



April 29, 2015

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

NHTSA Recall# 14V726

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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 equipped with Haldex Brake Products Corporation (Haldex) Life Seal Type 30/30 Long Stroke Actuators manufactured between December 17, 2013 and February 18, 2015. This decision was based upon information provided by Haldex in Recall 15E-017 which supersedes previous recall 14E-075.

A complete listing of trailers impacted by this recall is included with this letter.

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. This air pressure leakage in turn, if not vented, may prevent full release of the actuator unit, and may induce dragging and overheated wheel end foundation service brakes.

Risk to Motor Vehicle Safety:

Dragging and overheated wheel end foundation service brakes may occur, and may result in smoke and thermal damage to the vehicle and/or chassis components 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The remedy initially documented in 14V726 has been superseded by Haldex filing 15E-017.

Repair will involve the removal and replacement of Suspect Haldex Life Seal type 30/30 long stroke actuators with alternative replacement product, Haldex Gold Seal Type 30/30 long stroke actuators, free of charge.

Reimbursement of pre-notification remedies and reimbursement instructions will be included in the Owner Notification when it is completed by Haldex.

If you had this repair performed before you received this letter, you 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.

Thank you,

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