



September 6, 2016

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL
NHTSA Recall# 16V484

Dear Wabash National Corporation Customer,

This notice is being 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 Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems (Bendix) SR-5 spring brake valves manufactured between January 1, 2014 and March 4, 2016. This decision was based upon information provided by to us by Bendix in their recall 16E045.

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

Description of Defect:

Under a combination of a unique set of circumstances, it is possible for an internal leakage to develop in the SR-5 unit, resulting in slow to apply spring brakes when parking the trailer. If there is a leak, it may be 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.

Risk to Motor Vehicle Safety:

In the event that a leak is present, it is possible for the trailer to move after being uncoupled from the tractor.

Precautions You Should Take:

The following actions can be taken by vehicle owners until this recall has been performed:

- When parking, drivers should **always use** the yellow "PARKING BRAKE" button to assure both the tractor and trailer (including yard tractors) are parked: **do not** park your vehicle using only the red "TRAILER AIR SUPPLY" button.
- **SPECIAL NOTE FOR IN-YARD MANEUVERING:** Park vehicle on level surfaces, lower the fifth wheel and ensure the landing gear is in contact with the ground prior to pulling away. As an additional precaution, wheel chocks are recommended.

Remedy:

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems will voluntarily remedy the defect of the impacted Bendix SR-5 trailer spring brake valves at no charge with a permanent remedy repair kit – Bendix® part number K140496. The no cost kit is now available through Wabash National and Bendix dealers and Service facilities. Included in this notification are Bendix Technical Bulletin #TCH-003-054 and Bendix Installation Instructions for the K140496 remedy repair kit. For assistance locating a Dealer/Service center nearest you, please contact the Wabash National warranty department @ 765-771-5404, Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm, ET, or the Bendix Recall Assistance Center at 877-345-9526, Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm, ET. You may also email Bendix at <SR5campaign@bendix.com>

If your company has replaced an affected SR-5 valve after January 1, 2014 – specifically to address the defect described in this letter – Bendix will reimburse you for your cost of replacement unless it was otherwise covered under warranty. If you have claims you believe are directly attributable to the SR-5 trailer spring brake valve recall, submit a complete set of documentation to Bendix via our recall email: SR5campaign@bendix.com.

Further Assistance:

If you have additional questions at this time regarding this recall, feel free to contact the Wabash National Warranty Department at 765-771-5404, Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm, ET. You may also contact the Bendix Recall Assistance Center at 877-345-9526, Monday – Friday, 8:00am – 5:00pm, ET, or email at <SR5campaign@bendix.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.

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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Technical Bulletin

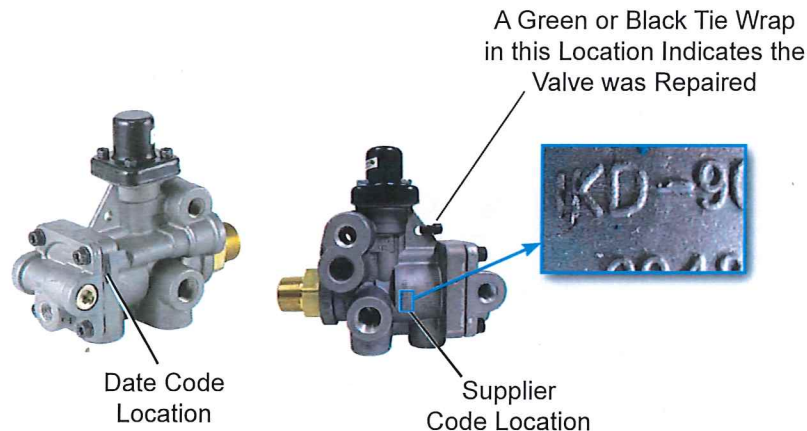
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Subject: **BENDIX® SR-5™ TRAILER SPRING BRAKE VALVE**



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, A 01 14 T through C 04 16 T

Month – A through M
 Skipping I
 Year 14, 15, or 16

Work Team Number (Optional) 1

Shift of Manufacture (Optional) A

Day of Month 01 through 31 01

Manufacturing Plant T

Shift Serial Number (Optional) SSS

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/servicessupport/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:

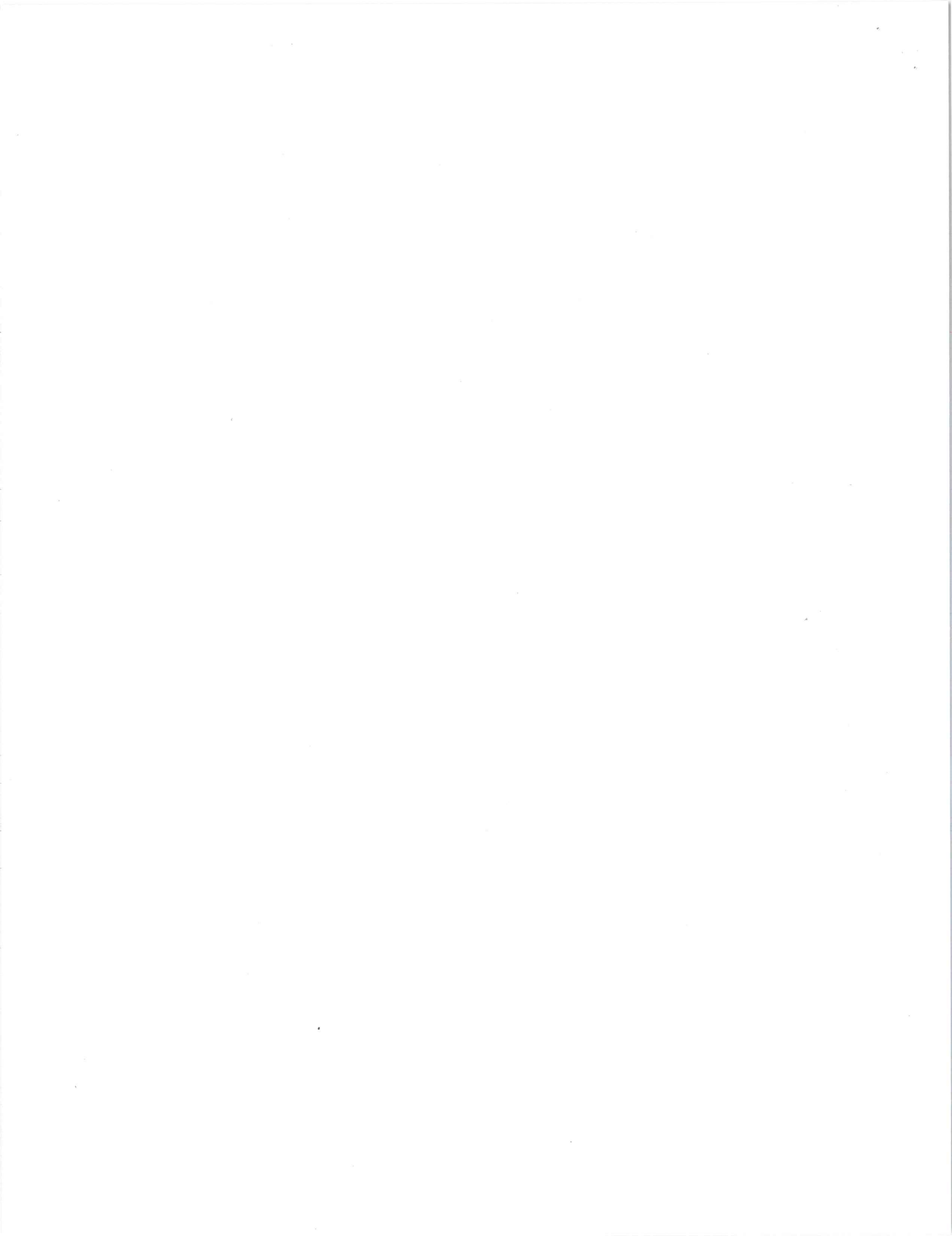
Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC
Attention: Bendix SR-5 Campaign
901 Cleveland Street
Elyria, OH 44035

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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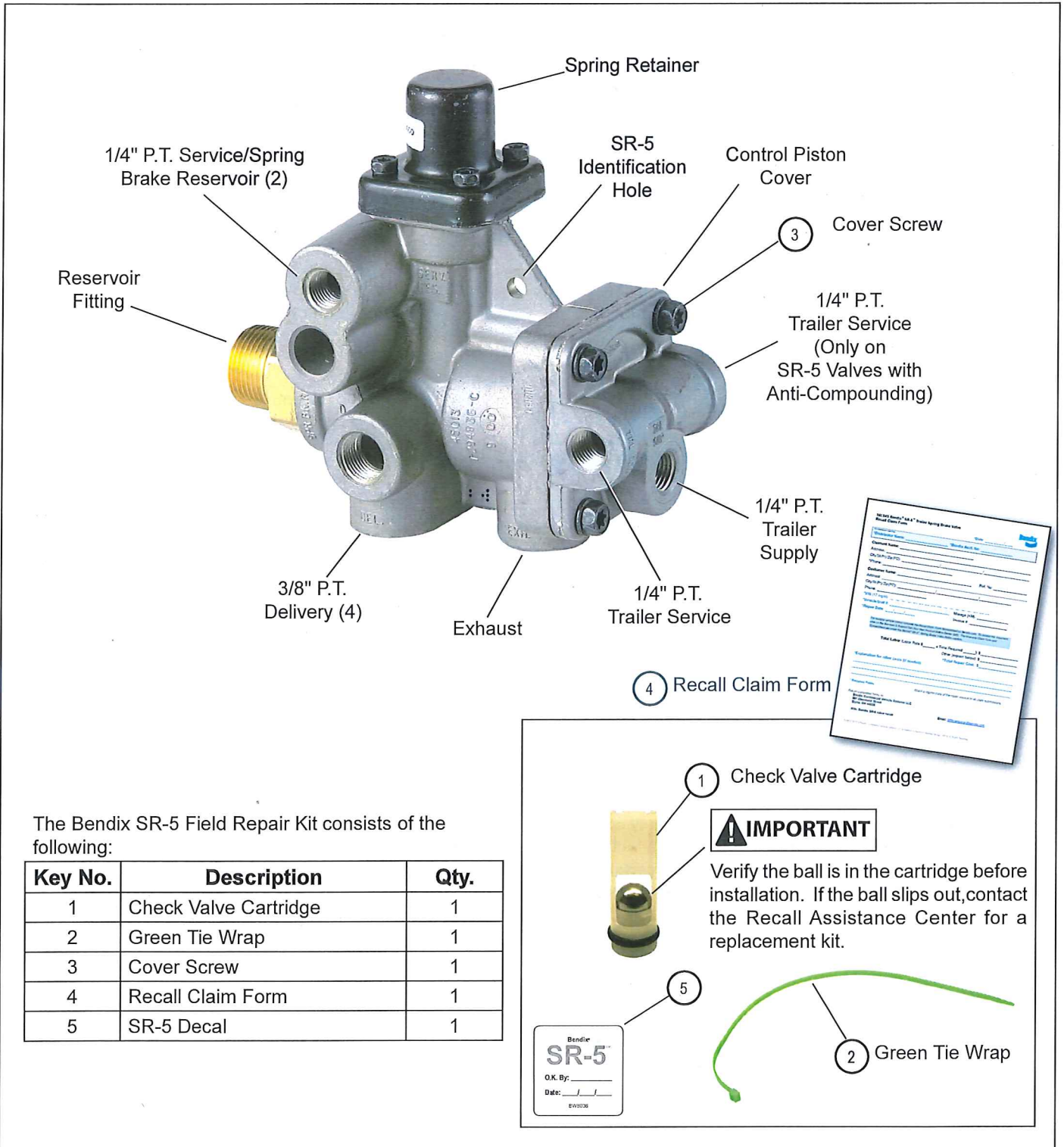




Installation Instructions

Recall Campaign No. 16E045

FIELD REPAIR KIT FOR THE BENDIX® SR-5™ TRAILER SPRING BRAKE VALVE



The Bendix SR-5 Field Repair Kit consists of the following:

Key No.	Description	Qty.
1	Check Valve Cartridge	1
2	Green Tie Wrap	1
3	Cover Screw	1
4	Recall Claim Form	1
5	SR-5 Decal	1

4 Recall Claim Form

1 Check Valve Cartridge

IMPORTANT

Verify the ball is in the cartridge before installation. If the ball slips out, contact the Recall Assistance Center for a replacement kit.



2 Green Tie Wrap

Figure 1 – Bendix SR-5 Trailer Spring Brake Valve Exterior View



GENERAL SAFETY GUIDELINES

WARNING! PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS

TO AVOID PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH:

When working on or around a vehicle, the following guidelines should be observed **AT ALL TIMES**:

- ▲ Park the vehicle on a level surface, apply the parking brakes and always block the wheels. Always wear personal protection equipment.
- ▲ Stop the engine and remove the ignition key when working under or around the vehicle. When working in the engine compartment, the engine should be shut off and the ignition key should be removed. Where circumstances require that the engine be in operation, **EXTREME CAUTION** should be used to prevent personal injury resulting from contact with moving, rotating, leaking, heated or electrically-charged components.
- ▲ Do not attempt to install, remove, disassemble or assemble a component until you have read, and thoroughly understand, the recommended procedures. Use only the proper tools and observe all precautions pertaining to use of those tools.
- ▲ If the work is being performed on the vehicle's air brake system, or any auxiliary pressurized air systems, make certain to drain the air pressure from all reservoirs before beginning ANY work on the vehicle. If the vehicle is equipped with a Bendix® AD-IS® air dryer system, a Bendix® DRM™ dryer reservoir module, or a Bendix® AD-9si® air dryer, be sure to drain the purge reservoir.
- ▲ Following the vehicle manufacturer's recommended procedures, deactivate the electrical system in a manner that safely removes all electrical power from the vehicle.
- ▲ Never exceed manufacturer's recommended pressures.
- ▲ Never connect or disconnect a hose or line containing pressure; it may whip and/or cause hazardous airborne dust and dirt particles. Wear eye protection. Slowly open connections with care, and verify that no pressure is present. Never remove a component or plug unless you are certain all system pressure has been depleted.
- ▲ Use only genuine Bendix® brand replacement parts, components and kits. Replacement hardware, tubing, hose, fittings, wiring, etc. must be of equivalent size, type and strength as original equipment and be designed specifically for such applications and systems.
- ▲ Components with stripped threads or damaged parts should be replaced rather than repaired. Do not attempt repairs requiring machining or welding unless specifically stated and approved by the vehicle and component manufacturer.
- ▲ Prior to returning the vehicle to service, make certain all components and systems are restored to their proper operating condition.
- ▲ For vehicles with Automatic Traction Control (ATC), the ATC function must be disabled (ATC indicator lamp should be ON) prior to performing any vehicle maintenance where one or more wheels on a drive axle are lifted off the ground and moving.
- ▲ The power **MUST** be temporarily disconnected from the radar sensor whenever any tests **USING A DYNAMOMETER** are conducted on a vehicle equipped with a Bendix® Wingman® system.
- ▲ You should consult the vehicle manufacturer's operating and service manuals, and any related literature, in conjunction with the Guidelines above.

GENERAL

This instruction sheet is intended to provide the necessary information to service the Bendix® SR-5™ trailer spring brake valve with an internal check valve cartridge. This is in connection with Recall Campaign number 16E045.

This kit contains a check valve cartridge (1), a green tie wrap (2) and one cover screw (3). The cover screw (3) is included in the event one is damaged or lost during the installation process.

PREPARATION

1. Use a wire brush to clean the exterior of the SR-5 valve especially around the control piston cover. Use compressed air to blow away loose debris to ensure that the valve does not become contaminated when serviced.
2. Verify that the valve does not have a black or green tie wrap already through the SR-5 identification hole. If a tie wrap is present, this valve has already been serviced with this kit. Return the vehicle into service.
3. Verify the valve meets the recall criteria as outlined in the **RECALL GUIDELINES** section of this document. If the valve falls outside of these parameters, return the vehicle to service.

DISASSEMBLY

The installation of this kit requires that the control piston cover be loosened, but not completely removed from the valve body.

1. Identify and disconnect all the air lines connected to the control piston cover. (*Refer to Figure 4.*)
2. It is necessary to rotate the fitting in the trailer supply port to complete this step. Rotate the fitting counterclockwise only (loosening) no more than 90°. (*Refer to Figure 3.*)
3. Remove cover screws "B", "C", and "D". While holding the control piston cover in place, loosen cover screw "A" 4-5 turns. Carefully rotate the cover clockwise – pivoting on screw "A" – until the check valve passage in the body is visible. Hold the cover in this position to retain the control piston in the body. (*Refer to Figure 5.*)



OVER-ROTATING THE COVER MAY ALLOW THE CONTROL PISTON AND RETURN SPRING TO COME OUT OF THE VALVE. IF THIS HAPPENS, REMOVE ANY DEBRIS THAT MAY ADHERE TO THE PISTON AND REINSERT, SPRING FIRST. (*Refer to Figure 7.*)

4. Exercise caution to prevent damage to the cover seal as shown in Figure 6.

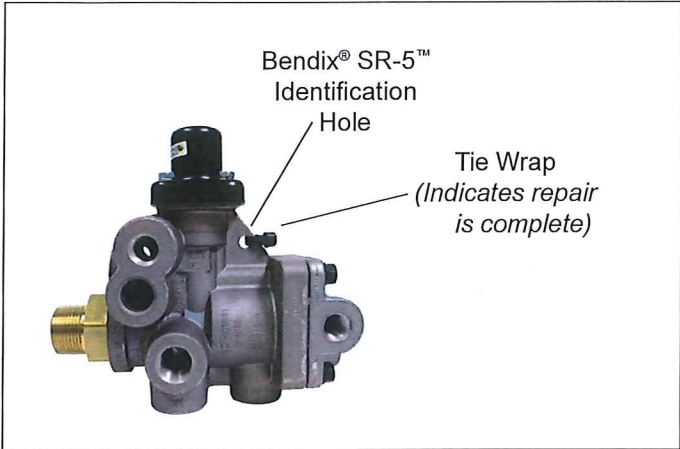


Figure 2 – Tie Wrap Location

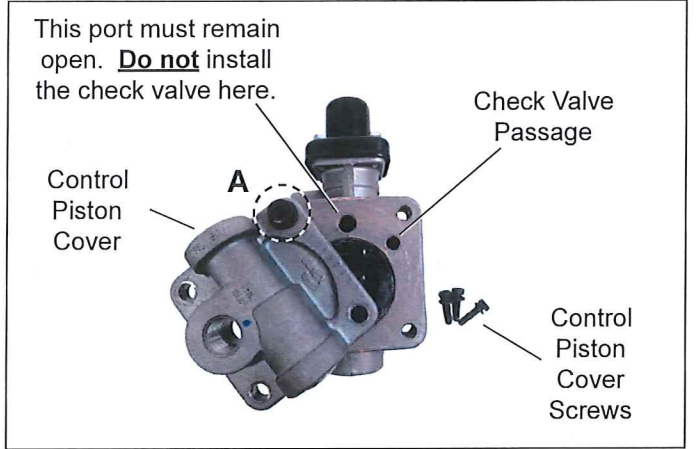


Figure 5 – Check Valve Passage

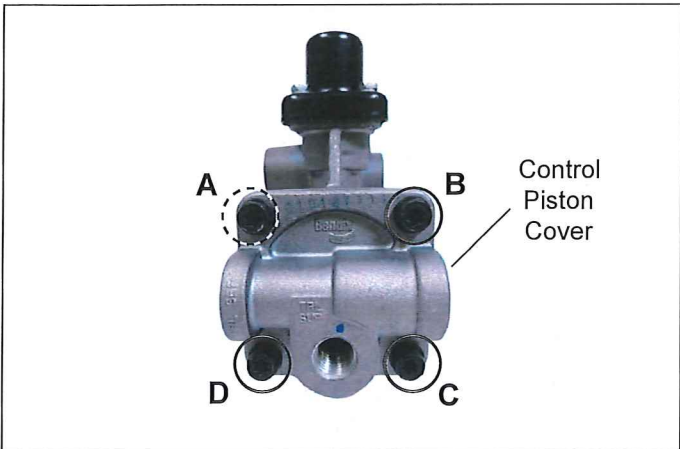


Figure 3 – Control Piston Cover Screws

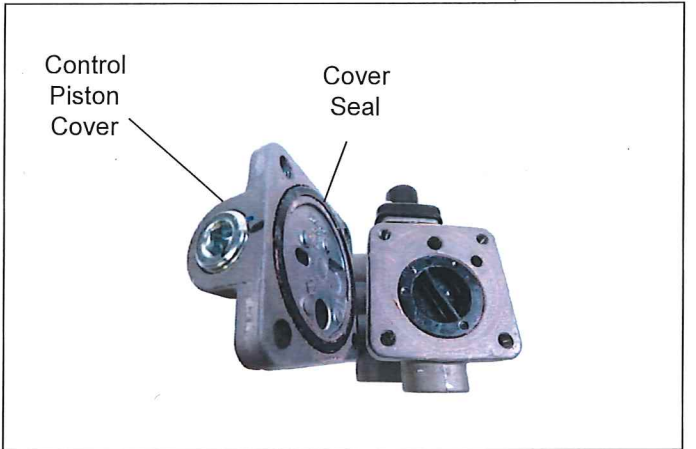


Figure 6 – Cover Seal

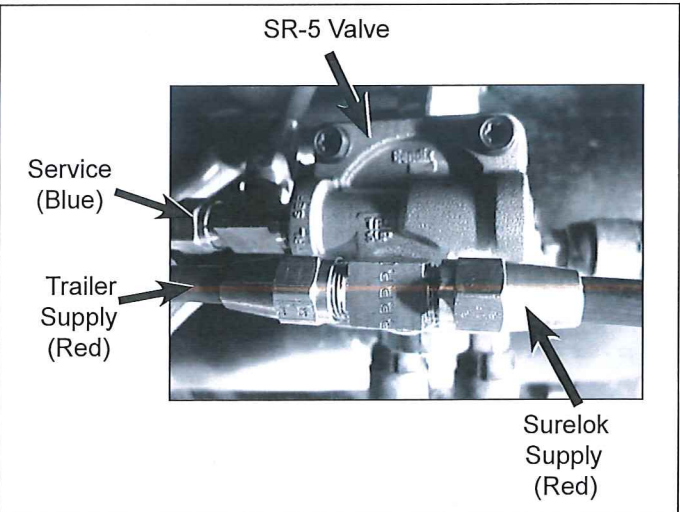


Figure 4 – Piston Cover Air Line Connections

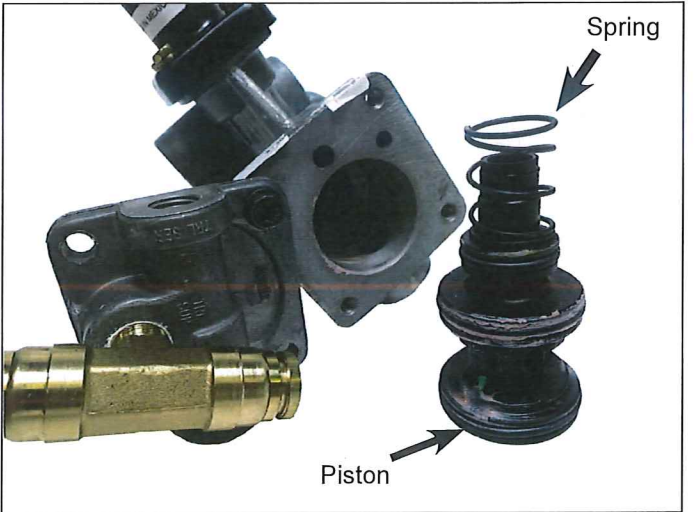


Figure 7 – Piston and Spring

ASSEMBLY

CAUTION

1. Ensure that the check valve cartridge (1) is intact as shown in Figure 8.
2. Holding the larger diameter (o-ring end) of the check valve cartridge (1), insert the pointed end into the air passage. Push the check valve cartridge (1) in lightly with your finger until it is flush with the body housing. (Refer to Figure 8.)

ATTENTION

THE CHECK VALVE CARTRIDGE (1) WILL FIT SNUGLY INTO THE CORRECT AIR PASSAGE. DO NOT INSERT THE CHECK VALVE CARTRIDGE (1) INTO THE LARGER AIR PASSAGE.

