



August 10, 2016

**IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL  
INTERIM NOTICE  
NHTSA Recall# 16V484**

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Dear Wabash National Corporation Customer,

This Interim notice is 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 the final remedy is available:**

- 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:**

A remedy is currently being finalized by Bendix. While Bendix will be administrating this recall directly, you will be notified by both Bendix and WNC, what additional actions you should take, once those details become available.

**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.

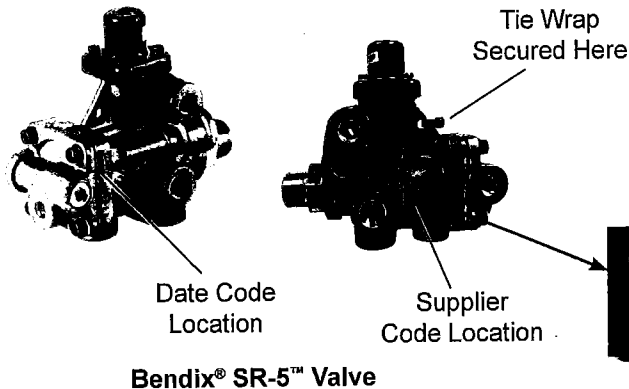
We apologize for the inconvenience caused by this safety recall.

Thank you,

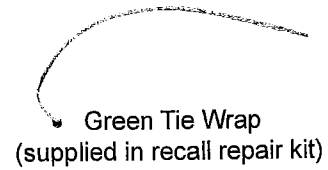
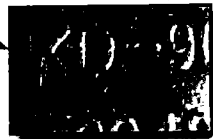
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# Action Required For Identifying the Recalled Bendix® SR-5™ Valve

## 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

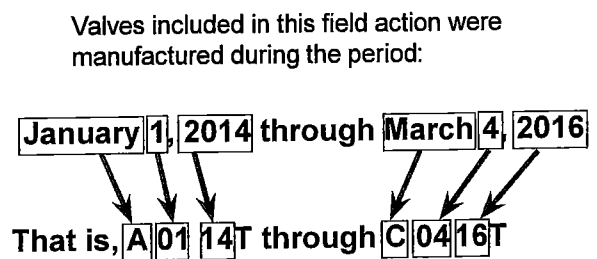
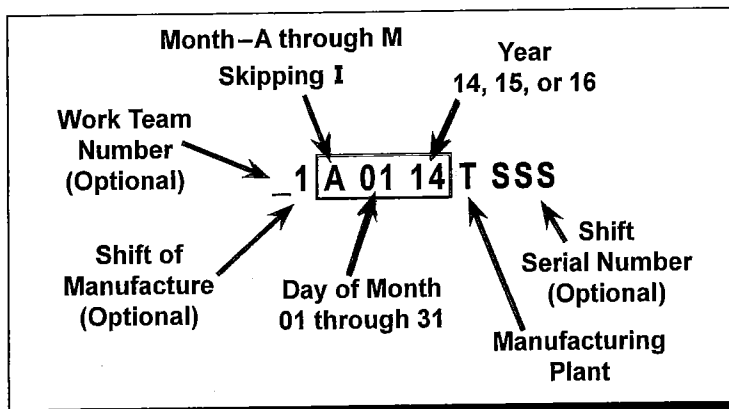
The Bendix SR-5 valves covered by this campaign can be identified by the supplier code and the date of manufacture located on the valve body. Verification of both is required to determine if the valve is a part of the campaign. Valves covered by this campaign must meet the following criteria:

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 = 1<sup>st</sup>); and
- The next two fields are the year (e.g. 14=2014)



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