



April 06, 2023

Via USPS Delivery

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Company
Street Address 1
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City, State ZIP Code

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 the Bendix® Intellipark® Tractor (Towing) Park Valve Module (PVM). The recall has been assigned number 23E015.

A copy of our February 14, 2023, Defect and Noncompliance Information Report submission to NHTSA can be found on the NHTSA website (<https://www.nhtsa.gov/recalls>) under recall number 23E015. As required by law, Bendix provided NHTSA a list of all vehicle manufacturer customers to whom Bendix sold the affected product. <<Company name>> is one of the customers that may be affected by this recall.

IMPACTED PRODUCT

This recall includes the Bendix Intellipark Towing Park Valve Module. The recall population is the entire production of this PVM – February 1, 2019, to February 6, 2023, inclusive. Bendix Intellipark Towing PVMs produced after February 6, 2023, do not contain the defect and are not part of the recall.

This action *does not affect* Bendix Intellipark Non-Towing Park Brake Modules. The affected Towing PVM differs from the Non-Towing PVM in that it has two channels to control the tractor and the trailer park brakes. The non-towing PVM has only one channel that controls the park brakes (as typical on a truck or bus).

PROBLEM DESCRIPTION

Bendix has determined that the Bendix Intellipark Towing Park Valve Module (PVM) may intermittently become stuck in the un-parked position and may not transition from un-parked to parked when the park switch is pulled on the vehicle dash. Remaining in the un-parked position does not allow the vehicle spring brakes to exhaust when the driver pulls the park switch. As a result, the vehicle must be parked by depleting air storage by fanning down the air brake system with the service brake pedal.

Park indication LEDs on the vehicle dash Park Switch that remain off after the park switch is pulled, indicate that the spring brake system has not exhausted, and the vehicle is not parked. In addition, audible exhaust sounds typically heard when an air-braked vehicle is parked are absent, indicating that the vehicle has not parked.

If a driver does not detect the Bendix® Intellipark® Towing PVM malfunction indications noted above, and does not properly fan down the brakes, the vehicle may unintentionally move, increasing the potential 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. The remedy involves removing and replacing the Intellipark Towing PVM built before February 6, 2023, with the remedy replacement Intellipark Towing PVM produced after February 6, 2023.

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 PVM 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® Intellipark® Tractor (Towing) Park Valve Module (PVM) sold in the United States. A similar notification may be required to Transport Canada for all impacted vehicles sold in Canada.

- Our records indicate that <<Company name>> purchased affected Intellipark® PVMs from Bendix. To assist you in this recall, attached is a list of the affected Bendix Intellipark Tractor (Towing) Park Valve Modules (PVMs) – by part number and ship date – 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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