



June 4, 2015

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

NHTSA Recall# 14V726



Dear Wabash National Corporation Customer,

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

Wabash National Corporation (WNC) has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain WNC trailers manufactured between December 17, 2013 and January 23, 2015 which were equipped with Haldex Brake Products Corporation (Haldex) Life Seal Type 30/30 Long Stroke Actuators manufactured between December 17, 2013 and February 18, 2015 (Based on information provided by Haldex Recall 15E-017). A complete listing of trailers impacted by this recall is included with this letter.

(NOTE: If a Life Seal Type 30/30 Long Stroke Actuator was inspected pursuant to the previous Haldex NHTSA recall 14E-075, but was not replaced, it will be required to have the actuator replaced pursuant to current NHTSA recall 15E017)

Description of Defect:

Incomplete attachment of the internal rubber diaphragm to the actuation mechanism in the parking brake section of the Life Seal brake actuator.

During the initial assembly of the Life Seal brake actuator unit, the internal rubber diaphragm may not be fully seated in the spring piston of the parking brake section, thereby causing internal leakage from the service brake section past the diaphragm and potentially trapping air pressure in the parking brake section. The trapped air pressure may prevent full release of the brake actuator unit, and may induce dragging and overheated wheel end foundation service brakes.

Risk to Motor Vehicle Safety:

If the diaphragm is not completely attached, there may be internal leakage from the service section past the diaphragm, potentially trapping air pressure in the parking brake section. This air pressure, in turn, if not vented, may prevent full release of the actuator unit, causing brake drag, and possibly resulting in overheated wheel end service brakes, increasing the risk of fire as well as possible injury to persons outside of the vehicle.

Precautions You Should Take:

Vehicle drivers may note or recognize overheated wheel ends during pre and post trip walk around inspections. Mechanics and technicians at vehicle maintenance/repair facilities may note or recognize overheated wheel ends during routine/ maintenance practices and operations.

Remedy:

The Life Seal brake actuator will be replaced at no charge to the customer through Wabash National dealers and Service facilities. For assistance locating a Dealer/Service center nearest you, please contact the Wabash National warranty department @ 765-771-5404. [Typical change out time for replacement of a Life Seal actuator unit is 30 minutes.](#)

A list of impacted VIN numbers is included with this report. Also, please refer to **Haldex Life Seal and Gold Seal Spring Brake Actuator Installation Instructions**, document no. L31171 located at www.Haldex.com, for instructions for removal of the Life Seal actuators and the replacement of the Gold Seal actuators.

If this repair has been performed at cost to the owner prior to receipt of this notification, the owner may be eligible to receive reimbursement for the cost of obtaining a pre-notification remedy of the problem associated with this recall. For more information, contact Haldex at the number and/or website address noted below.

Haldex Brake Products Corporation
Technical Services/Customer service
10930 N. Pomona Ave.
Kansas City, Missouri 64153
1-800-752-2501
HaldexHotline@Haldex.com

If you are the lessor of this vehicle, please forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within 10 days to comply with federal regulations.

Further Assistance:

If your affected Life Seal actuator units and/or vehicles with these units have not been repaired within a reasonable time after defect notification, please contact:

Wabash National Corporation
Warranty Department
1-765-771-5404

Complaints:

You may also submit complaints to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, D.C. 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>, if it is believed that the defect has not been remedied without charge or within a reasonable time.

We apologize for the inconvenience caused by this safety recall.

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