



Installation Instructions

Bendix® Trailer ABS Service Replacement Kit Intended for Service Replacement of Bendix® A-18 Controller Assemblies for 2S/1M Through 4S/2M Trailer ABS

Prior to installation or performing service to ABS controllers always perform the following steps:

1. Inspect the vehicle for damage, chafing, etc. to current ABS unit, hoses or wiring and adjust routing of replacement installation as necessary.
2. Turn power off.
3. Drain the air pressure from all reservoirs.
4. Remove as much contamination as possible prior to disconnecting electrical connections and air lines.
5. Note the original controller assembly mounting position on the vehicle.
6. Follow all General Maintenance Precautions as found below in these instructions.

REMOVING THE ORIGINAL CONTROLLER

1. Disconnect the ECU connector and any modulator connector from the controller.
2. Remove all air lines connected to the unit. (Use spray lubricant on the swivel fittings of the delivery lines where necessary before attempting to remove them.)
3. Remove the controller assembly from the vehicle by removing the mounting bracket nuts or by rotating the entire assembly counterclockwise from the tank mount.
4. Disconnect the ABS sensors and remove the existing harness. Bendix requires that only Bendix wheel speed sensors be used for Bendix ABS systems.

WHEEL SPEED SENSOR REPLACEMENT

Due to the critical safety function provided by any ABS product, Bendix does not assume responsibility for antilock system reliability or performance issues in situations where substitute non-Bendix® ABS components, not supplied by Bendix (for example, substituting a non-Bendix® wheel speed sensor or modulator valve) are used on a vehicle equipped with Bendix® ABS. In addition, use of alternate components in place of genuine Bendix components could lead to rejection of ABS warranty claims. See Bulletin TCH-013-009 for more details.

INSPECTION

Inspect the location selected for installation and clean as necessary.

NOTE: Inspect all components, including the replacement trailer ABS module, for any external damage, such as cracked valve ports, electronic housings, etc. Any components found to be damaged should not be installed on the vehicle and must be replaced.

INSTALLATION

1. Position and secure the ABS unit in the original mounting orientation: (The exhaust port must point straight down.)
Tank (nipple) mount unit - Install the nipple fitting into the ABS module supply port. Then rotate the entire assembly into the tank port until secure. Over-torquing of the tank nipple could cause damage to the Module.

KIT CONTENTS

Item	Description	Qty.
1	ABS Power Harness (varies by kit)	1
2	Wheel Speed Sensor Harness	2
3	Trailer ABS Module	1
4	Identification Label	1
(not shown)	Service Data sheet	1

