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**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF  
DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 01E-020.001 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**Part 573 Report Date:** May 18, 2001

**MANUFACTURER:** Meritor WABCO Vehicle Control Systems

**MANUFACTURER CONTACT:** Mr. Joseph Muscedere  
Director, Quality-Manager, Product Integrity  
(acting)

**FAX:** 248-435-8682

**SUBJECT:** 19,300 two and four port relay valves manufactured between September 19, 2000, and February 10, 2001. These valves are used to control either the service brake system or park brake systems on tractors, trucks, and trailers. The valve may stick open when a high- pressure application is released. These valves can be identified with a date code on the valve of 380K, 390K, 400K, 410K, 420K, 430K, 440K, 450K, 460K, 470K, 480K, 490K, 500K, 510K, 520K, 011K, 021K, 031K, 041K, 051K, or 061K, and are dark green in color. When the valve sticks open, it can result in a total loss of air from either the service or the park brake system. The driver may lose braking ability under a service application, possibly resulting in a vehicle crash.

This is an **initial** acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

If you have any questions, please call:

Kelly Schuler, Safety Defect Analyst or Jonathan White, Chief  
at (202) 366-5227 or by FAX (202) 366-7882  
Defect and Recall Information Analysis Division

Faxed on 5/31/01

JUN 25 2001

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Mr. Joseph Muscedere  
Director, Quality - Manager, Product Integrity (acting)  
Meritor WABCO Vehicle Control Systems  
3331 West Big River, Suite 300  
Troy, MI 48084-2815

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Dear Mr. Muscedere:

We have reviewed Meritor WABCO Vehicle Control Systems' (Meritor WABCO) Defect Information Report dated May 18, 2001, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 19,300 two and four port relay valves manufactured between September 19, 2000, and February 10, 2001. These valves are used to control either the service brake system or park brake systems on tractors, trucks, and trailers. The valve may stick open when a high- pressure application is released. These valves can be identified with a date code on the valve of 380K, 390K, 400K, 410K, 420K, 430K, 440K, 450K, 460K, 470K, 480K, 490K, 500K, 510K, 520K, 011K, 021K, 031K, 041K, 051K, or 061K, and are dark green in color. When the valve sticks open, it can result in a total loss of air from either the service or the park brake system. The driver may lose braking ability under a service application, possibly resulting in a vehicle crash. *The assigned NHTSA identification number for this campaign is 01E-020.001.*

**Meritor WABCO is responsible for the remedy of this equipment from this date forward, regardless of age or ownership.**

**Additional Information Required**

In order for us to complete our file on this matter, please provide the following additional information:

In addition to the listing of final stage vehicle manufacturers that which you submitted, please provide the quantity of a) the two and b) the four port relay valves supplied to each OEM.

Please provide this information, referencing the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's identification codes on page 1 of this letter, to this office **by July 13, 2001.**

**NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS:**

Please send a draft notification letter and envelop to us for review prior to mailing to your customers. Section 577.5(a) requires the marking of envelopes in which recall notification letters are sent shall bear, in all capital letters, the words "SAFETY," "RECALL" and "NOTICE," in any order. These words need to be a larger sized type than the consumer's name and address and also can be in bold print or in color.

**QUARTERLY REPORTS**

As stated in Part 573.6, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. The current calendar quarter began on April 1 and ends on June 30, 2001. Since owner notification will begin in July 2001, your first quarterly report will be due in this office by October 30, 2001.

The following chart provides due dates for each of the six quarterly reports.

<b><u>QUARTER</u></b>	<b><u>QUARTER BEGINS</u></b>	<b><u>QUARTER ENDS</u></b>	<b><u>DUE DATE</u></b>
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter	July 1, 2001	September 30, 2001	October 30, 2001
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter	October 1, 2001	December 31, 2001	January 30, 2002
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter	January 1, 2002	March 31, 2002	April 30, 2002
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	April 1, 2002	June 30, 2002	July 30, 2002
5 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	July 1, 2002	September 30, 2002	October 30, 2002
6 <sup>th</sup> Quarter	October 1, 2002	December 31, 2002	January 1, 2003

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kelly Schuler at (202) 366-5227 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

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Jonathan D. White, Chief  
 Defects and Recall Information Analysis Division  
 Office of Defects Investigation  
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**ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF  
DEALER/OWNER NOTIFICATION DOCUMENTS  
SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 577.6**

Assigned Recall No. 01V-020.001 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

**Part 577 Report Date:** June 26, 2001

**MANUFACTURER:** Meritor WABCO Vehicle Control Systems

**MANUFACTURER CONTACT:** Joseph Muscedere

**FAX:** 248-435-8682

**SUBJECT:** 19,300 two and four port relay valves manufactured between September 19, 2000, and February 10, 2001. These valves are used to control either the service brake system or park brake systems on tractors, trucks, and trailers. The valve may stick open when a high- pressure application is released. These valves can be identified with a date code on the valve of 380K, 390K, 400K, 410K, 420K, 430K, 440K, 450K, 460K, 470K, 480K, 490K, 500K, 510K, 520K, 011K, 021K, 031K, 041K, 051K, or 061K, and are dark green in color. When the valve sticks open, it can result in a total loss of air from either the service or the park brake system. The driver may lose braking ability under a service application, possibly resulting in a vehicle crash.

**NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS**

We have reviewed Meritor WABCO's purposed owner notification letter and it does not meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577. On page one of the customer letter, please strike the sentence, "Meritor WABCO is unaware of any accidents or injuries resulting from this defect." In accordance with Part 577, this is considered a disclaimer.

Also, the Auto Safety Hotline number has been changed to 1-888-327-4236. Once edits have been made, Meritor WABCO can begin mailing this notification to its customers. Please provide us with any final documents pertaining to this campaign when they become available.

If you have any questions, please call:

Kelly Schuler, Safety Defects Analyst on (202) 366-5227  
or Jonathan White, Chief on (202) 366-5226  
or by FAX (202) 366-7882  
Defect and Recall Information Analysis Division  
Faxed 6/28/01

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DEALER/OWNER NOTIFICATION DOCUMENTS  
SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 577.6**

Assigned Recall No. 01E-020.001 by the  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 577 Report Date: January 28, 2002

MANUFACTURER: Meritor WABCO

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Mr. Ed Gebal

FAX: 248-435-8682

**SUBJECT:** 19,300 two and four port relay valves manufactured between September 19, 2000, and February 10, 2001. These valves are used to control either the service brake system or park brake systems on tractors, trucks, and trailers. The valve may stick open when a high- pressure application is released. These valves can be identified with a date code on the valve of 380K, 390K, 400K, 410K, 420K, 430K, 440K, 450K, 460K, 470K, 480K, 490K, 500K, 510K, 520K, 011K, 021K, 031K, 041K, 051K, or 061K, and are dark green in color. When the valve sticks open, it can result in a total loss of air from either the service or the park brake system.

**NOTIFICATION TO PURCHASERS:**

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letters to Magnum and Monaco customers and they meet the requirements of Part 577. Please begin mailing to your customers as soon as you are ready.

If you have any questions, please call:

Kelly Schuler, Safety Defect Analyst on (202) 366-5227 or  
Jonathan White, Chief on (202) 366-5226  
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Faxed 1-29-02