



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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MR. RAFAEL DOMINGUEZ
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BENDIX COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SYSTEMS, LLC
901 CLEVELAND STREET
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NVS-215kjs
12E-020

Subject: BRAKE VALVE PLUNGER

Dear MR. DOMINGUEZ:

This letter serves to acknowledge Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems, LLC's (Bendix) notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the equipment listed below.

Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

BENDIX/E-10/9999
BENDIX/E-10PR/9999
BENDIX/E-10R/9999
BENDIX/E-6/9999
BENDIX/PLUNGER KIT/9999
BENDIX/TREADLE ASSEMBLY/9999

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12E-020

Mfr's Report Date: June 8, 2012

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,284

Summary:

BENDIX COMMERCIAL VEHICLE SYSTEMS, LLC (BENDIX) IS RECALLING CERTAIN BRAKE VALVES, TREADLE ASSEMBLIES, AND/OR PLUNGER KITS SOLD AS AFTERMARKET REPLACEMENT EQUIPMENT AND SOLD AND INSTALLED AS ORIGINAL EQUIPMENT TO VARIOUS VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS. THE BRAKE VALVE PLUNGER MAY FRACTURE DURING BRAKE APPLICATION, RESULTING IN REDUCED BRAKE PEDAL ANGLE AND

TRAVEL. THIS CONDITION MAY LIMIT THE DRIVER'S ABILITY TO DELIVER FULL PRESSURE FROM THE FOOT BRAKE VALVE. THERE IS ALSO A POTENTIAL THAT THE BRAKE PLUNGER COULD BECOME LODGED AND NOT ALLOW RELEASE OF THE SERVICE BRAKES.

Consequence:

THIS CONDITION COULD REDUCE BRAKING ABILITY AND/OR LEAD TO LOSS OF VEHICLE CONTROL, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

BENDIX WILL NOTIFY OWNERS OF THE AFTERMARKET EQUIPMENT AND WILL PROVIDE A FREE REMEDY. BENDIX IS WORKING WITH THE VEHICLE MANUFACTURERS TO IDENTIFY AND REPAIR THE VEHICLES THAT CONTAIN THE SUBJECT BRAKE VALVES, TREADLE ASSEMBLIES, AND PLUNGER KITS, FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JUNE 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT THEIR VEHICLE MANUFACTURER OR BENDIX AT 1-440-329-9386.

Notes:

OWNERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

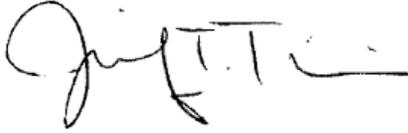
Please provide the following additional information:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, 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. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5227, by email at Kelly.Schuler@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement