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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

**This notice applies to your vehicles
identified on the enclosed spreadsheet**

NHTSA Recall No. 16V474

August 22, 2016

CERTIFIED MAIL – R.R.R.



Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

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

Cheetah Chassis Corporation ("Cheetah Chassis") has received notification from Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC ("Bendix") advising that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain dry freight van trailers, model numbers 7285SNFF0, 4235SNFF0, 7390SNFF0, 7430GNFF0, 7530FFENFS, and 7480FFENFSCS as identified on the enclosed spreadsheet.

The defect involves Bendix® SR-5™ spring brake valves. When parking the trailer, it is possible for an internal leakage to develop in the SR-5 unit, resulting in slow to apply spring brakes. If the internal leakage occurs while the trailer is uncoupled from the tractor, loss of air pressure in the trailer reservoir will result, and it is possible that the spring brakes will be slow to apply on the trailer. Please note that this issue presents no impact on the tractor brakes.

On or about June 20, 2016, Cheetah Chassis received a Notice of Safety Recall from Bendix advising that a recall involving the Bendix® SR-5™ spring brake valves was being conducted. On or about August 15, Cheetah Chassis received correspondence from Bendix containing remedy instructions for the repair of the affected vehicles.

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Enclosed is a copy of the Technical Bulletin No. TCH-003-054 issued by Bendix. Bendix will be contacting you regarding the repair of the affected SR-5 trailer relay valves. In order to remedy the defect, Bendix will supply a permanent remedy kit (Bendix® part number K140496), complete with instructions, to repair any affected SR-5 trailer relay valves at no cost to you. You may also contact the Recall Assistance Center of Bendix by phone at 1-877-345-9526 or by email at SR5campaign@bendix.com with any questions you may have.

Instructions for reimbursement of costs directly attributable to the Bendix® SR-5™ trailer relay valve recall are contained within the attached Technical Bulletin.

We will make ourselves available to answer any questions that arise during the course of this modification program, and, if requested, assist you in locating qualified repair facilities. We will also provide training or any other support you need. If you need any assistance, please contact me, Jerry Clontz, at jclontz@diamatrix.net or 1-704-436-2590.

If you have had your vehicle repaired prior to receipt of this notice, you may be entitled to reimbursement if you incurred any out-of-pocket cost due to this matter. For further information, please contact Bendix® at 1-877-345-9526.

Federal law requires any lessor who receives a notification of a determination of a safety-related defect or noncompliance pertaining to any leased motor vehicle to send the notice to the lessee within 10 days.

We regret any inconvenience this action may cause you. However, we are concerned about your safety, and we have notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of this program. If you are unable to have these defects remedied without charge, you may submit a complaint to:

Administrator, U.S. Department of Transportation
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Office of Defects Investigation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, D.C. 20590

Alternatively, you may call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153) or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Very truly yours,

Jerry Clontz
Director of Quality Assurance

Technical Bulletin

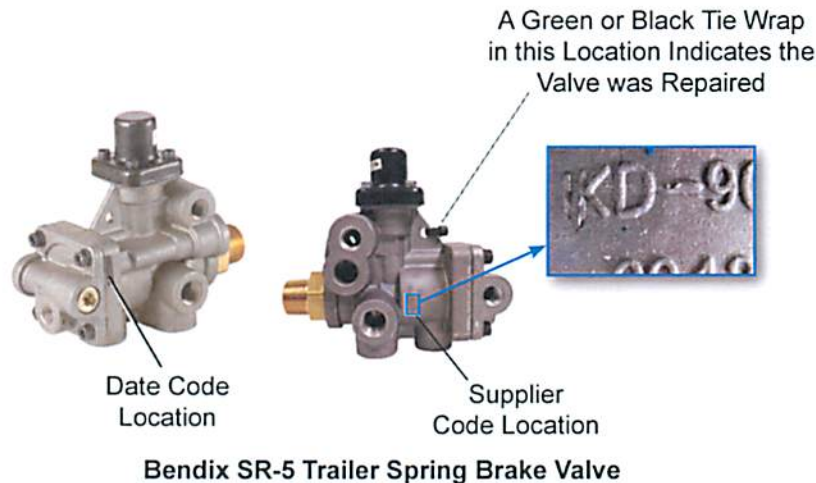
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Effective Date: 7-22-2016

Cancels: N/A

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Subject: BENDIX® SR-5™ TRAILER SPRING BRAKE VALVE



Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC is conducting a voluntary safety recall campaign, **Recall No.: 16E045** involving the Bendix SR-5 trailer spring brake valve. This includes SR-5 valve part numbers shown on page 2 that have a supplier code "IKD" located on the valve body and were manufactured between January 1, 2014 and March 4, 2016, inclusive.

