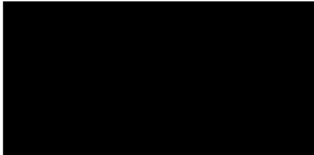




January 11, 2016



IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

NHTSA File: 15v791

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of 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 Meritor MPA Suspensions equipped with EX225L and Bendix Disc Brakes installed at Meritor's Frankfort, KY. site between December 1, 2013 and September 1, 2015. A complete listing of your trailers impacted by this recall is included with this letter.

Description of Defect:

Approximately 30% of the bolts that mount the EX225L and Bendix Disc Brake caliper to the mounting flange on certain MPA Suspensions did not meet the specified torque requirements causing the bolts to be loose. The suspect calipers were installed at the Meritor Frankfort site between December 1, 2013 and September 1, 2015.

Risk to Motor Vehicle Safety:

If all of the caliper bolts were not torqued to specification, they could back out causing the caliper to detach from the axle flange. This could affect braking performance and cause the braking system to default to spring control, increasing the risk of a crash.

Precautions You Should Take:

There are no symptoms that vehicle drivers will recognize relating to loose caliper mounting bolts.

Remedy:

Vehicles with the MPA Suspension that potentially contain the suspect EX225L and Bendix calipers with loose bolts should be immediately removed from service and inspected as soon as feasible by a vehicle manufacturers' authorized repair facility using Meritor TP15141 to ensure the caliper bolts are properly torqued. If the vehicle is missing a caliper bolt, the dealer will install one and will inspect any other affected components. This program will be managed by Meritor, and will be at no expense to vehicle owners.

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 Meritor at the number and/or website address noted below.

Matt Elkins
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Technical Manager OnTrac Customer Service Center — Troy, MI
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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:

For assistance associated with this recall, please contact us at:

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

Complaints:

If you conclude that WNC has not enabled you to remedy this condition in a reasonable time, you may also submit a complaint to:

Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey, S.E.
Washington, D.C. 20590

- or -

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

We regret any inconvenience that this situation may cause. Wabash National wants to assure you that we are concerned for customer safety and your continued satisfaction with our products.

Sincerely,

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Technical Bulletin

Inspecting and Tightening Carrier Mounting Bolts

Certain Trailers Equipped with Air Disc Brakes

Hazard Alert Messages

Read and observe all Warning and Caution hazard alert messages in this publication. They provide information that can help prevent serious personal injury, damage to components, or both.

⚠ WARNING

To prevent serious eye injury, always wear safe eye protection when you perform vehicle maintenance or service.

Park the vehicle on a level surface. Block the wheels to prevent the vehicle from moving. Support the vehicle with safety stands. Do not work under a vehicle supported only by jacks. Jacks can slip and fall over. Serious personal injury and damage to components can result.

⚠ ASBESTOS AND NON-ASBESTOS FIBERS WARNING

Some brake linings contain asbestos fibers, a cancer and lung disease hazard. Some brake linings contain non-asbestos fibers, whose long-term effects to health are unknown. You must use caution when you handle both asbestos and non-asbestos materials.

How to Obtain Additional Maintenance, Service and Product Information

Refer to Maintenance Manual MM-0467, EX+™ Air Disc Brake. To access this publication, visit Literature on Demand at Meritor.com.

How to Obtain Kits

Call Meritor's Commercial Vehicle Aftermarket at 888-725-9355.

Replacement Parts

Brake Model	Kit	Includes
Meritor EX+	KIT225260	6 carrier mounting bolts and washers
Bendix	KIT225261	

Inspecting and Tightening Carrier Mounting Bolts

This technical bulletin provides instructions for inspecting the carrier mounting bolts and tightening the bolts to the correct torque specification. This inspection only applies to certain axles on a limited number of trailers.

Inspection Procedure

1. Wear safe eye protection. Park the trailer on a level surface. Block the wheels to prevent the vehicle from moving.
2. Locate the carrier mounting bolts and check if any of the bolts are missing. Figure 1 and Figure 2.
 - If any bolts are missing: Replace the missing bolts. For Meritor EX+ brakes, use KIT225260. For Bendix brakes, use KIT225261.

