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RE: Part 573 and Noncompliance Information Report  
Prevost Safety recall SR07-11: Bendix SR-7 Spring brake modulating Valve

Dear Ms. DeMeter:

Prevost Car has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the item of a the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Information Reports".

1. The name of the Manufacturer is Prevost Car Inc.
2. The item of equipment subjected to this recall is supplied by:  
Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC  
901 Cleveland Street  
Elyria, OH 44035  
Anthony C. LaPlaca, Vice President and General Counsel
3. The item of equipment that contains the defect is the Bendix SR-7™ spring brake modulating valve. The inclusive dates of manufacture of the potentially affected valves are November 4, 2005 through April 17, 2007. Prevost Car has determined the range of vehicles that potentially has this valve installed. The range is as follow:

Model	VIN
MTH XL2-45, MTH XL2 45E and X3-45 Model: 2006-2007	From 2PCY3349461028868 to 2PCY334978C729279

Model	VIN
H3-41 & H3-45 coaches Model year: 2006-2007	From 2PCH3341X61010448 up to 2PCH334977C710990

4. The total number of vehicles recalled potentially containing the defect or non-compliance is approximately 854. The approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above is 100%.
5. Bendix has determined that a manufacturing defect exists in the internal rubber check valves inside the SR-7 spring brake modulating valves manufactured during the date listed above. The component supplier of the internal check valve made unauthorized

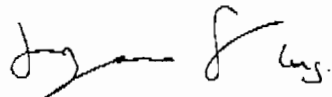
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changes to its manufacturing process. The combination of eliminating the post cure process and not increasing the mold temperature can lead to the internal check valve rubber becoming deformed over time and potentially resulting in the check valve not properly seating. This condition can occur intermittently. The resulting leakage can cause a delay in the application of the spring brakes to park the vehicle after the operator pulls the parking brake button. The delayed parking brake application can occur without warning, leading to unintended vehicle rollaway. Normal service braking isn't affected by this condition. The approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect or non-compliance is 5%. There have been no reports of any injuries related to this problem.

6. We were informed of this recall by Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems on June 8th of 2007. Proper verification was made on production line and possible affected batch of valve were identified. The list of affected vehicles was then prepared. Prevost Safety Recall (SR07-11) is written at the present time. When replacement parts will be available in our warehouses, the Safety Recall will then being mailed to customers. The process should be completed by mid-September, 2007.
7. Prevost will ask their customers to perform the Bendix SR-7 Valve recall Campaign identification Guidelines. If the spring brake valve is identified as subject to the recall, Prevost will provide the replacement kit and labor at no charge.
8. The following is the agenda for the notification to the Prevost customers:  
June 8, 2007: Received information on this recall via Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems.  
July 29, 2007: Affected spring brake valve batch was identified at Prevost and related coaches list was prepared.  
August 24, 2006: Safety Recall documents are prepared.  
September, 2007: Replacement parts to be in stock in Prevost warehouses.  
September, 2007: Safety Recall to be mailed to customers.

Please let us know the NHTSA notification campaign number assigned to this matter.

Best Regards.



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