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From: Sean McNear

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MESSAGE:

Please find communication information pursuant to 49CFR 579.5.

Sincerely,



Sean McNear

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April 4, 2006

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA)
400 7th Street, SW.
Washington, DC 20590
Fax 202-366-7882

RE: Notification of Customer Communication per 49CFR 579.5

To whom it may concern,

Please find enclosed copies of our communication to inform our customers of the Affinia recall of Brake Master Cylinders. This notification is in conformance of 49CFR 579.5. The recall campaign number for Affinia is 06E-022. If you require additional information or if you have questions on the information provided, contact me at 203-830-7812.

Sincerely,



Sean McNear
Manager, Regulatory Affairs

Encl.



SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

Voluntary Safety Recall Campaign 06E-022

TO: Valued Customer

Date: March 29, 2006

Re: Recall of Certain Bendix Brake Hydraulic Master Cylinders (Only Part Numbers/Date Codes Listed in the Table)

Dear Valued Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. Affinia Group Inc. has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain brake hydraulic master cylinders manufactured by its subsidiary, Brake Parts Incorporated (BPI), and supplied to you by Bendix. These products were intended for aftermarket installation on the vehicle applications listed in the Table below.

Identification of brake hydraulic master cylinders covered by recall

The subject brake hydraulic master cylinders were manufactured from July 27, 2005 through January 17, 2006, 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.

Important Note: Only products with date codes 0529 through 0602 on the packaging are subject to this recall.

BRAND	PART NUMBER	VEHICLE APPLICATION
Bendix	12572	1992-2001 Viper; 1992-1997 Ford Truck Aerostar
Bendix	13049	1996 Chrysler Town & Country Van; 2000 Chrysler voyager; 1996-2000 Dodge Caravan; 1996-2000 Plymouth Truck Voyager
Bendix	13036	2002 Chrysler Prowler; 1997-2001 Prowler; 1995-2001 Prowler; 1995-2001 Jeep Trk Cherokee; 1995-1998 Jeep Trk Grand Cherokee
Bendix	13279	1997-1998 Dodge Trk. Dakota; 1997-2005 Jeep Trk. Wrangler
Bendix	13478	1998 Dodge Durango
Bendix	13481	1997-2000 Ford Contour; 1999-2002 Cougar; 1997-2000 Mercury Mystique
Bendix	13487	1998-2000 Chrysler Town & Country Van; 2000 Chrysler Voyager; 1998-2000 Dodge Caravan; 1998-2000 Plymouth Trk. Voyager
Bendix	13525	2001-2005 Chrysler Town & Country Van; 2001-2005 Chrysler Voyager; 2001-2005 Dodge Caravan
Bendix	13046	1995-1996 Ford Contour w/o ABS; 1995-1996 Mercury Mystique w/o ABS

Description of Defect

When subjected to very cold temperatures, i.e., below 5 degrees Fahrenheit (-15 Celsius), an internal seal in the master cylinder could lose flexibility. This condition may cause brake fluid to leak, leading to a decrease in brake line pressure and an increase in stopping distance. The driver may feel a distending, or spongy brake pedal, and/or notice a warning brake lamp light on the vehicle instrument panel. This condition could lead to a vehicle crash.

What You Should Do

(a) Recalled product in inventory: Our records indicate that you may have purchased the subject brake hydraulic master cylinders from us. You will receive credit for the master cylinders returned including freight charges. Please contact your Bendix sales representative to request an RGA or you may contact Bendix customer service at (800) 231-3726 (option 4) to request an RGA No.

Replacement brake hydraulic master cylinders are available for shipment to you. ***Under federal law, you may not sell the recalled brake hydraulic master cylinders.*** Please contact us for credit as soon as possible.

(b) Recalled product in the hands of your customers and owners: Please forward copies of this letter to reselling customers who have purchased from you. Resellers should return the product to their Bendix supplier (Bendix direct customer). RGA's will be issued to direct Bendix customers.

We also request that you transmit copies of the attached letter to owners through your distribution system. It advises owners of steps to be taken by them to obtain and have installed replacement brake hydraulic master cylinders free of charge.

We are requesting that installers remove the existing brake hydraulic master cylinders and install the replacement at no charge to your customer. The master cylinder removed from the vehicle along with the accompanying invoice should be returned to the installer's Bendix supplier. Installers will be reimbursed for 2 hours of labor. Invoices should include customer name, customer account number, quantity, and part number(s)—Bendix Sales Representatives will collect invoices from Bendix direct customers and process for credit payment.

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If you have any questions, please contact your Bendix Sales Representative or call Bendix Customer Service at (800) 231-3726 (option 4). 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. We appreciate your cooperation and apologize for any inconvenience.



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March 29, 2006

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Affinia Group has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain brake hydraulic master cylinders manufactured by its subsidiary, Brake Parts Incorporated. Friction Materials, LLC under the Bendix brand name, marketed these products. Affinia is recalling the affected product.

WHAT PRODUCTS ARE INVOLVED?

This recall involves brake hydraulic master cylinders with the part numbers identified in the table below, and which were manufactured from July 27, 2005 through January 17, 2006. These products were sold exclusively in the aftermarket for use on the vehicles identified.

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WHAT IS THE PROBLEM?

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WHAT SHOULD YOU DO?

If you have purchased one of the subject brake hydraulic master cylinders through an installer, we urge you to contact your installing dealer as soon as possible to arrange an appointment to have the part replaced free of charge. The labor time to perform this service will be approximately 2 hours and labor will be free of charge to you. Replacement master cylinders are currently available at your installing dealer. The dealer will perform the remedy at no cost to you and will be billed back through the supplier.

If you purchased your product through a retailer, please contact your supplier for return instructions. Free replacement brake hydraulic master cylinders are available upon return of the product to your supplier.

If you have any questions about this recall, please call Bendix Customer Service at (800) 231-3726 (Option 4). 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.

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Bendix apologizes for any inconvenience this may cause, but it is taking this action in the interest of your personal safety and satisfaction with our products. Thank you for your cooperation.