



March X, 2021

**Via UPS Overnight Delivery**

Name  
Title  
Company  
Street Address  
City, State, Zip

Dear (Name):

### **IMPORTANT RECALL INFORMATION – RESPOND IMMEDIATELY**

This is to inform you that Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC (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 assembly. The recall has been assigned number 20E092.

A copy of our December 21, 2020, Defect and Noncompliance Information Report submission to NHTSA can be found on the NHTSA website (<https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls>) under recall number 20E092. As required by law, Bendix provided NHTSA a list of all vehicle manufacturer customers to whom Bendix sold the affected products. (Company name) is one of the customers who may be affected by this recall.

#### ***IMPACTED PRODUCT***

This recall includes all Bendix SL-4 stop light switch assemblies – part numbers K101993, K101996, K108141, and K108142 – manufactured between December 1, 2019 and January 31, 2020, inclusive.

Affected SL-4s can be identified by the presence of a date code printed on a white Bendix 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 or January of 2020 will have a date code of “12/19 or 01/20”. An SL-4 switch with a date code ranging from “12/19” to 01/20” would represent one of the potentially affected units and is included in this recall effort.

This action does not affect SL-4 stop light switches manufactured prior to or after the stated dates. Please refer to the *Bendix SL-4 Stop Light Switch Identification Guideline* enclosed with this document for complete details.

#### ***PROBLEM DESCRIPTION***

Bendix has determined that a component manufactured at a Bendix sub-supplier was not within specification limits and has led to the potential defect – improperly formed threads do not provide necessary clamp loads to withstand normal air brake system pressures. This may cause the SL-4 switch to remain in either the open or closed state, resulting in the vehicle stop lamps staying illuminated or not extinguishing 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 risk 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.

***WHAT WE WILL DO***

**Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC (Bendix) will voluntarily remedy the defect of the impacted Bendix® SL-4™ stop light switch assembly, with parts from a later build range that do not have the potential defect.**

**The part(s) – that enable you and your customer to complete the recall remedy – are available as of the date of this notification via your standard parts ordering process.** As a reminder, the part(s) will be provided to you free of charge and the installation labor charge to complete the remedy will be covered by Bendix.

Finally, please note that we are directing impacted vehicle owners to work through their vehicle OEM to obtain this recall remedy.

***WHAT YOU NEED TO DO***

First, we are providing you with this information to enable your business to determine whether there is a safety-related defect on your vehicles where the affected Bendix SL-4 stop light switch assembly has been installed.

**Based on your determination, you may need to file a Defect and Noncompliance Report to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) with respect to new motor vehicles with an affected Bendix SL-4 stop light switch assembly sold in the United States. A similar notification is required to Transport Canada for all impacted vehicles sold in Canada.**

Our records indicate that **(Company Name)** purchased the following suspect SL-4s from Bendix:

Bendix OE Part Number	Quantity
K101993	XXX

Additionally, our records indicate **(Company name)** also purchased the following suspect aftermarket SL-4 stop light switch assemblies through your PDC operations. These parts are also affected by this recall. Please check your inventory. Should you have any of the affected part numbers detailed above in stock, Bendix will work with you to arrange a return or exchange.

Bendix Aftermarket Part Number	Quantity
K101996	XXX
K108141	XXX
K108142	XXX

**For your convenience, the following is provided to help you in this recall process:**

- A list of the affected Bendix SL-4 stop light switch assemblies purchased by your company (by part number); and
- A *Bendix SL-4 Identification Guideline* to assist you in properly identifying impacted parts

We value our business relationship with you. We regret the inconvenience that may result from these circumstances, and we sincerely appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or require more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to your Bendix Account Manager directly. You may also contact us via email at [SL4campaign21@bendix.com](mailto:SL4campaign21@bendix.com), or by telephone – toll-free – at 1-800-AIR-BRAKE (1-800-247-2725), option 2. Bendix Tech Team representatives are ready 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.

Sincerely,



William P. Amato  
Director - Product Safety, Warranty, and Advanced Quality

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