



March X, 2021

Name
Company
Street
City, State, Zip

Dear <Name>:

IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL – RESPOND IMMEDIATELY

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

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC (Bendix) has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Bendix® SL-4™ stop light switch assemblies. The Bendix SL-4 stop light switch is sold outright. Bendix notified the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of the start of a voluntary safety recall campaign involving the Bendix SL-4 stop light switch on December 21, 2020. The recall has been assigned number 20E092.

Impacted Product:

This recall affects Bendix® part numbers K101993, K101996, K108141, and K108142 that were manufactured between December 1, 2019 and January 31, 2020, inclusive. ***It also includes*** vehicles for which the SL-4 stop light switch was replaced with one of the aforementioned part numbers during the identified timeframe. ***This recall does not include*** vehicles with a SL-4 stop light switch manufactured outside the indicated manufacture dates.

Affected Bendix SL-4 stop light switch assemblies manufactured from December 1, 2019 through January 31, 2020, inclusive, are identified by the presence of a date code printed on a white label affixed to the unit. The date code, featuring a “Month/Year” format, will appear in red or black type. For example, an SL-4 assembly manufactured in December of 2019 will have a date code of “12/19;” an assembly manufactured in January of 2020 will have a date code of “01/20.” An SL-4 switch with a date code ranging from “12/19” to 01/20” represents one of the potentially affected units and is included in this recall effort.

Part Numbers for the SL-4 stop light switch supplied to the aftermarket between December 1, 2019 and January 31, 2020, inclusive, include:

Bendix® Part Number	Description
K101993	Bendix® SL-4™ Stop Light Switch
K101996	Bendix SL-4 Stop Light Switch
K108141	Bendix SL-4 Stop Light Switch
K108142	Bendix SL-4 Stop Light Switch

Problem Description:

Bendix has determined that a component manufactured at a Bendix sub-supplier was not within specification limits and has led to the defect – improperly formed threads do not provide necessary clamp loads to withstand normal air brake system pressures. This may cause the Bendix® SL-4™ stop light switch to remain in either the open or closed state, resulting in the vehicle stop lamps staying illuminated or failing to extinguish promptly. If the pressure switch is used to control brake lamps, the result of the jammed contacts might be that the brake lights do not illuminate or that the brake lights constantly remain illuminated increasing the likelihood of a crash.

It’s also important to note that the service, parking, and emergency brakes of the vehicle are not affected by this condition. In addition, there is no impact to stopping distance or parking performance of the vehicle if this issue arises.

A leaking switch may make an audible sound that can be detected by the driver during operation or during pre-trip inspection. The driver may also notice the brake lights on during pre-trip inspection. A warning light may appear on the vehicle dash. There have been no reports of any injuries or accidents related to this issue.

What You Need To Do:

The Use and/or Sale of Affected Parts

First and foremost, you should immediately stop using and/or selling any of the part numbers previously listed in this letter that were manufactured between December 1, 2019 and January 31, 2020, inclusive. It is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to sell a component that is subject to this recall. Please refer to the information contained within the shaded block on the first page of this letter to help you identify impacted Bendix SL-4 stop light switches.

The chart below displays the affected parts and associated quantities (if applicable) purchased by your company or location:

Bendix® SL-4™ Stop Light Switch Part Number: K101993	Bendix SL-4 Stop Light Switch Part Number: K101996	Bendix SL-4 Stop Light Switch Part Number: K108141	Bendix SL-4 Stop Light Switch Part Number: K108142

Inventory Disposition:

Next, if your current parts inventory contains Bendix SL-4 stop light switches (*Bendix® part numbers K101993, K101996, K108141, and K108142*) manufactured within the impacted timeframe, please contact Shelly Neff at our Huntington, Indiana, Customer Service Center. Please phone Ms. Neff, toll-free, by calling 1-800-AIR-BRAKE, ext. 4417 (1-800-247-2725, ext. 4417) to arrange for the return of any affected inventory currently in stock. As a reminder, you will need to place an offsetting order to replenish the returned stock.

Please Note: Bendix is advising any end-use customers with potentially affected inventory in stock to return the inventory to the same location of purchase.

For your convenience, the following are included to help you in this recall process:

- a list of the affected Bendix SL-4 stop light switch assemblies and associated quantities (if applicable) purchased by your company by part number/by location; and a
- Technical Bulletin (*TCH-006-006*) released by Bendix is available on the Product Action Center online at bendix.com for future reference.

Identifying Impacted Vehicle Owners

Finally, in order to conduct as thorough a campaign as possible, Bendix will contact all owners of an affected SL-4™ stop light switch. We need your help to complete this process.

Using a Microsoft® Excel-formatted file, please compile a complete list of impacted customers, including contact names, company or fleet name, as well as their complete addresses and phone number. A sample form – detailing the required column headings – is shown below for your reference. This list is only for this recall. It will enable our personnel to begin notifying vehicle owners immediately.

Your Company Name:				Contact Person (Name, email and phone) At Your Company If Questions:						
Bendix Part Number:	VIN:	Company/Fleet Name:	Contact Name:	Street Address	City	State/Province	Country	Zip/Postal Code	Phone Number:	Email:

Return the completed spreadsheet to Bendix within 14 calendar days following receipt of this letter. The list may be sent as an email attachment to us at SL4campaign21@bendix.com (*this is our preferred method*) or sent via U.S. Mail/Canadian Post to us at this address:

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC
Attention: Mr. Kevin Lenhart
901 Cleveland Street
Elyria, OH 44035

Administering the Recall

Bendix is directing vehicle owners with an impacted Bendix® SL-4™ stop light switch to request a replacement switch directly from us. Owners will be instructed as to the steps to take in a separate communication.

How To Contact Us

We want to keep you up to date with the latest developments and information surrounding our Bendix SL-4 stop light switch recall. For updates about this action – including technical questions and ordering information – please direct your comments or questions to the Bendix Tech Team, toll-free, at 1-800-AIR-BRAKE, option 2 (1-800-247-2725, option 2). Representatives are available to assist you Monday – Thursday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. ET and Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET. You may also reach us via email at SL4campaign21@bendix.com.

Once again, we regret any inconvenience this voluntary recall campaign may cause you or your customers. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC
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