Problem Description:

Bendix has determined that under a combination of a unique set of circumstances, it is possible for an internal leakage to develop in the SR-5 valve, 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, or if coupled, from the exhaust of the park control valve (Bendix® MV-3® dash control valve) or from a quick release valve in the trailer supply line at the tractor protection valve.

Vehicles Affected:

If 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.

What You Need To Do:

Immediately stop using and/or selling any of the SR-5 valves that fall within the recall parameters. It is a violation of Federal law for a dealer or distributor to sell a valve that is subject to this recall. Bendix has a permanent remedy kit (*part number K140496*) which is available for you – complete with instructions – to repair any affected SR-5 trailer relay valves. This remedy is a no cost solution to you. Also, make sure your customers are aware of the recall campaign.

Identification:

The presence of a tie wrap in the SR-5 valve identification hole indicates the valve has already been repaired and no further action is necessary. SR-5 valves that do not have a tie wrap in this hole can be identified by the supplier code and the date of manufacture located on the valve body as shown in the illustration above. 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 of "IKD"; 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* on the following page.

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Interpreting the Date Code:

A date code is stamped (not cast) on the Bendix® 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

Month—A through M
Skipping I

Year
14, 15, or 16

Work Team Number (Optional)

Shift of Manufacture (Optional)

Day of Month
01 through 31

Shift Serial Number (Optional)

Manufacturing Plant

1 A 01 14 T SSS

Date Code Location

Supplier Code Location

Bendix® SR-5™ Valve

Part Numbers Affected by the Recall:

The following Bendix® SR-5™ trailer valve part numbers are affected by the recall.

Bendix® SR-5™ Spring Brake Valve Part Number			
108945	109620	K033090	K033225
109615	5009738	K033091	K033226
109616	K033086	K033221	K035724
109617	K033087	K033222	K035737
109618	K033088	K033223	OR109615
109619	K033089	K033224	OR109617
Bendix® Trailer Kit Part Number			
801664	970751	5020245	K070278
970748	970752	5020246	K098097
970749	5020216	K070214	K115592
970750	5020218	K070223	K115593

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Bendix® SR-5™ Valve Replacement:

If your current parts inventory, including trailers still within your possession, contains Bendix SR-5 trailer relay valves that fall within the recall parameters, contact our Huntington, Indiana, Customer Service Center. Please phone toll-free, by calling 1-800-AIR-BRAKE, ext. 4435 (1-800-247-2725, ext. 4435) to arrange for the return of any affected inventory currently in stock.

Administering the Recall:

Bendix is directing the impacted trailer owners to work through authorized Bendix® parts outlets to file their recall claims. To start the reimbursement process for costs directly attributable to the Bendix SR-5 trailer relay valve recall, owners must submit a complete set of documentation to the authorized Bendix parts outlet. The authorized Bendix parts outlet should then process the recall claim with Bendix.

Submitting A Claim:

Visit the Product Action Center (http://www.bendix.com/en/service/support/recallcenter/recallcenter_1.jsp) on www.bendix.com to download the Bendix SR-5 trailer relay valve recall submission form.

- Print the form and supply all the required information.
- To start the reimbursement process, return the form to Bendix in one of two ways:
- Scan and email all documents to SR5campaign@bendix.com (preferred method); or.
- Send via U.S. Mail/Canadian Post to:

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC
Attention: Bendix SR-5 Campaign
901 Cleveland Street
Elyria, OH 44035

How to Contact Us:

Please telephone our Recall Assistance Center with any questions you may have about this voluntary safety recall campaign. The toll-free telephone number is 1-877-345-9526. Representatives staff the Center Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET for your convenience. You may also email the recall center any time at SR5campaign@bendix.com.

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