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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL 16V-505

This notice applies to your vehicle "vin numbers attached"

July 27, 2016

Dear Kidron Customer,

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

VT Hackney, Inc. has been informed by Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC (Bendix) that a defect which relates to Motor vehicle safety exists in certain Bendix SR-5 spring brake valves that were installed on certain model year 2014, 2015 and 2016 Kidron & Hackney brand trailers. This recall will affect trailers manufactured from 1/01/14 to 6/1/16 that are equipped with Bendix SR-5 valves with supplier code "IKD" and were produced from January 1, 2014 (date code A0114) through March 4, 2016 (date code C0416).

The VT Hackney recall has been assigned the NHTSA recall number 16V505. Our recall is in response to Bendix recall 16E045

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 spring brake valves manufactured prior to or after the stated dates. Please refer to the Valve Identification Guideline enclosed with this document for complete details.

Description of Defect:

Bendix has provided the following description of the problem.

Under a combination of a unique set of circumstances, it is possible (though not probable) for an internal leakage to develop in the 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 tm 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.

Remedy:

A remedy is currently being finalized by Bendix. We will forward the final remedy as it is supplied to VT Hackney by Bendix and will act as your agent working with Bendix to resolve this issue. The remedy will be at no cost to you.

If you have any questions please contact Gene Newman at 800-763-0700 extension 2220. Or send an email to warranty@vthackney.com

If you no longer own this trailer, please contact VT Hackney, Inc. to provide the new owner information. VT Hackney, Inc. will then contact the new owner.



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If you have previously paid for repairs as a result of this defect, you may be entitled to recovery of those expenses. Contact VT Hackney for details.

If you believe that VT Hackney has failed to perform this repair within a reasonable amount of time, or the existing condition was not remedied without charge, please contact VT Hackney 800-763-0700.

You may also wish to submit a complaint to:
Administrator
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration,
1200 New Jersey Ave. S.E.
Washington, D.C., 20590

Or call the toll-free Vehicle Safety Hot-Line at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY:1-800-424-9152) or go to www.safercar.gov

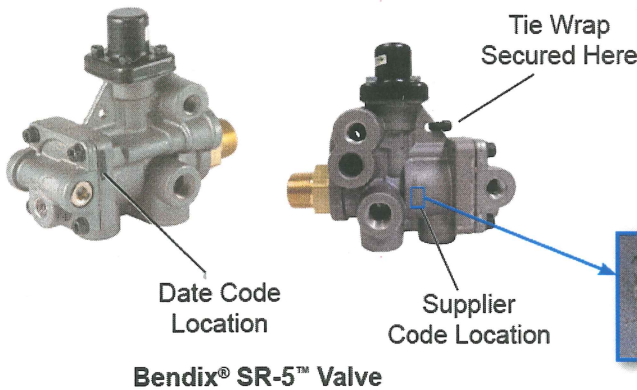
We request your prompt attention to the correction of this defect and apologize for any inconvenience this may cause you.

Sincerely,

Gene Newman
Manager, Warranty VT Hackney, Inc.

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

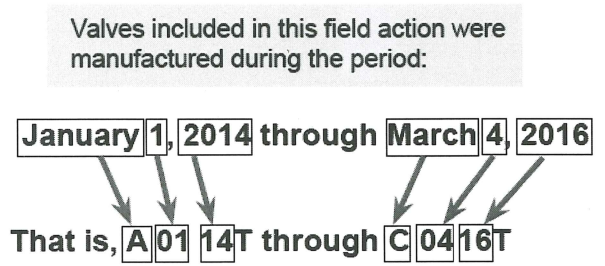
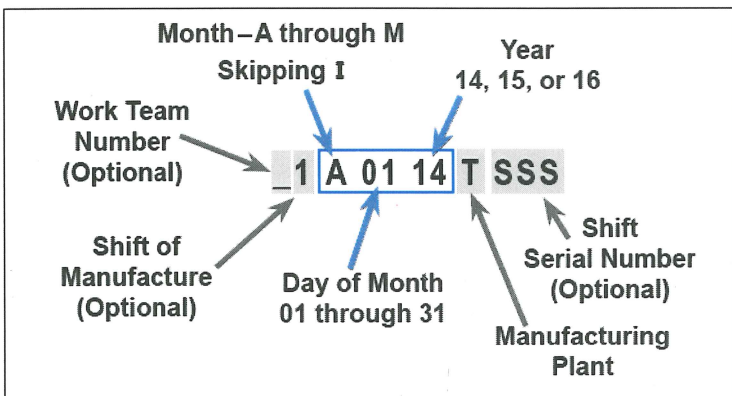
The Bendix SR-5 valves covered by this campaign can be identified by the supplier code and the date of manufacture located on the valve body. Verification of both is required to determine if the valve is a part of the campaign. Valves covered by this campaign must meet the following criteria:

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 = 1st); 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