



AUTOCAR SAFETY RECALL A-1201 Rev.1
NHTSA RECALL 12V-046
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Dear Autocar Truck Owner:

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

Autocar has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain vehicles which contain a certain Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC ATR-6 traction relay valve. A total of 269 2011 and 2012 model-year ACX model heavy-duty class 8 vehicles built by Autocar between 22 December 2010 and 05 December 2011, with serial numbers in the range 212340 through 213812 are affected. Our records indicate that your vehicle was manufactured within this time period and may contain the defect described herein.

Bendix and Autocar previously made available as Safety Recall Bulletin A-1201 a temporary/interim solution. However, the temporary/interim solution disabled certain features. For example, traction control was disabled, resulting in loss of the feature and triggering dash malfunction lamps. Bendix and Autocar now provide this permanent solution involving total replacement of the valve.

MODELS AFFECTED: Autocar ACX 2011 and 2012

COMPONENTS AFFECTED: Service Brakes/Traction Relay Valve

SAFETY DEFECT: Bendix has determined that in extremely cold conditions (at or below 0°F/-18°C), these Bendix relay valves may potentially develop internal leakage. Internal leakage can lead to air pressure being delivered to affected primary or secondary brake causing continuous brake application.

POTENTIAL RISK: Unexpected continuous brake application can cause the brakes to overheat and lead to a fire. Unexpected continuous brake application can cause the driver to lose control of the vehicle, increasing the risk of a crash. Also, the brakes may be applied without illuminating the brake lights, failing to give proper warning to other drivers.

PRECAUTIONS YOU CAN TAKE: Inspect the truck to see whether the faulty (recalled) valve is installed. Examine the date code stamped into the valve to confirm whether it is a part of the impacted population (see Bendix' "Verifying the Bendix® ATR-6™ Valve's Date Code" page attached). If the truck contains a valve within the suspect population, then do not operate the truck at or below an outside temperature of 0°F/-18°C. To identify other indications of a faulty valve: (1) Check the brakes for signs of overheating; and (2) Check whether the truck exhibits a loss of performance (as if engine power is being lost).

REPAIR REQUIRED: At no charge to you regardless of your vehicle's age or mileage, Autocar will replace the faulty valve.

TIME REQUIRED FOR THE REPAIR: The labor time to replace the valve on your vehicle may take up to 1.5 hours.



WHAT YOU SHOULD DO:

To have your vehicle repaired, promptly email Autocar at warranty@autocartruck.com and include the VIN(s) (or last 6 digits of the VIN(s)) of your vehicle to authorize and arrange for repairs.

PRIOR REPAIRS:

If you have previously paid for repairs relating to the Bendix ATR-6 valve, you may be entitled to recover 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 of the vehicle 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. Please complete this postage-paid card and return it to Autocar. If you do not own, have sold or have traded the vehicle identified on the card, please indicate that on the postage-paid card and return it to Autocar.

ASSISTANCE:

If you need assistance with this recall, call our toll-free numbers below or write to Autocar at:

Autocar, LLC
Service & Warranty Department
551 S Washington St.
Hagerstown, IN 47346-0190
888-218-3611 (Toll Free)
877-973-3486 (Toll Free)

You may also submit a complaint to:

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

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

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

Sincerely,
AUTOCAR, LLC