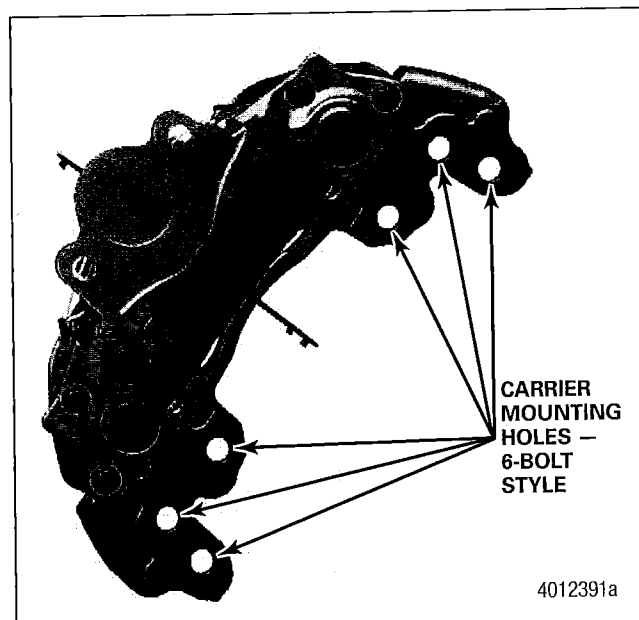


Figure 1

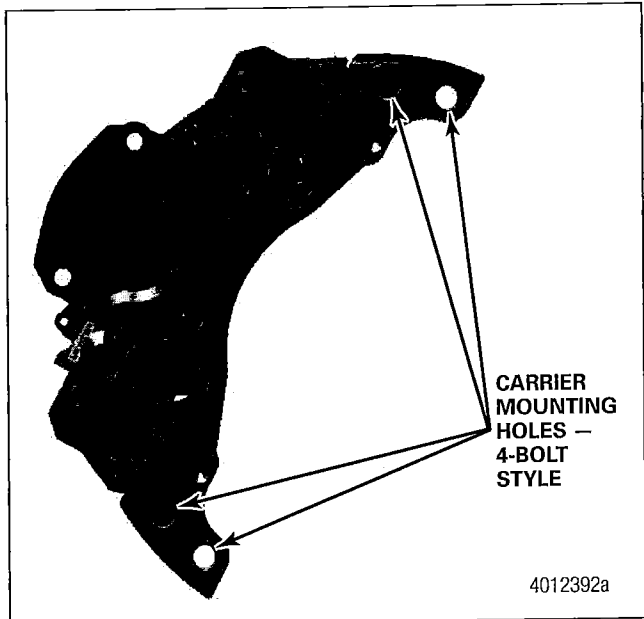


Figure 2

4. When the inspection is complete, contact the Meritor OnTrac™ Customer Call Center via phone at 866-668-7221 or via e-mail at OnTrac@Meritor.com to file a claim.

3. Tighten the carrier mounting bolts at all wheel-end positions on the suspension as follows. A minimum 6-inch extension may be required to reach the lower mounting bolts.

- **For Meritor EX+ air disc brakes:** Use a 30 mm-size socket wrench to tighten the carrier mounting bolts to 400 lb-ft (542 N•m). Figure 3. **ⓘ**
- **For Bendix brakes:** Tighten the carrier mounting bolts to 350-400 lb-ft (475-542 N•m). **ⓘ**

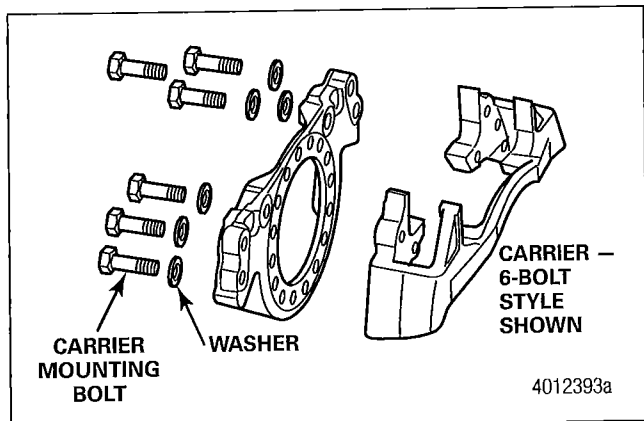


Figure 3



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