

23 December, 2021

**To: All Prestige Trailers Dealers**

**Re: Haldex S-ABA Manufacturing Defect Letter of December 17, 2021**

We are requesting your assistance in locating and checking brake stroke measurements on semi-trailers we have built for you between April and October of this year.

Accompanying this cover letter is a copy of the referenced letter we have recently received from Haldex regarding the slack adjusters installed on all Lode King trailers. Haldex is advising of a manufacturing defect in the adjusting ratchet which may cause the slack to maintain a brake stroke that is too short. In this event, inadequate clearance between the friction lining and the brake drum may cause the brakes to drag. We are providing a list of the affected trailers in a separate Excel file.

Haldex has requested that the brake stroke be measured during a regular maintenance check. If found to be less than the recommended 3/8" stroke, the affected slack should be removed from service and returned for a warranty replacement. Our normal warranty procedure can be used if replacement is necessary.

The affected slack adjusters were manufactured between April 2021 and September 2021. The date code for these slacks is stamped on the side of each slack in Julian date code format. See the accompanying picture for clarification. The date codes of the affected slacks are between April 2021 (Julian: 09121) and September 2021 (Julian: 27321).

In addition to requesting your assistance with this project, we are planning to send a similar letter to each of the registered owners of the affected trailers to the extent that we have warranty registration information for the end users.



**Haldex Slack Adjuster Date Of Manufacture;  
Julian Date Code: First 3 characters are day of  
the year, last 2 characters are the year. In this  
example, 29221 = 19 October, 2021.**

**This notice relates to Date Codes between:  
09121 thru 27321**

You will note in the Haldex letter that this is not a formal NHTSA Recall at this time. We view it as a maintenance item – something that needs to be checked.

Thank you for your assistance in carrying out this work.

Yours truly,  
Prestige Trailers



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Director of Engineering

Attach: Haldex Letter – December 17, 2021

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Dear Customer:

A manufacturing defect has been identified with S-ABA brake adjusters produced in our Monterrey, Mexico plant between April and September 2021 that may result in low free-stroke on the brake adjuster. This issue was found on 5 new installations across our customer base and has not been tied to any significant field performance issues to date.

Based on a combination of engineering considerations, lack of warranty claims, and past field experience, we do not consider this manufacturing defect an unreasonable risk to safety at this time.

As a proactive measure we are asking customers during the first regular preventive maintenance check, to check free-stroke on product manufactured during this time frame (April-Sep 2021) and if found to be under the TMC recommended 3/8", return the product for replacement under warranty. This applies to S-ABA brake adjusters produced between April 1, 2021 and September 30, 2021.

Our assessment that the defect does not pose an unreasonable highway safety risk is based on several factors:

- Prior experience with this type of defect did not result in a safety campaign nor did it result in any safety events.
- Warranty data shows no increase of occurrences associated with this defect
- Low free-stroke is generally limited to brakes in the first 30-90 days of service during lining burnishing.
- Zero instances of brake fires associated with this defect.

Regards,



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VP of Quality, Americas