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## Safety Recall Notice

Dear Commercial Vehicle Trailer Owner:

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

### REASON FOR THIS RECALL

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC (Bendix) has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Bendix® SR-5™ trailer spring brake valves. The SR-5 valve is sold outright and is also included in Bendix® antilock braking (ABS) kits for trailers.

#### ***Impacted Product:***

This recall includes all Bendix SR-5 valves manufactured between January 1, 2014 and March 4, 2016. 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 valves manufactured prior to, or after, the stated dates.

#### ***Problem Description:***

Under a combination of a unique set of circumstances, it is possible (though not probable) for an internal leakage to develop in the Bendix® 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, increasing the risk of a crash. Note: this issue presents no impact on the tractor brakes.

### WHAT WE WILL DO

**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 kit is now available at any authorized Bendix distribution outlet.**

## WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- If you have a commercial vehicle with an affected Bendix® SR-5™ trailer spring brake valve or an ABS kit for trailers, secure your permanent remedy kit from an authorized Bendix distribution outlet and have the repair done at your earliest convenience. The reimbursable repair may be completed at the repair shop of your choice.
- To start the reimbursement process for costs you believe are directly attributable to the Bendix SR-5 valve recall, submit a complete set of documentation to an authorized Bendix distribution outlet (preferably the same location where you purchased the impacted product). This authorized Bendix distribution outlet will process the recall claim, including labor reimbursement.
- **If your current parts inventory contains Bendix SR-5 spring brake valves from within the impacted timeframe**, please return this inventory to the same location where you purchased the impacted product. As a reminder, you will need to place an offsetting order to replenish the returned stock.
- **Finally, for your convenience, included is:**
  - **Bendix Technical Bulletin (TCH-003-054) to help you in this recall process.** The document discusses the recall in greater detail, also incorporating the Bendix SR-5 Valve Identification Guideline and Check Valve Installation Procedure. It will assist you and your customers in properly identifying and repairing impacted valves.
  - **Also included is a list of the affected Bendix SR-5 spring brake valves purchased by your company.** This information, if available, was provided to Bendix by the OEM for whom we are administering this recall or, if applicable, the authorized distribution outlet where the part was purchased. Also supplied, if provided, is the associated VIN per part. Because this information is not always fully available, what follows is a complete list of the part numbers for the SR-5 valve/Trailer ABS kits offered for sale between January 1, 2014 and March 4, 2016.

| Bendix® Part Number |         |          |          | Bendix® Valve, Kit or Assembly   |
|---------------------|---------|----------|----------|--|
| K033086             | K033087 | K033088  | K033089  | <b>Bendix® SR-5™<br/>Spring Brake Valve</b>  |
| K033090             | K033091 | K033221  | K033222  |  |
| K033223             | K033224 | K033225  | K033226  |  |
| K035724             | K035737 | 108945   | 109615   |  |
| 109616              | 109617  | 109618   | 109619   |  |
| 109620              | 5009738 | OR109615 | OR109617 |  |
| 5020216             | 5020218 | 5020245  | 5020246  | <b>Bendix® ABS Kit<br/>for Trailers</b><br><i>(kit includes a SR-5<br/>Spring Brake Valve)</i> |
| 801664              | 970748  | 970749   | 970750   |  |
| 970751              | 970752  | K070214  | K070223  |  |
| K070278             | K098097 | K115592  | K115593  |  |

### IF YOU HAVE ALREADY REPLACED AN AFFECTED SR-5 TRAILER SPRING BRAKE VALVE

- If you have received this letter and you have replaced an affected SR-5 valve or an ABS kit for trailers 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 the same location where you purchased the impacted product. This authorized Bendix distribution outlet will process the recall claim, including labor reimbursement.

## IF YOU ARE A VEHICLE LESSOR

If you are a lessor of vehicles equipped with the Bendix® SR-5™ trailer spring brake valve, Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving the recall notice must forward a copy to the lessee within ten (10) days.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

**Please telephone our Product Action 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. You may also visit our online Product Action Center under the Services & Support tab on bendix.com. Applicable information on the recall is available and refreshed often.

If you believe Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC has failed – or is unable to remedy the defect of the aforementioned Bendix SR-5 spring brake valve or a Bendix® ABS kit for trailers without charge and in a reasonable time following this notification – you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Ave., S.E., Washington, DC 20590; or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

We regret any inconvenience this voluntary recall campaign may cause you and appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

*Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC*

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