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DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 03V-170 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: May 2, 2003

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SUBJECT: 52 Best Trailer 1998-2002 TNT40K, TNT20K, TNT24KD, TNT60K3, TNT30K, TPS24K, GN50K, GNDD24KOR, TNT30KFD, TTL24K, TTL40K, TTL44K, TTL30K, TTL50K3, TTL60K3, GTL50K3, GNDD50K3, and GNDDTCK; 1998-2001 CFP20T, CFP2573; CHP20TPS, CHP2573PS, and GHP25T; and 1998-1999 TBT10X, TBT20, and TT20 trailers equipped with spring brake control valve assemblies manufactured from May 20, 1998 through April 17, 2002. There is a recessed area on top of the valve in which a brass guide pin fits down inside the body of the valve and is held in place by a steel snap ring. The recessed area allows accumulation of water, dirt, and/or chemicals, occasionally resulting in corrosion. This corrosion builds up behind the snap ring to the point where it will no longer contain the guide pin, resulting in a failure of the air valve. Failure of the valve in an empty or lightly loaded trailer while the vehicle is in motion could result in a hard application of the spring brakes, possibly locking up the trailer wheels and resulting in a vehicle crash.

This is an acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be written **ONLY** if we have additional comments or concerns.

It is our understanding that Sealco (02E-028) will conduct the owner notification and remedy for this recall.

If you have any questions, please call:

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