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City Of Watertown
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Watertown, NY 13601

Safety Recall Notice

Dear Commercial Vehicle Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

REASON FOR THIS RECALL

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC has decided that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists involving a brake valve plunger used in multiple Bendix® brand foot brake valve models and treadle assemblies manufactured between July 27, 2011 and May 18, 2012 and has commenced this recall.

Impacted Product:

This issue potentially affects a very select population of vehicles (including off-highway) built between July 27, 2011 and May 18, 2012. It also includes vehicles for which the affected brake valve, treadle assembly and/or plunger was replaced with a Bendix brake valve plunger manufactured between July 27, 2011 and May 18, 2012. ***This issue does not include*** vehicles with a foot brake valve manufactured outside the indicated manufacture dates unless it has undergone a repair during the designated period.

Part numbers/brake valve supplied to the aftermarket between July 27, 2011 and May 18, 2012:

Bendix® Part Number	Bendix® Brake Valve, Kit or Assembly
237548N	Bendix® Plunger Kit
287078	Bendix® E-6™ Brake Valve
104718	Bendix® Treadle Assembly
107703N	Bendix® E-10R™ Brake Valve
K050386	Bendix® Treadle Assembly

Problem Description:

The detection to the driver is a reduced brake pedal angle and travel. While sufficient pressure is delivered to enable a brake application, this condition may limit the driver's ability to deliver *full* pressure from the foot brake valve. **It is important to note that during the brake application, service brakes are still available.** There is also a potential that the brake plunger could become lodged and not allow release of the service brakes.

WHAT WE WILL DO

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems will remedy the defect of the impacted affected brake valve, treadle assemblies and/or plunger with a permanent remedy kit – Bendix part number K081930. The kit is now available at any authorized Bendix distribution outlet.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO

- If you have a commercial vehicle with an affected brake valve, treadle assembly and/or plunger installed, secure your permanent remedy kit from an authorized Bendix distribution outlet and have the repair done at your earliest convenience. The reimbursable repair may be completed at the repair shop of your choice.

- To start the reimbursement process for costs you believe are directly attributable to the Bendix® brake valve plunger recall, submit a complete set of documentation to an authorized Bendix distribution outlet (preferably the same location where you purchased the impacted product). This authorized Bendix distribution outlet will process the recall claim, including labor reimbursement.

  Please note: you must return the potentially affected plunger to the authorized Bendix distribution outlet.

- **If your current parts inventory contains brake valves, treadle assemblies, and/or plungers within the impacted timeframe**, please return this inventory to the same location where you purchased the impacted product. As a reminder, you will need to place an offsetting order to replenish the returned stock.

IF YOU HAVE ALREADY REPLACED AFFECTED BRAKE VALVE OR TREADLE ASSEMBLY

- If you have received this letter and you have replaced an affected brake valve, treadle assembly and/or brake plunger after July 27, 2011 – specifically to address the defect described in this letter – Bendix will reimburse you for your cost of replacement unless it was otherwise covered under warranty. If you have claims you believe are directly attributable to the brake valve plunger recall, submit a complete set of documentation to the same location where you purchased the impacted product. This authorized Bendix distribution outlet will process the recall claim, including labor reimbursement.

IF YOU ARE A VEHICLE LESSOR

If you are a lessor of vehicles equipped with an affected brake valve, treadle assembly and/or brake plunger, Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving the recall notice must forward a copy to the lessee within ten (10) days.

HOW TO CONTACT US

Bendix wants to keep you up to date with the latest developments and information surrounding our brake valve plunger action. For updates about this action – including technical questions and ordering information – please direct your comments or questions to the Bendix® Tech Team toll-free, Bendix Tech Team at 1-800-247-2725,

option 2. Representatives are available to assist you Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. ET. You may also reach us via email at brakeplunger@bendix.com.

If you believe Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC has failed – or is unable to remedy the defect of the aforementioned brake valve, treadle assembly and/or brake plunger without charge and in a reasonable time following this notification – you may submit a written complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, Washington, DC 20590, or call (1-888-327-4236) or go to www.safercar.gov.

We regret any inconvenience this voluntary recall campaign may cause you. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC