

September 2, 2016

## IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

### OWNER ADDRESS

Attention: Mr. **XX**

Re: Defect Information Report by Manac Trailers USA, Inc. ("MTU")  
Defect in Bendix® SR-5™ spring brake valve

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This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. MTU has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the Bendix® SR-5™ spring brake valves of two (2) of your MTU semi-trailers (the "Affected Units"), which were manufactured in October 2014 by MTU at its facilities in Oran, Missouri.

### **! I M P O R T A N T !**

- Some of your Manac semi-trailers are being recalled (see attached appendix for your VIN numbers)
- Please contact the Bendix Customer Service at (877) 345-9526 (Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET) or by email at [SR5campaign@bendix.com](mailto:SR5campaign@bendix.com) as soon as possible to coordinate the replacement of the spring brake valve and proceed with appropriate repairs on your units

#### Description of defect and risk to motor vehicle safety:

MTU extends a voluntary safety recall campaign involving the Bendix® SR-5™ spring brake valve (Bendix NHTSA Recall No. 16E-045 and MTU NHTSA Recall No. 16V-522), which were machined by Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC (Bendix) without a radius on an internal check valve seat. Under certain conditions, there can be a delay in the application of the spring brakes to park the trailer after the operator pulls the dash valve button. This slow to park condition may lead to trailer roll away after decoupling from the tractor, increasing the risk of injury or a crash

#### Precautions you should take:

When parking, drivers should always use the yellow "PARKING BRAKE" button to assure both the tractor and trailer (including yard tractor) 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.

#### Remedial actions/measures:

Bendix is providing a no-cost permanent remedy kit – Bendix® part number K140496 – to proceed with the valve repair. Bendix will administer the campaign on our behalf. Therefore, arrangements will be made by Bendix with all customers to identify repair facilities that are suitable to their operating locale. Repair instructions and required replacement parts, if appropriate, will be provided to each location doing the repair. All parts and agreed to labor will be at no cost to the dealer body or owner.

Contact Bendix Customer Service at (877) 345-9526 to schedule the repair of your trailer or for any assistance in relation with the present recall.

If you are the lessor of this vehicle, please forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days to comply with federal regulations.

If you have already paid to have the SR-5 Spring Brake Valve replaced on your trailer prior to receiving this notice, you may be eligible for reimbursement of the charges you paid for the repair. To learn more about what you need to do to obtain reimbursement, call Bendix Customer Service at (877) 345-9526. A complete set of documentation regarding any such claim will need to be provided to Bendix via its recall email: [SR5campaign@bendix.com](mailto:SR5campaign@bendix.com).

Complaints:

If after having attempted to take advantage of this recall you believe you have not been able to have your MTU semi-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.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions regarding the foregoing.

Sincerely,

MANAC TRAILERS USA, INC.

APPENDIX TO RECALL NOTIFICATION FOR BENDIX SR-5 SPRING BRAKE VALVE

The VIN numbers of your affected trailers involved in the recall are the following:

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