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SUBJECT: Arvin Meritor New Upper Control Arm Bushing for Models RHP11 & RHP55
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Arvin Meritor has released a product information letter in regard to their new upper control arm bushing for suspension models RHP11 & RHP55. The new bonded rubber upper control arm bushing will replace the current two-piece bushing and inner metal sleeve. Please see the attached Arvin Meritor product information letter for more details.

Any questions regarding Arvin Meritor's product information letter should be directed to Arvin Meritor, at 800-535-5560.

Any questions regarding this service bulletin should be directed to Utility's Field Service Department at 800-423-6591.

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PRODUCT INFORMATION LETTER

ArvinMeritor

ArvinMeritor, Inc.
North America Trailer Products
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DATE: JULY 2004

SUBJECT: NEW UPPER CONTROL ARM BUSHING

MODELS: RHP11, RHP55

Dear Customer,

As part of our commitment to continuous improvement, ArvinMeritor is pleased to announce a new bonded rubber bushing for the RHP suspension upper control arms. While bushings are wearable items that will require replacement during the life of a trailer, this new bushing is designed to improve product longevity, particularly in harsh environments. A similar design has been used by ArvinMeritor successfully for over 12 years.

The new bushing must be used in conjunction with two thrust washers, replacing the current two-piece bushing and inner metal sleeve. When servicing the bushing, replace all four bushings per upper control arm. It is also recommended that both upper control arms on the RHP11 be inspected at the time of service.

Part numbers for the new bushing and thrust washers are A-1225-L-1416 and 1229-E-4971 respectively, which replace the current bushing (1225-R-1370) and inner metal sleeve (2245-K-1233). Top level suspension specifications will not change.



Current bushing



New bushing

This product enhancement will occur as a running change to production beginning in August 2004. A service kit (KIT11300) is available through normal channels at ArvinMeritor Parts and Service Centers in Florence, Kentucky and Brampton, Ontario. An installation tool (A-3256-H-1152) is also required to ensure proper installation. When installing the new bushing, ensure that the bushings are lubricated with P80 before installing them into the upper control arms and ensure the arms are oriented in the ride height position prior to tightening the upper pivot bolts. (Refer to Maintenance Manual 14S for service and installation procedures, available at www.arvinmeritor.com).

Should you have further questions, please contact your ArvinMeritor account representative or the ArvinMeritor Customer Service Center at 800-535-5560.

A handwritten signature in black ink.

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