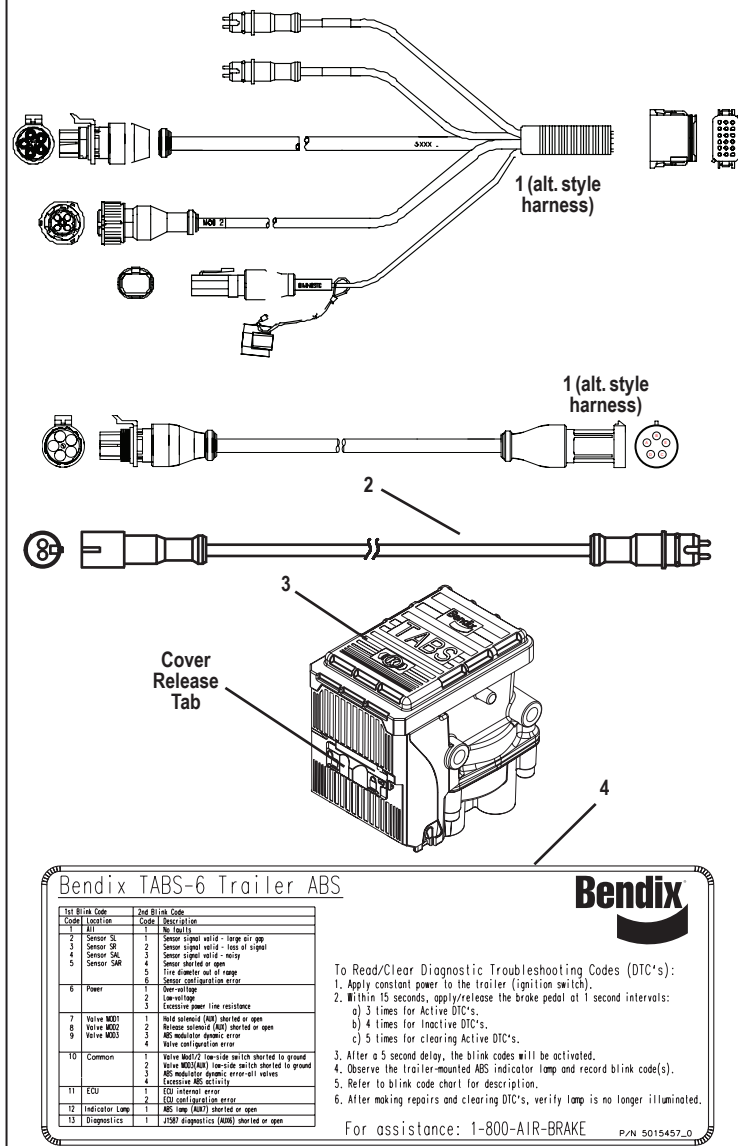


FIGURE 1 - KIT (AND OPTIONAL DOLLY) COMPONENTS

Frame (bracket) mount unit - Torque the mounting nuts to 180-220 in-lbs.

2. Reconnect all air lines and plugs to the modulator-valve assembly. Make certain that no thread sealing material enters the valve. All air lines and fittings should be checked for leaks prior to returning the vehicle to service.
3. Reconnect the ECU and sensor electrical connectors to the unit. Slide the cover locking tab to gain access to the internal connections. Apply a moderate amount of non-conductive electrical grease to each connector pin before reconnecting.

4. Install the new harness, starting at the ECU and properly secure the harness every 18 inches to the power connector location. Replace and lock the cover.
5. Where the harness length is more than needed, reroute harness, or tie extra harness as shown in Figure 3.
6. The new controller may need to be reconfigured for proper operation. See the Service Data sheet SD-13-4767 included in the kit for more details. Leakage and Operational Tests must be performed before returning the vehicle to service.

LEAKAGE AND OPERATIONAL TESTS

1. Before performing leak tests, block the wheels.
2. Fully charge the air brake system and verify proper brake adjustment.
3. Make several trailer brake applications and check for prompt application and release at each wheel.
4. Check the modulator-valve body and all air hose fittings for leakage by spraying each area with a soap solution:
 - Check the ABS solenoid body with the trailer service brakes fully applied. If leakage is excessive, replace the entire ABS module. A single 1" bubble within 3 seconds is permitted.
 - Check the relay exhaust port and the area around the retaining ring with the trailer service brakes released. A single 1" bubble within 3 seconds is permitted.
 - Check the relay exhaust port and the area around the retaining ring with the trailer service brakes fully applied. A single 1" bubble within 3 seconds is permitted.

If excessive leakage is detected at the relay exhaust port, perform the following test before replacing the ABS module:

Apply the trailer spring brakes. Recheck for leakage around the exhaust port. If the exhaust port stops leaking, this indicates a leak between the emergency and service sides of the spring brake chamber. However, if the relay exhaust port continues to leak, replace the entire modulator-valve.

5. Apply power and monitor the controller power-up sequence to verify proper system operation. The warning lamp should come on for approx 2.5 seconds and then go out.
6. Calibrate and set odometer parameters if necessary using a diagnostic tool.
7. Where a test track is available, test the ABS function by making an abrupt stop from a vehicle speed of about 20 MPH to check for proper function. The wheels should not enter a prolonged lock condition and ABS function should be audible. It is the responsibility of the technician to perform this test in a safe location.

ABS WIRING

The Bendix pigtail wiring harness and connectors are weather resistant and sealed at the connector interface.

TROUBLESHOOTING

Fault information can be retrieved from the controller by using blink code diagnostics shown on the yellow label included in the kit, or a diagnostic tool. See the Service Data sheet SD-13-4767 included in the kit for more details.

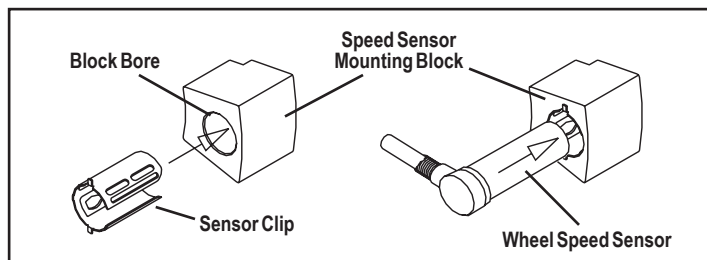


FIGURE 2 - SENSOR CLIP AND SENSOR INSTALLATION

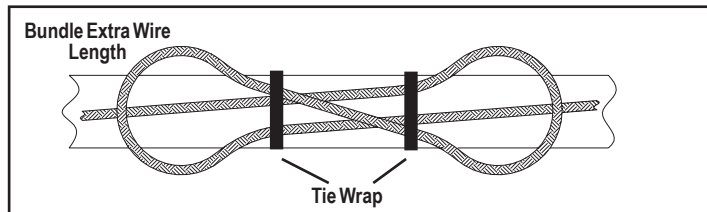


FIGURE 3 - BUNDLING EXTRA WIRE LENGTH

GENERAL MAINTENANCE PRECAUTIONS

WARNING! PLEASE READ AND FOLLOW THESE INSTRUCTIONS TO AVOID PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH:

When working on or around a vehicle, the following general precautions should be observed at all times.

