

# SAFETY RECALL NOTICE



## AUTOCAR SAFETY RECALL A-0702 NHTSA RECALL 07E-037

Dear Autocar Truck Owner:

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

Autocar, LLC, has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain WX, WXR and WXLL 2007 and 2008 model-year, heavy-duty class 8 vehicles built between February 24, 2006 and June 9, 2007 with serial numbers in the range 203361 through 205713.

**MODELS** Autocar WX 2007, 2008  
**AFFECTED:** Autocar WXLL 2007, 2008  
Autocar WXR 2007, 2008

**COMPONENTS** Bendix SR7 Park Brake Valves  
**AFFECTED:**

**SAFETY DEFECT:** Bendix has determined that a manufacturing defect exists in the internal rubber check valves inside the SR-7 spring brake modulating valves supplied to Autocar. The component supplier of the internal check valve made changes to its manufacturing process which were not authorized by Bendix or Autocar. The internal check valve rubber may become deformed over time, which could result in the check valve not seating properly. Leakage may result from such improper seating and could cause a delay in the application of the spring brakes to park the vehicle after the operator pulls the dash valve button.

**POTENTIAL RISK:** The delayed parking brake application could occur without warning, leading to unintended vehicle roll-away. Normal service operation is not otherwise affected.

**PRECAUTIONS** Ensure the vehicle is stationary and fully parked after applying  
**YOU CAN TAKE:** the park brake and before exiting the vehicle.

**REPAIR** At no charge to you regardless of your vehicle's age or mileage,  
**REQUIRED:** an Autocar dealer will inspect your vehicle and if required, repair the vehicle. The suspect valve body will be replaced with a new valve body.

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**TIME REQUIRED FOR THE REPAIR:**

The labor time required to repair your vehicle is about 30 minutes.

**WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:**

Immediately contact an Autocar dealer to schedule a service appointment to have your vehicle repaired. To locate the closest Autocar dealer, go to [www.autocartruck.com](http://www.autocartruck.com) and select Sales, Service & Parts, or call 877-973-3486 ext. 2572.

**PRE-NOTIFICATION REPAIR:**

If you have previously paid for repairs to the Bendix SR7 brake valves, you may be entitled to recover of the amount you paid for those repairs. Submit a copy of all documentation supporting your claim to Autocar at the address set forth below in the "Assistance" section.

**NOTICE REGARDING LEASED VEHICLES:**

If you are a Lessor (as defined below) of a vehicle that is affected by this Notice, you are obligated under federal law to provide a copy of this Notice to the lessee of such vehicle within 10 days of your receipt of this Notice. Further, you must maintain a record, which identifies the lessee(s) to whom you send a copy of this Notice, the date you send the Notice, and the VIN(s) of the vehicle(s) that you have leased to the lessee(s).

For purposes of this Notice, the term "Lessor" means a person or entity that is the owner, as reflected on the vehicle's title, of any five or more leased vehicles (as defined in 49 CFR Section 577.4), as of the date of this Notice.

**OWNER RECALL RESPONSE CARD:**

The enclosed "Owner Recall Response Card" identifies your vehicle. Present this card to any Authorized Full-Service or Parts and Service Autocar dealer to assist in the processing of your vehicle in the shortest time possible. If you do not own, have sold or have traded the vehicle identified on the card, please let us know by completing and signing the postage-paid card and returning it to Autocar at the address below.

**ASSISTANCE:**

If your vehicle has not been modified within a reasonable time after delivering it to the dealer on the agreed-upon service date, please contact:

Autocar, LLC  
Service & Warranty Department  
P. O. Box 190  
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Or call our toll-free number, 877-973-3486.

You may also submit a complaint to:

Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration  
1200 New Jersey Ave., SE  
Washington, DC 20590

or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236  
(TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>

We regret any inconvenience this recall may cause, but we hope you recognize our concern for your safety and satisfaction with your vehicle.

Sincerely,

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