3. Rotate the cover back into position and install the three screws. Torque all four screws in a crossing pattern to 100 in-lbs. (A, C, D then B). (Refer to Figure 3.)
4. Reposition any fittings that may have been moved and reconnect the air lines.
5. Perform the OPERATIONAL AND LEAKAGE TESTS detailed below before placing the vehicle back into service.

OPERATIONAL AND LEAKAGE TESTS

This test can be performed by connecting the red trailer gladhand to a tractor or an external air source. Check the air source gauge against a gauge known to be accurate before performing these tests.

1. Block all wheels or hold the vehicle by means other than the air brakes: drain all pressure from the trailer reservoir.
2. Install a gauge in the trailer reservoir(s). Connect the air source to the red supply gladhand of the trailer on which the Bendix® SR-5™ trailer spring brake valve is to be tested. Build the trailer to full system pressure by placing the tractor park control valve in the charge position, or by applying an external air source. Make sure that the spring brake chambers release before the reservoir starts to fill.
3. When full system pressure is reached –and the spring brakes are fully released–apply a soap solution to the control piston cover and fittings that were removed during the repair. A one inch bubble in five seconds is permissible.
4. Place the trailer air supply valve in the exhaust position, or disconnect the external air source. The spring brakes should apply. This will be evident by a full exhausting of chamber pressure at the SR-5 valve exhaust port.

If the repair was completed correctly, the park brakes should be set, and the reservoir pressure should hold steady with no decay. If the valve does not perform properly, repeat the installation procedure and retest.

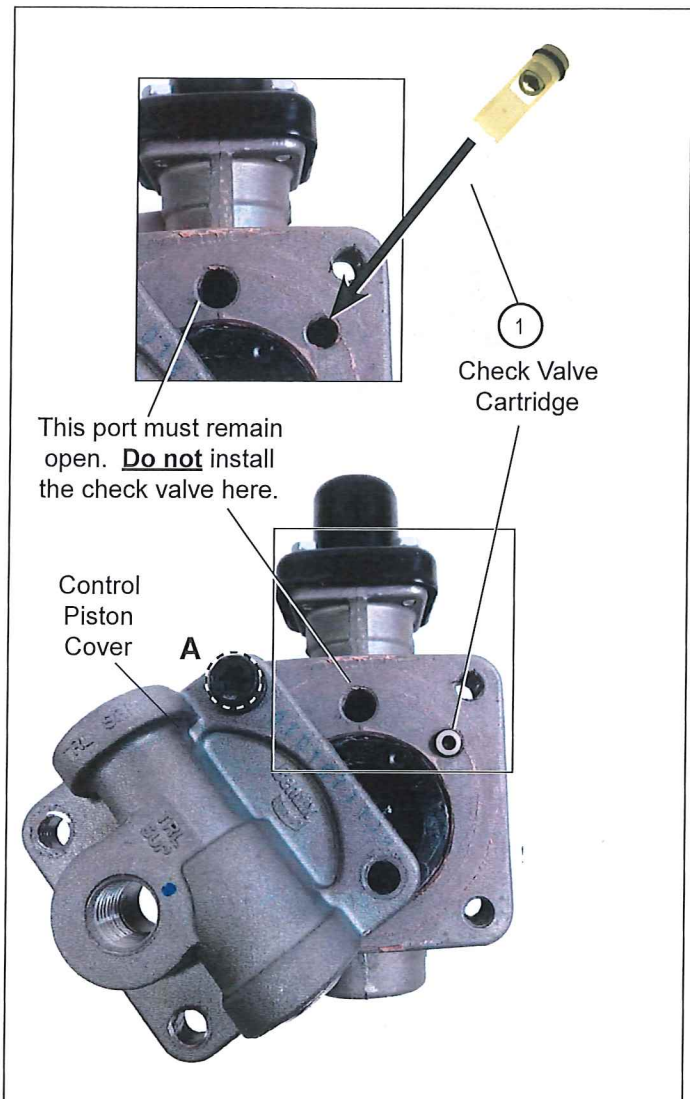


Figure 8 – Check Valve Cartridge Installation

5. Drain the reservoirs and remove the gauge that was installed in the trailer reservoir(s) for testing purposes. Reinstall the fitting that was removed. Recharge the trailer air system and check for leaks using a soap solution. A one inch bubble in five seconds is permissible.
6. For identification purposes, secure the green tie wrap (2) through the identification hole located on the valve body. (Refer to Figure 2.)
7. Included in this kit is an SR-5 decal (5) that can be placed on the trailer upon completion of the valve installation. The installation of this decal is not required; however, it may be helpful for quick identification of the trailers that have been serviced per the recall. Space is provided for the technician's name and date of installation.

