

Technical Bulletin

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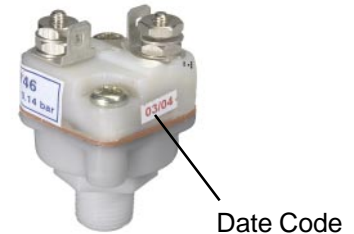
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Subject: **Bendix® SL-4™ Stop Light Switch Recall**

Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LLC is conducting a voluntary safety recall campaign, Recall No.: 04E-039, involving the Bendix® SL-4™ stop light switch. The unit subject to recall is part number 274746 manufactured between January 1, 2003 and August 31, 2003.

Identification:

Impacted SL-4™ switches, manufactured between January 1, 2003 and August 31, 2003 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 red or black type. For example, an SL-4 switch assembly manufactured in July of 2003 will have a date code of "07/03". An SL-4 switch with a date code ranging from "01/03" to 08/03" would represent one of the potentially affected units that is included in the recall campaign.



SL-4™ stop light switch

Problem Description:

Bendix has determined that the unit's piston mechanism may not be properly lubricated which can cause the SL-4 switch to stick. This can result in the vehicle stop lamps staying illuminated or failing to extinguish promptly. The service, parking and emergency braking of the vehicle **are not affected** by this condition.

The cause of the defect is attributable to insufficient lubrication in the supplier's manufacturing process. The manufacturing processes have been modified to correct this factor.

What you need to do:

Immediately stop using and/or selling any of the Bendix SL-4 stop light switches (part number 274746) manufactured between January 1, 2003 and August 31, 2003. A replacement part, piece number 801906, for the SL-4™ stop light switch will be provided at no charge. Also, please make your customers aware of the recall campaign.

SL-4 switches in inventory:

If your current parts inventory contains Bendix® SL-4™ stop light switches (part number 274746) manufactured between January 1, 2003 and August 31, 2003, return the unused switches to Bendix for a no cost exchange. Please call the Bendix Recall Assistance Center 1-800-478-1793, Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. ET, or send an email to SL4campaign@bendix.com to arrange for the exchange.

SL-4 stop light switch replacement:

Bendix will send customers with the affected SL-4 stop light switch installed on their vehicle a replacement unit, together with Installation Instructions and labor reimbursement form, at no charge. Customers must return the replaced part, along with a completed labor reimbursement form, to the Bendix Recall Assistance Center. Bendix will provide a \$21.00 repair labor and shipping allowance. The labor reimbursement form and information on returning the unit for processing are included with the replacement part. The recall replacement part piece number is 801906.