1. Park the vehicle on a level surface, apply the parking brakes, and always block the wheels. Always wear safety glasses.
2. Stop the engine and remove ignition key when working under or around the vehicle. When working in the engine compartment, the engine should be shut off and the ignition key should be removed. Where circumstances require that the engine be in operation, **EXTREME CAUTION** should be used to prevent personal injury resulting from contact with moving, rotating, leaking, heated or electrically charged components.
3. Do not attempt to install, remove, disassemble or assemble a component until you have read and thoroughly understand the recommended procedures. Use only the proper tools and observe all precautions pertaining to use of those tools.
4. If the work is being performed on the vehicle's air brake system, or any auxiliary pressurized air systems, make certain to drain the air pressure from all reservoirs before beginning ANY work on the vehicle. If the vehicle is equipped with an AD-IS® air dryer system or a dryer reservoir module, be sure to drain the purge reservoir.
5. Following the vehicle manufacturer's recommended procedures, deactivate the electrical system in a manner that safely removes all electrical power from the vehicle.
6. Never exceed manufacturer's recommended pressures.
7. Never connect or disconnect a hose or line containing pressure; it may whip. Never remove a component or plug unless you are certain all system pressure has been depleted.

8. Use only genuine Bendix® replacement parts, components and kits. Replacement hardware, tubing, hose, fittings, etc. must be of equivalent size, type and strength as original equipment and be designed specifically for such applications and systems.
9. Components with stripped threads or damaged parts should be replaced rather than repaired. Do not attempt repairs requiring machining or welding unless specifically stated and approved by the vehicle and component manufacturer.
10. Prior to returning the vehicle to service, make certain all components and systems are restored to their proper operating condition.
11. For vehicles with Antilock Traction Control (ATC), the ATC function must be disabled (ATC indicator lamp should be ON) prior to performing any vehicle maintenance where one or more wheels on a drive axle are lifted off the ground and moving.

CONTACTING BENDIX

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The Bendix on-line troubleshooting guides help you determine the cause of any performance issues with the braking system. For additional troubleshooting information please see the Service Data sheet included in this kit.

The Bendix on-line contacts guide will make it easy for you to find the Bendix contacts you need. From this page, you can navigate to technical support contacts, Service Engineers, Bendix Account Managers, international contacts and more. Bendix.com is your complete Bendix resource.

Bendix Technical Assistance Team

For direct personal technical support, call the Bendix technical assistance team at 1-800-AIR-BRAKE (1-800-247-2725-2-1), Monday through Friday, 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M. EST, and follow the instructions in the recorded message.

Or, you may e-mail the Bendix technical assistance team at: techteam@bendix.com.

To better serve you, please record the following information before calling the Bendix Tech Team:

- Bendix product model number, part number and configuration.
- Vehicle make and model.
- Vehicle configuration. (Number of axles, tire size, etc.)
- System performance symptoms. When do they occur?
- What faults have been identified using blink codes or diagnostic tools?
- What troubleshooting / measurements have been performed?
- What Bendix service data literature do you have or need?

