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Safety Recall Notice to End Users

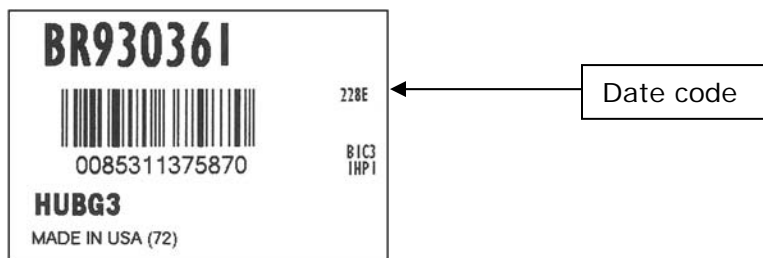
NHTSA Recall #08E-064 of SKF BR930361 hub bearing assembly; SKF Recall # PRO 08-029US/CA

This notice is being issued by SKF in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act. SKF has determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in SKF part number BR930361 manufactured by its Glasgow, Kentucky plant. These products were marketed by SKF under the SKF brand name for aftermarket service use. SKF is recalling this specific part.

What part is involved?

This recall involves SKF part number BR930361 that is identified by the following packaging date codes: 155E, 161E, 170E, 171E, 185E, 213E and 228E. This part was sold exclusively in the aftermarket for use on the vehicle identified. **Important note: Only parts with one of these date codes are covered by this campaign.** The box part number label is shown below.

The date code appears on the upper right hand side of the part number label.



This part number is a front wheel hub bearing assembly that fits on a 1999-2003 2WD Dodge Durango with rear wheel ABS, or a 1997-2004 2WD Dodge Dakota with rear wheel ABS.

What is the problem?

The rotor pilot for the hub bearing assembly was made too long. This results in the wheel to not be seated fully against the hub flange face during mounting. Improper seating of the wheel can result in excessive vibration, brake rotor noise, difficulty removing the wheel after installation and operation of the vehicle, and possibly wheel-end separation during vehicle operation. **Should the wheel-end separation occur, the driver could lose control of the vehicle, possibly resulting in a crash.**

What should you do?

If you purchased one of the subject hub bearing assemblies through an installer, we urge you to contact your installing dealer as soon as possible to arrange an appointment to have the part inspected and replaced (if necessary) free of charge. SKF estimates that the labor time to perform this service will be approximately 1 hour. The inspection and correction (if necessary) of your vehicle will be made without charge to you. SKF will pay the servicing dealer directly for this service.

If you purchased one of the subject hub bearing assemblies through a retailer and installed the part yourself, please contact the retailer directly, or contact SKF Customer Service at 1-800-644-8999 for return and reimbursement instructions (reference SKF Bulletin PRO 08-028).

Replacement hub bearing assemblies are currently available now for shipment.

Identification and inspection procedure

1. Raise and support the vehicle following the manufacturer's guidelines and remove the front wheel.
2. Carefully examine the center brake rotor pilot depth. ***The affected hub bearing assembly will have a noticeable visible step just above where the brake rotor is seated.*** Refer to Figures 1 & 2. Figure 1 illustrates the incorrectly machined hub and brake rotor mounting set up. Figure 2 illustrates the correctly machined hub and brake rotor mounting set up.

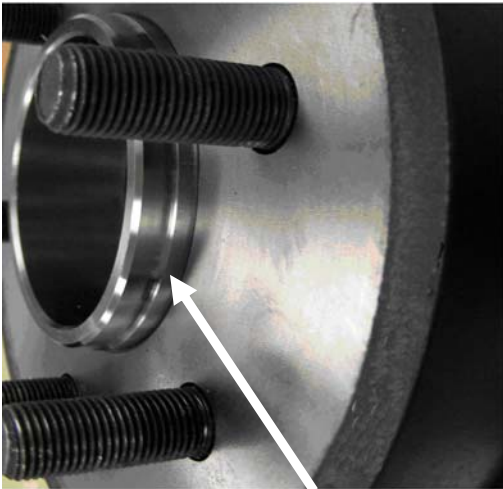


Figure 1
machined

Defective

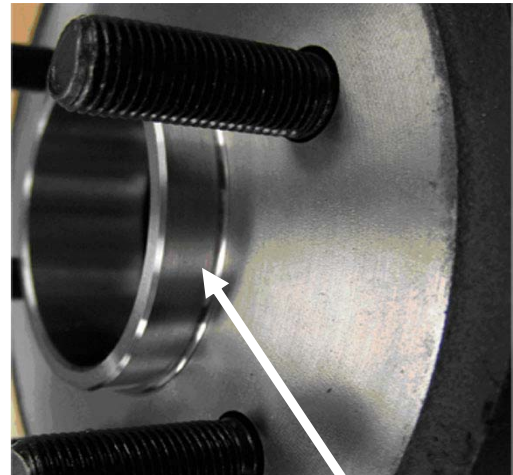


Figure 2

Correctly

If you have identified a hub bearing assembly that is defective, remove the defective hub assembly and replace it with a non-defective replacement hub assembly using the manufacturers recommended repair procedures. Return the defective hub assembly to the place of purchase for reimbursement as identified above.

If you have any questions about this recall, please call SKF Customer Service at 1-800-644-8999 (reference SKF Bulletin PRO 08-029). Owners who do not obtain free replacement parts within a reasonable time should also contact SKF Customer Service at 1-800-644-8999. You may also contact the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, D.C. 20590; or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4326; or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>, if you believe that SKF has failed or is unable to remedy without charge the condition outlined above within a reasonable time.

US Federal Regulations require any lessor receiving this notice to forward it to the lessee within 10 days.

SKF 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.

Post this recall notice in a conspicuous place.