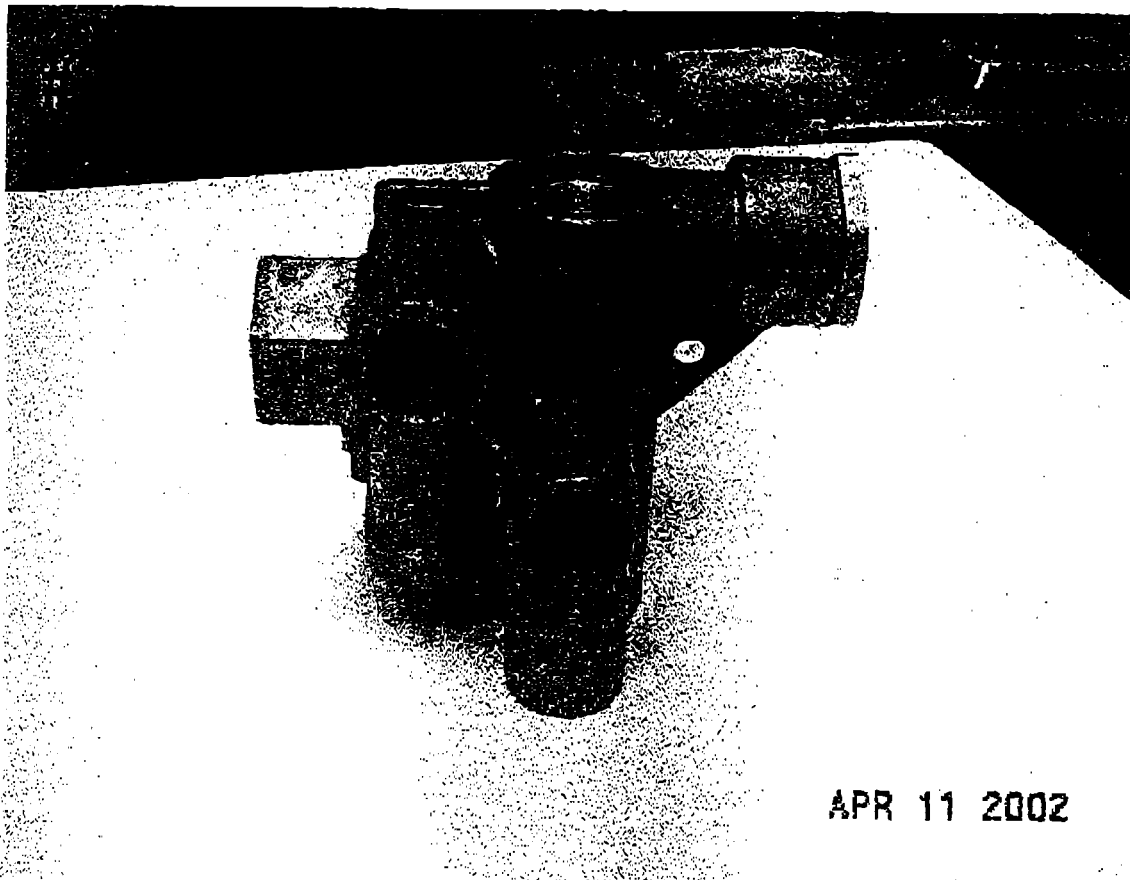
While the percentage of failure from the corrosion is very small (less than 3/100ths of one percent) and the majority of failures have occurred in the yard when the air system is first charged, we have experienced several incidents where the failure has occurred at road speed which has the potential to result in an accident, especially if the trailer is empty or lightly loaded. Sealco and NHTSA therefore believe that this potential safety defect must be eliminated as quickly as possible.

Identifying The Problem ~ This potential safety defect only pertains to Sealco 110700 and 110800 Spring Brake Control Valves manufactured before April 1, 2000. Valves manufactured after this date utilize a one-piece brass guide pin that screws into the valve body thereby eliminating the steel snap ring and recessed area on top of the valve. Enclosed are photographs of the old style valves (#1 & #2) and new style valves (#3 & #4) to assist in identification.

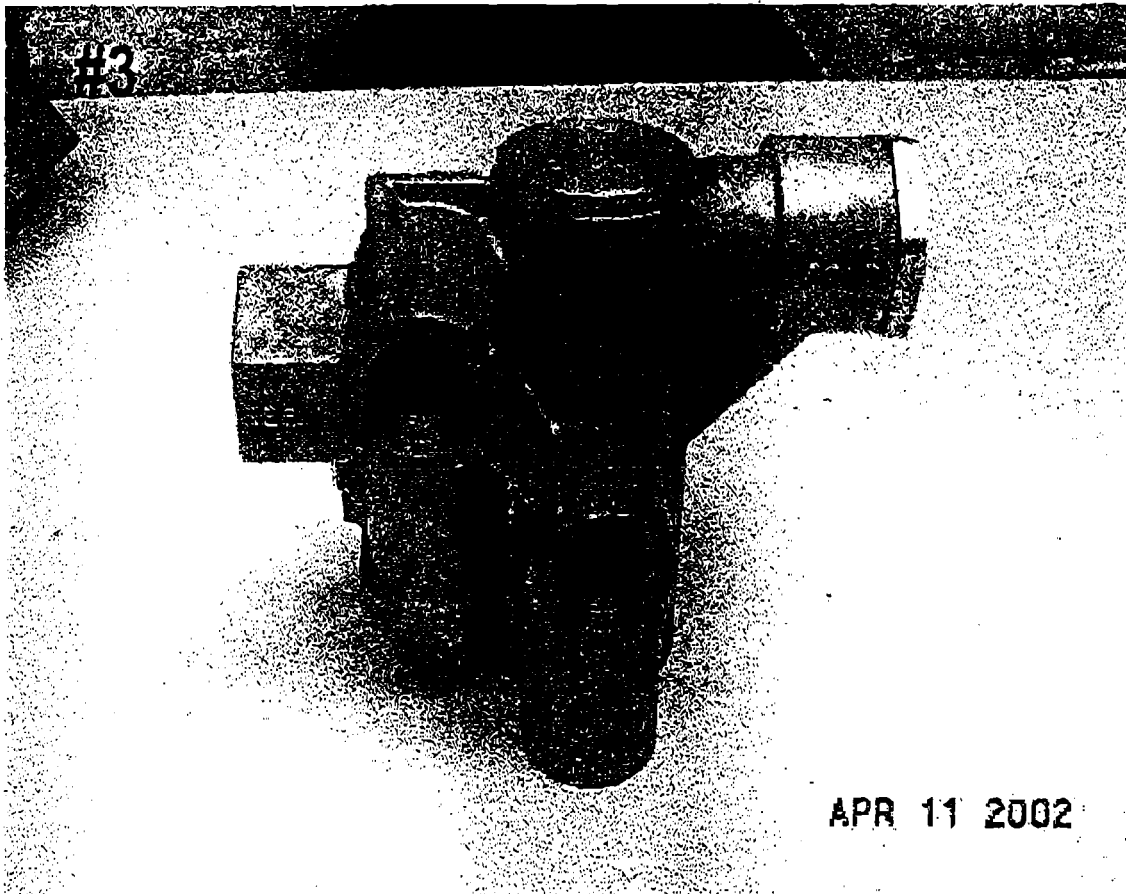
Solving The Problem – Sealco has developed a simple mechanical device that, when installed on the subject valve, renders it incapable of failure due to this corrosion issue. We have enclosed photographs of how the #705 Prevention Kit is installed (#5, #6 & #7) for your review. Sealco will provide this Prevention Kit at no charge to all of your end use fleet customers for their trailers that contain valves manufactured prior to April 1, 2000. The device is easily installed on any subject trailer valve in less than two minutes without special tools.



Photograph #1 – Old design #110700 SBCV with Snap Ring on top

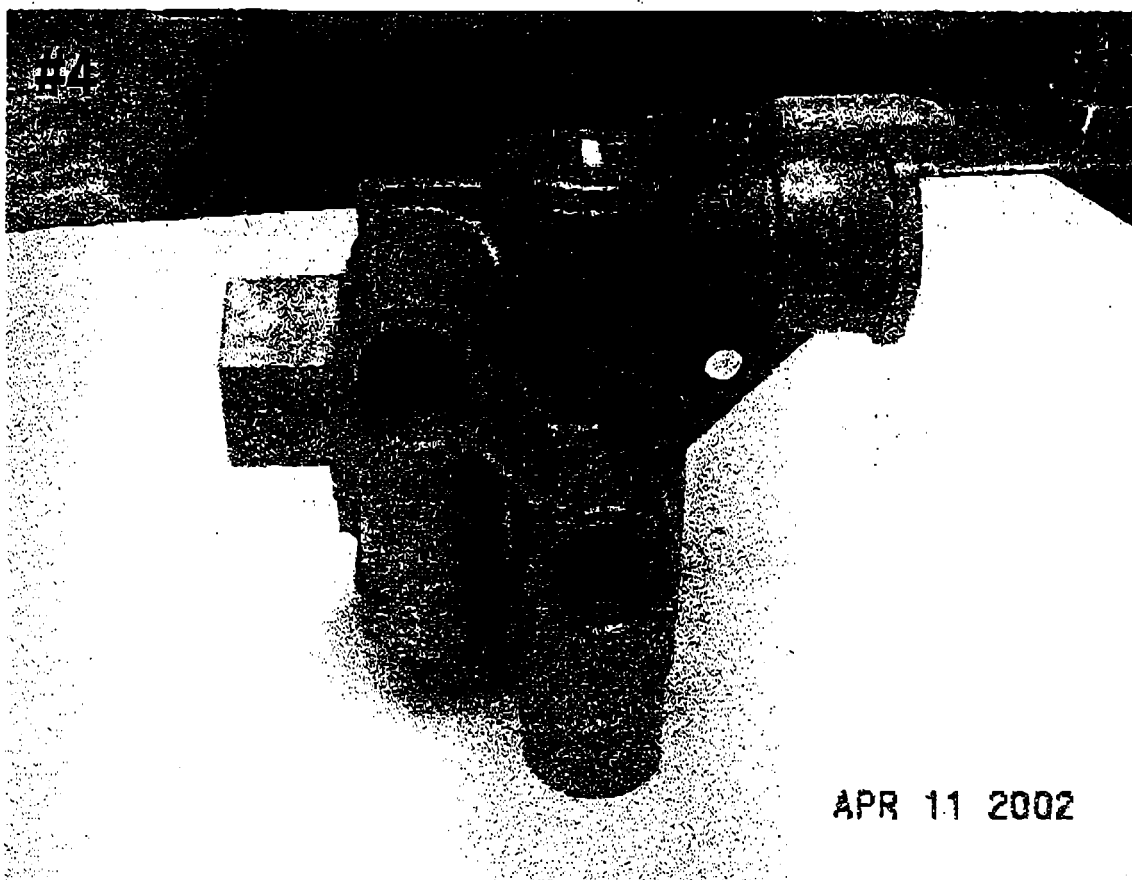


Photograph #2 – Old design #110800 SBCV with Snap Ring on top



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Photograph #3 – New Design #110700 with Screw Cap on top



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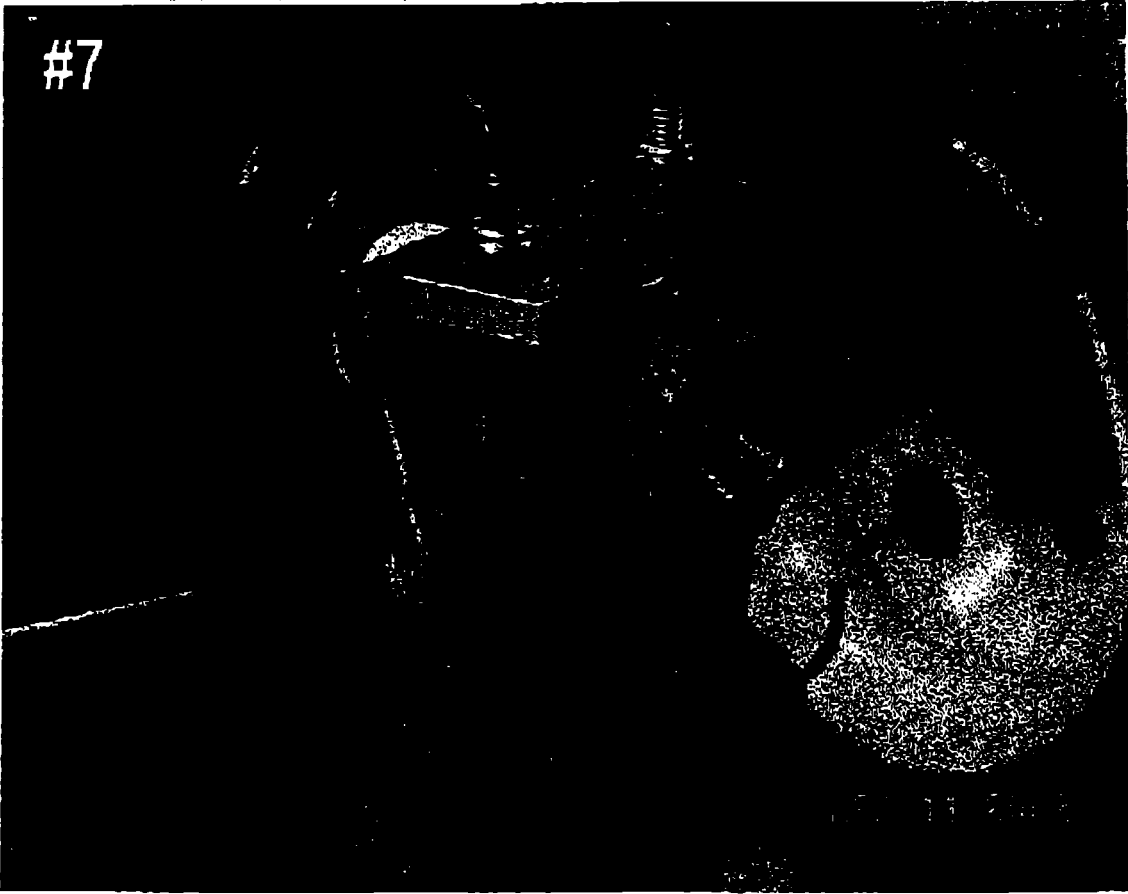
Photograph #4 – New design #110800 with Screw Cap on top



Brass Retainer set inside the top of an Old Design #110700 or #110800



E-coated U-bolt lifted up from bottom of Old Design valve



Bracket placed over U-bolt threads and Retainer. Locknuts tightened down on U-bolt. Finished assembly of Prevention Kit of valve.

Fax Back Notification - #705 Prevention Kit Installation

Please use this form to fax notification back to trailer of each trailer on which you have installed a #705 Prevention Kit on a 110700 or 110800 Spring Brake Control Valve.

FAXED FROM:

Date Faxed: _____ Page _____ of _____

Company Name: _____ Phone: _____

Contact Name: _____ Fax No: _____

PLEASE FAX TO: GERALD S. PALGUTA

FAX: (610) 395-7868

Date Installed	Valve Part No.	Vehicle Identification Number	Disposed Of Trailer
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Please use a separate form for additional trailers.