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Dear Business Colleague:

# 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 a Bendix<sup>®</sup> foot brake pedal assembly. The recall has been assigned number 23E011.

A copy of our February 9, 2023, Defect and Noncompliance Information Report submission to NHTSA can be found on the NHTSA website (https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls) under recall number 23E011. As required by law, Bendix provided NHTSA a list of all vehicle manufacturer customers to whom Bendix sold the affected product. <<Company name>> is the sole customer affected by this recall.

## IMPACTED PRODUCT

This recall includes the foot brake pedal assemblies sold as the G901288 family of part numbers to << Company name>>. The recall population is the entire production of this foot brake pedal assembly – February 1, 2021, to February 14, 2023, inclusive. Robust containment was started February 15, 2023. Foot brake pedal assemblies produced after Feb 15, 2023, do not contain the potential defect.

#### **PROBLEM DESCRIPTION**

Bendix has determined that the pedal plunger that connects the brake pedal to the brake valve may contain a defect. The pedal plunger may become disconnected or jammed if the pedal is fully applied then released extremely rapidly (aka "slip-foot" brake release). As a result, the noted "slip-foot" brake release may allow the pedal to overshoot the gap between the travel limit stop and the brake pedal, unintentionally disconnecting the plunger from the foot brake valve.

No warnings will precede or occur. The disconnection or jammed brake pedal plunger is always preceded by the stated "slip-foot" brake release.

The disconnected, or jammed, plunger does not transmit force or motion from the brake pedal to the brake valve. The service brakes cannot be applied increasing the risk of a crash.

#### WHAT WE WILL DO

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC will provide <<Company Name>> with a no-cost remedy and remedy instructions for this issue.

## 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 foot brake valve assembly/foot brake pedal 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 foot brake pedal assembly sold in the United States. A similar notification may be required to Transport Canada for all impacted vehicles sold in Canada.

• << Company name>> is the sole company who purchased the affected foot brake pedal assembly from Bendix. To assist you in this recall, attached is a list of the affected Bendix foot brake pedal assembly purchased by your company.

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.

Sincerely,

William P. Amato

Director - Product Safety, Warranty, and Advanced Quality

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