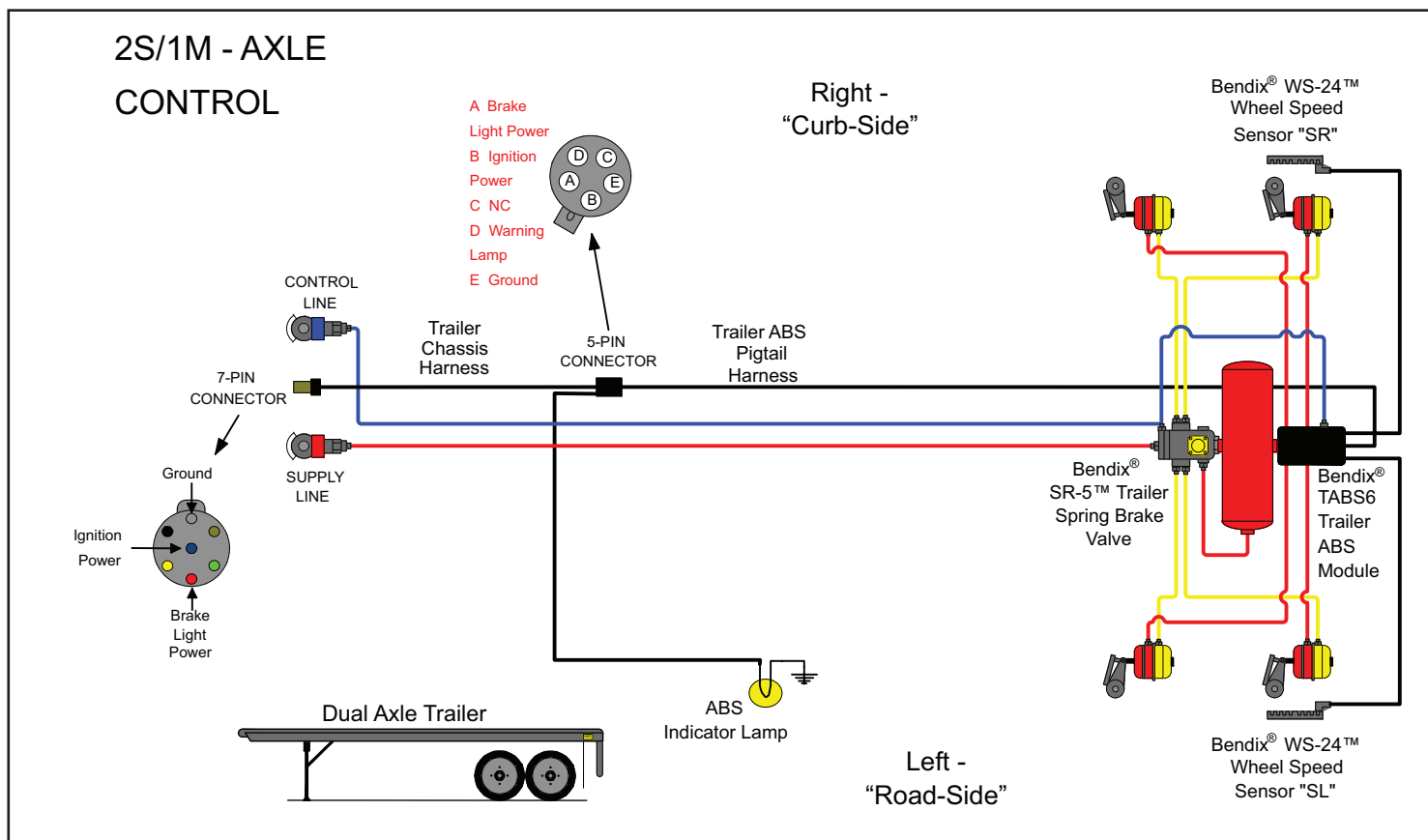


FIGURE 4 - TRAILER ABS 2S/1M SYSTEM SCHEMATIC

2S/2M - SIDE CONTROL

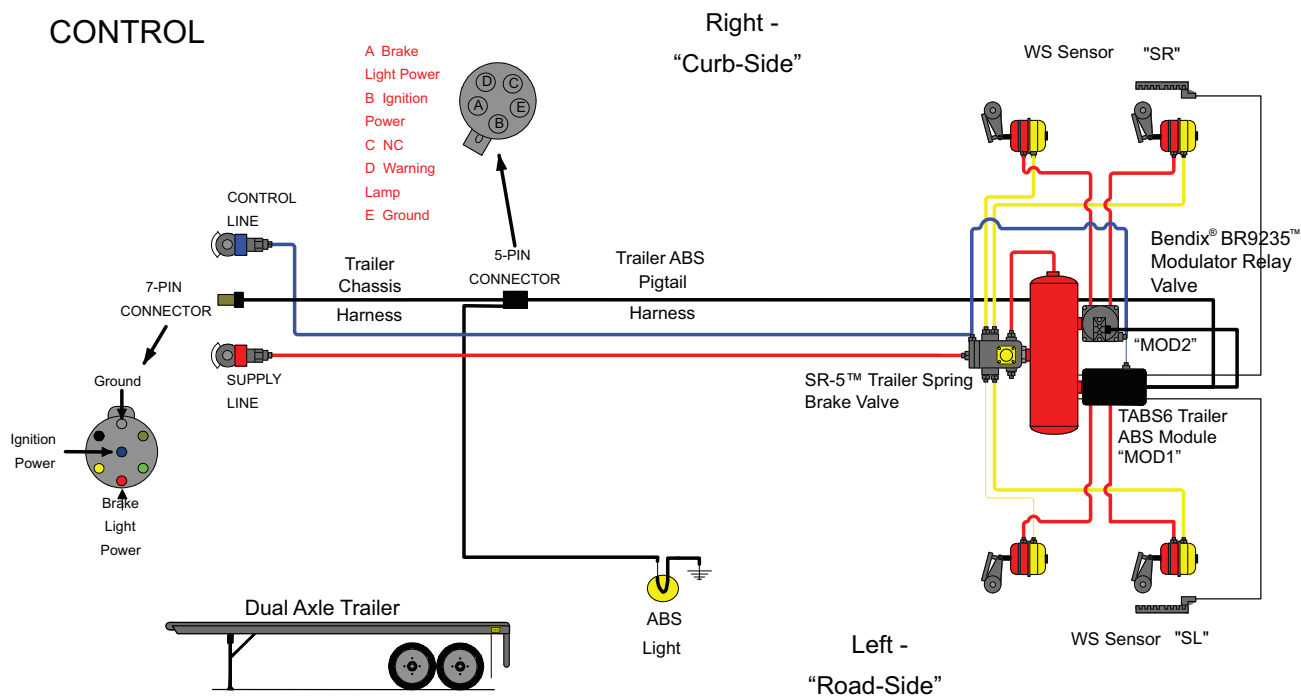


FIGURE 5 - TRAILER ABS 2S/2M SIDE CONTROL SYSTEM SCHEMATIC

4S/2M - SIDE CONTROL

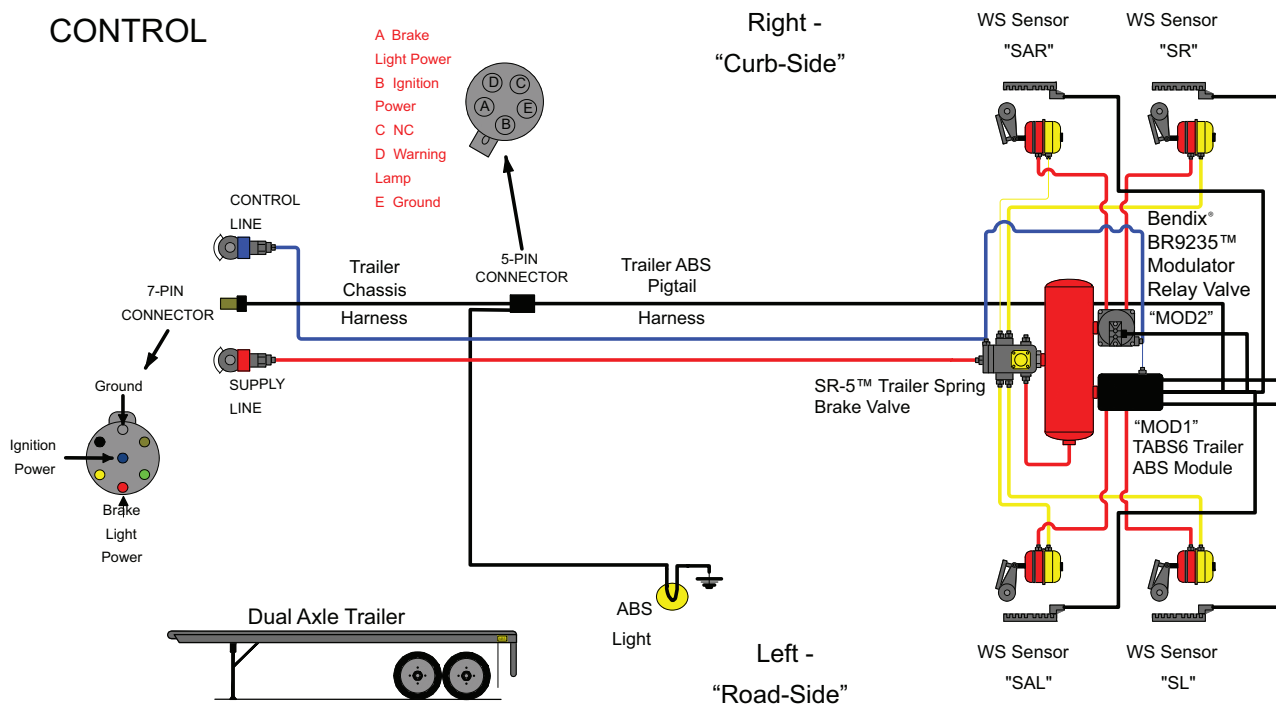


FIGURE 6 - TRAILER ABS 4S/2M SIDE CONTROL SYSTEM SCHEMATIC

