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**OPS-53-13**

**TO: GENERAL MANAGERS  
 DISTRICT MANAGERS  
 OPERATIONS MANAGERS  
 SALES MANAGERS**

**RE: Hydraulic Master Cylinder Recall**

Brake Parts Inc. has determined that a defect that relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain brake hydraulic master cylinders supplied by Brake Parts Inc. These products were intended for aftermarket installation on the vehicle applications listed in Table 1 below.

**Identification of brake hydraulic master cylinders covered by recall**

The subject brake hydraulic master cylinder was manufactured from July 1, 2011 through April 12, 2012, and were sold exclusively in the aftermarket. The part numbers and the intended vehicle applications of the affected products are listed in the table below.

Table 1

<b>NAPA</b>	<b>390565</b>	ChevTrk:B7 B7T042(1993-2002),B7500(1999-2000),Kodiak C4500 (2003-2009),Kodiak C5500 (2003-2009),Kodiak C60 C6H042(1990-2001),Kodiak C6500 (2003-2009),Kodiak C70 C7H042/064(1992-2000),Kodiak C7500(2003-2009),T5500(1997-1998),T6 F6B042 (1997-2006),T6500 (2004-2009),T7 F7B042 (2001-2003),T7 F7B064 (2001-2003),T7500 (1997-2009),W6 (1996-1999),W7 (1997-1999) GMC Trk. B7000 B7T042 (1993-2002),B7500(1999-2000),P6 P6S042 (1992-1996),T5500(1997-1998),T6 F6B042 (1997-2000,2002-2003),T6500 (2004-2008),T7 F7B042 (1997-2003),T7 F7B064 (1997-2003),T7500 (1997-2009),Topkick C4500 (2003-2009),Topkick C5500 (2003-2009),Topkick C6000 C6H042 (1990-1996),Topkick C6500 (2003-2009),Topkick C7000 C7H042/64 (1992-2000),Topkick C7500 (2003-2009),W6 (1996-1999) IsuTrk:FSR(1996-2002),FTR(1996-2009),FVR(1997-2009),HTR(2005-2008),HVR(2005-2008)
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**Important Note:**

Only products with date codes 1182 through 2103 as marked on the upper left side of the master cylinder mounting flange are subject to this recall. For purposes of identification, the letter that follows the 4 numbers is ignored.

If the date code is less than 1182 or greater than 2103 the product is not subject to recall.



**Date Code**

**Fluid Level Indicator Switch**



### **Description of Defect**

The subject master cylinders manufactured from July 1, 2011 through April 12, 2012 have a condition where the brake fluid level indicator may not properly detect a low brake fluid situation if the fluid level indicator switch moves outward in the assembly. If the low brake fluid level is caused by an external leak resulting in the escape of fluid from the brake system, it can result in increased pedal travel. If this condition is not addressed it can result in a reduction of available braking force which could increase the required stopping distance and increase the risk of an accident.

### **What You Should Do**

Recalled product in NAPA DC, NAPA Store and installer inventory: To determine if a master cylinder is part of this recall, please check the date code using the aforementioned instructions. NAPA Stores should please forward copies of this letter to installer customers who have purchased from you.\* Please call 1-800-272-5372 to request an RGA No. Recalled product should be returned to the DC.

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All accumulated product should be sent to:

**NAPA Return Center  
1510 Frontenac Road  
Naperville IL 60563**

Please submit VDM including RGA# for the master cylinders returned and freight charges to Brake Parts Inc. customer service. *Under federal law, you may not sell the recalled brake hydraulic master cylinder.* Please return them for credit as soon as possible. Replacement brake hydraulic master cylinders are available for shipment.

Recalled product installed on vehicles: BPI is also requesting that installers transmit copies of the attached letter to vehicle owners. It advises owners of steps to be taken by them to obtain inspection and if necessary, repair of the master cylinder fluid level indicator free of charge. Alternatively, you may provide customer contact information to Brake Parts Inc., and Brake Parts Inc. will coordinate notification to these customers.

BPI is requesting that installers inspect and if necessary replace the master cylinder fluid level indicator at no charge to customers. Recall fluid level switch kit part number E900 containing the new brown fluid level indicator switch and installation instructions are available by calling Brake Parts Inc. customer service at 800-272-5372. Installers will be reimbursed .2 hours labor to inspect and .4 hours labor to inspect and replace the switch if needed. Installer labor invoices should be submitted to the NAPA Auto Parts store and subsequently forwarded through the NAPA Distribution Center to:

**Brake Parts Inc.  
4400 Prime Parkway  
McHenry IL 60050  
Attention: Customer Service**

If you have any questions, please call Brake Parts Inc. Customer Service at 1-800-272-5372. You may also contact the Administrator, National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration, at 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20590; or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4326 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>, if you are unable to obtain a remedy without charge within a reasonable time.

Best regards,

Steve Denchel

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Glenn Chambers  
Division Vice Presidents  
Division Operations Manager