

Service and Warranty Reference Library

Date: March 10, 2006

To: All Saab Dealers  
Saab Sales Mgr  
Saab Service Manager  
Saab Parts Manager

Reference: Recall campaign 15019 Brake Booster Vacuum Pipe on 9-3 vehicles  
All 2003, 2004, and 2005 models and 2004 models up to VIN  
51043213 (9-3 Sport Sedan) and VIN 56011527 (Convertible)

Saab Automobile AB has announced a safety recall campaign that involves updating the brake booster vacuum pipe on 9-3 Sport Sedans within the following VIN range: 31000001-51043213; and 9-3 Convertibles within the following VIN range: 46000001-56011527.

The brake booster vacuum pipe check valve on these vehicles can fail prematurely, especially in warmer climate areas. If this were to occur, it could result in reduced or loss of brake assist. This reduction or loss of brake assist would require greater brake pedal force and a longer distance to stop the vehicle. If stopping distance is limited, a vehicle crash could occur.

Parts sufficient to cover 25% of each dealer sold vehicles will be automatically shipped to dealers, additional parts must be ordered through normal parts order process.

For any vehicle within the VIN range stated above, first check the "Warranty Inquiry By Chassis" screen on IRIS to determine whether the recall has been completed. Vehicles that have previously had front seat belts replaced under warranty must still be corrected under this recall.

Notification letters will be mailed to owners of affected vehicles beginning on or about the week of March 13, 2006.

Important! Any affected vehicles in dealer inventory MUST NOT be delivered or put into service prior to completion of this safety recall.

Warranty Information:

Failed Object:	15019
Fault/reason:	74
Location:	0
Warranty Type:	05
Repair/Action:	01
RAC:	3
Labor Operations:	1501901
Labor Time:	0.3 h

If you have any questions concerning this recall, please contact the Technical Assistance Center at 1-877-446-8227.

(See attached file: PSR 15019 US.doc) (See attached file: mi522-2616en.pdf) (See attached file: 15019 letter.pdf)

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Service Manager

## Replacing the brake booster vacuum pipe, 9-3 MY03-05 Stage 2 – US market

Saab Automobile AB has decided to initiate a Product Safety Recall regarding 70.679 Saab 9-3 MY03-05 originally sold in the markets below or currently registered in your market.

The purpose of this Product Safety Recall is to update the brake booster vacuum pipe to a new version.

### Vehicles concerned

70.679 Saab 9-3 MY03-05 with B207 engines within the VIN intervals below:

9-3 SS: 31000001-51043213

9-3 CV: 46000001-56011527

NSC	VOL
USA	68.658
IDS	2.021

### Measures to be taken

Vehicles in stock shall be updated prior to customer delivery. Owners of delivered vehicles shall be informed personally about this recall. An owner notification proposal is enclosed.

### Description of the condition / remedy of the condition

Due to high engine temperatures, the current check valve on the brake booster vacuum pipe may not fulfill lifetime requirements under certain driving conditions. A failed check valve will result in reduced or no brake assistance.

A new check valve has been developed that sufficiently withstands high engine temperatures should be installed according to MI 522-2552.

Replaced parts shall be scrapped.



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## Warranty claim information

Replacement of brake booster vacuum pipe LHD		
	SAAB WTY CODES	US WTY CODES
Object code	15019	1501901
Failure code	74	74
Location code	00	0
Remedy code	06	05
Warranty code	52	01
RAC	-	3
Labor time	0.3 h	0.3 h

The labor time includes 0.2 h to cover administrative costs.

Start date: 13 February 2006

End date: No limit

## Information to media / press

Saab Automobile AB does not intend to make this recall public through media.

*Yours sincerely,*

*Robert Bäversjö, FPE Investigator  
Saab Automobile AB*

## Enclosures

Owner notification proposal



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### Owner notification proposal

*Dear Saab owner,*

*Saab Automobile AB has established that a safety related condition might exist in certain Saab 9-3 between model years 2003 and 2005.*

*It has been established that the brake booster vacuum pipe check valve does not fulfill lifetime requirements. Over time, especially on hot markets, this could result in that the valve fails prematurely. A failed check valve will result in reduced or no brake assistance.*

*Our records indicate that you are the current owner of a vehicle that is affected by this recall.*

*We urge you to make an appointment with your authorized Saab dealer as soon as possible to have your vehicle updated with a new vacuum pipe and check valve.*

*The work will take about 10 minutes and is of course done free of charge for you.*

*If you have sold your car, if it has been stolen or subjected to a total insurance loss, we would appreciate you notifying us about this.*

*Saab Automobile AB appreciates your cooperation and understanding regarding this recall and we will do our best, along with your dealer, to minimize the inconvenience. We have however taken this action in the interest of your continued safety and satisfaction with our products.*

*Yours faithfully,*

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**Owner information attachment  
Saab Product Safety Recall 150 19**

***What is the defect?***

*It has been established that the brake booster vacuum pipe check valve does not fulfill lifetime requirements. Over time, especially on hot markets, this could result in that the valve fails prematurely.*

***What are the safety risks?***

*A failed check valve will result in reduced or no brake assistance. If this condition were to occur when minimal stopping distance was required, a vehicle crash could occur.*

***What is Saab Automobile AB going to do?***

*Saab Automobile AB has made arrangements with its authorized Saab dealers to update concerned vehicles beginning [INSERT APPROPRIATE DATE]. While it will only take about 10 minutes to have your car updated, the dealership may need to keep your car for a longer time depending on the current workload of their service department. We urge you to make an appointment with your Saab dealer as soon as possible after [INSERT APPROPRIATE DATE]. Please bring this letter with you on the day of your appointment.*