



U.S. Department of Transportation  
**National Highway Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Mark Riggs  
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NEF-150MR  
16V-525

**Subject:** Improperly Machined Trailer Spring Brake Valve

Dear Mr. Riggs:

This letter serves to acknowledge Heil Company's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

HEIL/CRUDE TRAILER/2014-2016  
HEIL/DRY BULK TRAILER/2014-2016  
HEIL/FLATBED/2014-2016  
HEIL/PETROLEUM PULL TRAILER/2014-2016

**Mfr's Report Date:** July 8, 2016

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 16V-525

**Components:**

PARKING BRAKE

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 203

**Problem Description:**

Heil Company (Heil) is recalling certain model year 2014-2016 Petroleum, Crude, Dry Bulk and Flatbed trailers manufactured January 1, 2014, to June 18, 2016. These trailers are equipped with certain Bendix SR5 spring brake valves which may have been improperly machined which could cause a delay of application of the spring brakes while parking.

**Consequence:**

If there is a delay of the spring brake application, the trailer may roll away after it has decoupled from the tractor, increasing the risk of a crash or injury.

**Remedy:**

The remedy for this recall is still under development. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Heil customer service at 1-800-400-6913.

**Notes:**

Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

Please update your 573 to describe your remedy plan once it has been determined.

We have received Heil's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).


You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is required that owners be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles.

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

We understand that Bendix will supply the required quarterly recall completion rate reports for this campaign.

Your contact for this recall will be Michelle Rice who may be reached by phone at 202-366-1060, or by email at michelle.rice@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigations  
Enforcement