RECALL DOCUMENTATION

After finishing the Bendix® SR-5™ valve repair, complete the Recall Claim Form (4) provided. This documentation is required for labor reimbursement and for NHTSA completion verification.

RECALL GUIDELINES

Note: Bendix SR-5 valves with a green or black tie wrap through the identification hole in the body have already been repaired. No further servicing is required. (Refer to Figure 2.)

The 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"—located as shown in Figure 9; 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:

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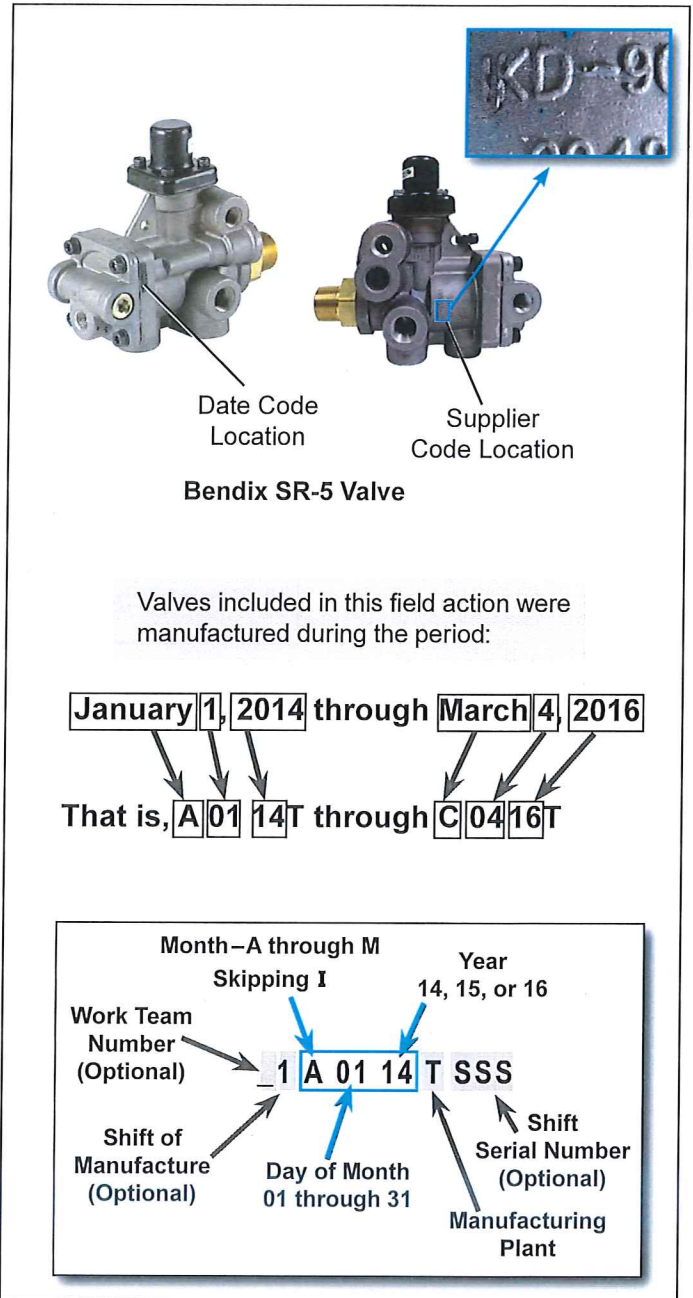


Figure 9 – Recall Identification

Visit the online Product Action Center under the Services and Support tab on bendix.com. Applicable information on the recall is available and refreshed often.



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