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DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 00V-127.001 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

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Part 573 Report Date: March 30, 2000

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SUBJECT: 6 Heil petroleum tanker/trailers equipped with Bendix Trailer System Guard™ trailer air dryer, part number 5006050 (OEM P.N.) and 800676 (Aftermarket P.N.). The defect is that the retaining bolts for the reed covers on either end of the trailer air dryer may crack causing the bolt heads to come off. This condition may allow the reed cover to come off and the reed valve to become disengaged. If this occurs, the trailer may lose service braking and/or the trailer parking brakes can engaged without prior warning. Either of these conditions could cause a loss of control or a vehicle crash. *The assigned NHTSA identification number for this campaign is 00V-127.001.*

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.

It is our understanding that Bendix is conducting the owner notification and remedy for this campaign.

If you have any questions, please call:

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