

Technical Bulletin

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Subject: **BENDIX® SL-4™ STOP LIGHT SWITCH RECALL**
(PART NUMBERS K101993, K101996, K108141, AND K108142)

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC is conducting a voluntary safety recall campaign, **Recall No.: 20E092**, involving the Bendix® SL-4™ stop light switch (K101993, K101996, K108141, and K108142). This includes SL-4 stop light switches manufactured between December 1, 2019 and January 31, 2020, inclusive.



Bendix® SL-4™ Stop Light Switch

Identification:

Impacted SL-4 stop light switches, manufactured between December 1, 2019 and January 31, 2020, can be identified by the date code printed on a white Bendix label affixed to the unit. The date code, featuring a “Month/Year” format, will appear in black or red type. For example, an SL-4 stop light switch manufactured in December of 2019 will have a date code of “12/19.” An SL-4 stop light switch with a date code of either “12/19 or 1/20” would represent one of the potentially affected units that is included in the recall campaign. Products outside of this specified date code range are not affected.

Problem Description:

Bendix has determined that a component manufactured at a Bendix sub-supplier was not within specification limits and has led to the defect – improperly formed threads do not provide necessary clamp loads to withstand normal air brake system pressures. This may cause the SL-4 switch to remain in either the open or closed state, resulting in the vehicle stop lamps staying illuminated or failing to extinguish promptly. If the pressure switch is used to control the brake lamps, the result of the jammed contacts might be that the brake lights do not illuminate or that the brake lights constantly remain illuminated increasing the likelihood of a crash.

NOTE: It’s also important to note that the service, parking, and emergency brakes of the vehicle are not affected by this condition. In addition, there is no impact to stopping distance or parking performance of the vehicle if this issue arises.

A leaking switch may make an audible sound that can be detected by the driver during operation or during pre-trip inspection. The driver may also notice the stop lamp is illuminated during pre-trip inspection. A warning light may appear on the vehicle dash. There have been no reports of any injuries or accidents related to this issue.

Vehicles Affected:

This recall affects only a limited population of vehicles utilizing an SL-4 stop light switch – Bendix Part Numbers K101993, K101996, K108141, and K108142 – manufactured between December 1, 2019 and January 31, 2020, inclusive.

What You Need To Do:

Immediately stop using and/or selling any of the SL-4 stop light switches that fall within the recall parameters. It is a violation of Federal law for a dealer or distributor to sell a stop light switch that is subject to this recall. Ensure your customers are aware of the recall campaign.

Inventory Disposition:

If your current parts inventory, including vehicles still within your possession, contains SL-4 stop light switches (Bendix Part Numbers K101993, K101996, K108141, and K108142) manufactured between December 1, 2019 and January 31, 2020, inclusive, please contact Shelly Neff at our Huntington, Indiana, Customer Service Center. Please phone Shelly Neff, toll-free, by calling 1-800-AIR-BRAKE, ext. 4417 (1-800-247-2725, ext. 4417) to arrange for the return of any affected inventory currently in stock. As a reminder, you will need to place an offsetting order to replenish the returned stock.

For instructions on replacing the SL-4 stop light switch, reference *SD-06-1800, Bendix® SL-3™ and SL-4 Stop Light Switch Service Data Sheet*, on bendix.com.

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Administering the Recall:

Bendix is directing vehicle owners with an impacted Bendix® SL-4™ stop light switch to request a replacement switch directly from us. Owners will be instructed as to the steps to take in a separate communication.

Submitting A Claim:

Visit the Product Action Center (http://www.bendix.com/en/service/support/recallcenter/recallcenter_1.jsp) on [bendix.com](http://www.bendix.com) to download the *Bendix SL-4 Stop Light Switch (Part Numbers K101993, K101996, K108141, and K108142) Recall Submission Form*.

- Print the form and supply all the required information.
- To start the reimbursement process, return the form to Bendix in one of two ways:
 1. Scan and email all documents to SL4campaign21@bendix.com (*preferred method*); or.
 2. Send via U.S. Mail/Canadian Post to:
Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC
Attention: Kevin Lenhart
901 Cleveland Street
Elyria, OH 44035

Disposition of the Impacted SL-4 Stop Light Switches:

You are authorized to scrap impacted SL-4 stop light switches that are removed from vehicles. These switches are not required to be returned to Bendix.

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