



Stoughton Trailers, LLC

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

This notice applies to your vehicle, (insert VIN for vehicle)

Customer Name

Address

Address

July 22, 2016

Re: Notice of possible defect
Stoughton NHTSA Recall 16V338

Dear Owner of STOUGHTON Brand Trailer(s):

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

Stoughton Trailers, LLC (Stoughton) has been informed by Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC (Bendix) that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Bendix SR-5 spring brake valves that were installed on certain model year 2015, 2016 and 2017 STOUGHTON brand trailers. This recall will affect trailers built from March 13, 2014 to April 28, 2016 that are equipped with Bendix SR-5 valves with supplier code "IKD" and were produced from January 1, 2014 (date code A0114) through March 4, 2016 (date code C0416).

The Stoughton Trailers recall has been assigned the NHTSA recall number 16V338. Our recall is in response to Bendix recall 16E045.

The SR-5 is a trailer only product so no powered vehicles (tractors) are impacted. This issue potentially affects any trailer that utilizes this valve. This action does not impact SR-5 spring brake valves manufactured prior to or after the stated dates. Please refer to the Valve Identification Guideline enclosed with this document for complete details.

Description of Defect:

Bendix has provided the following description of the problem.

Under a combination of a unique set of circumstances, it is possible (though not probable) for an internal leakage to develop in the SR-5 unit, resulting in slow to apply spring brakes when parking the trailer. The leak is heard or observed at the supply (red) gladhand when uncoupled

from the tractor. If coupled to a tractor, a leak may be heard from the exhaust of the park control valve (Bendix® MV-3™ dash control valve) or from the tractor protection valve.

If uncoupled, and the internal leakage presents itself, loss of air pressure in the trailer reservoir will result. If a high rate of leakage is observed from the supply gladhand or park control valve exhaust (as noted above), it is possible that the spring brakes will be slow to apply on the trailer. Note: this issue presents no impact on the tractor brakes.

Remedy:

A remedy is currently being finalized by Bendix. We will provide your contact information to Bendix and when the remedy is finalized they will notify you of actions you have to take. The remedy will be at no cost to you.

Bendix, as the original equipment manufacturer, will oversee the recall and actions to address the valve issue. If you have any questions please contact the Bendix Recall Assistance Center at 1-877-345-9526, Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET, or email them at SR5campaign@bendix.com.

If you no longer own this trailer, please contact Stoughton to provide the new owner information. Stoughton will then contact the new owner.

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.

If you have already paid to have your trailer repaired to correct the aforementioned conditions, you may be eligible for reimbursement of the charges you paid for that repair. To learn more about what you need to do to obtain reimbursement or if you have any other questions or concerns, please contact Stoughton Trailer Customer Service and Warranty Department at:

Stoughton Trailer Customer Service
Phone: 608-873-2580
Fax: 608-873-2566
Warranty@stoughtontrailers.com

If after having attempted to take advantage of this recall you believe you have not been able to have your trailer remedied without charge and within a reasonable amount of time, you may submit a complaint 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>.

We apologize for any inconvenience this safety recall may cause, but your safety is our first concern.

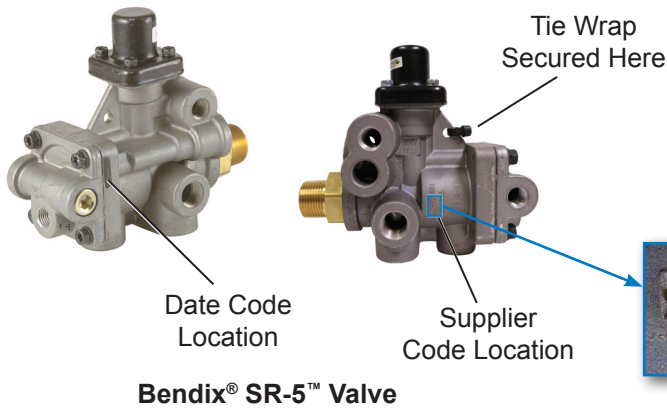
Sincerely,

STOUGHTON TRAILERS, LLC

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608/873-2500 ■ FAX: 608/873-2575

Action Required For Identifying the Recalled Bendix® SR-5™ Valve

How do I know if the valve has been replaced on my vehicle?



To verify that the Bendix® SR-5™ valve has been repaired per the recall campaign, look for the presence of a black or green tie wrap secured to the valve body. **No further action is required.**



Identifying SR-5 valves covered in this field action

Valve Identification

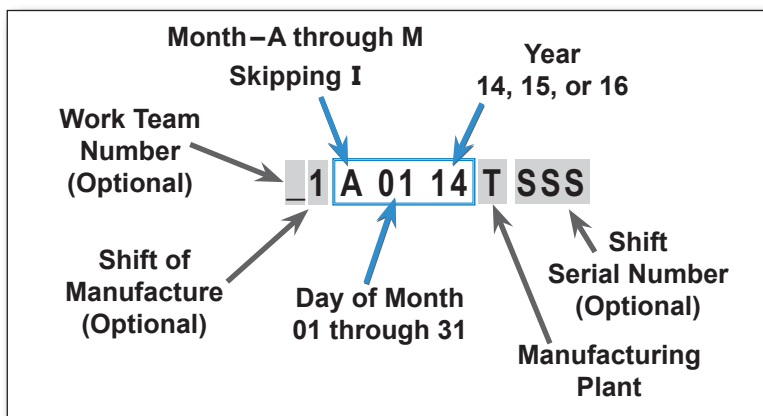
The Bendix SR-5 valves covered by this campaign can be identified by the supplier code and the date of manufacture located on the valve body. Verification of both is required to determine if the valve is a part of the campaign. Valves covered by this campaign must meet the following criteria:

1. The supplier code – “IKD” – cast in the body and located as shown in the illustration above; and
2. The date of manufacture between January 1, 2014 and March 4, 2016, inclusive. To verify the date code see *Interpreting the Date Code* below.

Interpreting the Date Code

A date code is stamped (not cast) on the SR-5 valve body housing. *Locate the date code – removing the paint coating, if necessary – to read the code.* Disregard the Work Team Number, Shift of Manufacture, Manufacturing Plant and Shift Serial Number codes shown in gray below. The portion of the date code that determines the date of manufacture is highlighted and can be interpreted as follows:

- The first field is the month (A=January, B=February, etc. – excluding the letter I – so that J=September, and so on),
- The next two fields are the day of the month (e.g. 01 = 1st); and
- The next two fields are the year (e.g. 14=2014)



Valves included in this field action were manufactured during the period:

January 1, 2014 through March 4, 2016

That is, A0114T through C0416T

For recall support, call the Recall Assistance Center at 1-877-345-9526
8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday – Friday EDT

For technical support, call the Tech Team at 1-800-AIR-BRAKE (1-800-247-2725)
8 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Friday EDT