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K. MISCELLANEOUS

A new genuine seal has been designed for packaging to incorporate the brake name. Brake packaging is now being reviewed by Henderson's Manufacturing Services.

Part numbers have been established for the new two speed electric shift retrofit kits for Service. Also, service kits and individual component part numbers for the units have been established. The retrofit kits will be available for Service as soon as we can get the connector and harness assembly part number 113738. Currently expected availability will be mid October. A new product information letter will be sent to the OEM's September 1, outlining service part numbers. However, drawings will be required by Ford, GM, and Harvester before they will release the parts.

A quality problem with the drive screw assembly part number, 32364, has caused our back orders to increase. Henderson Quality is inspecting 100% and some volume will be available after inventory.

V. TRAILER AXLES

A. As reported in July, OEM order boards continue to increase. Rockwell, Dana and Standard Forge continue to be very price competitive. Many major trailer manufacturers competing for large fleet orders are asking for price protection well past mid year 1984. It is impossible for this Divisions consideration because of the uncertainty of the U.S. Commerce Departments actions regarding 1984 cost for RABA Axles.

B. STRICK CORPORATION

Strick's current build rate is approximately twenty-eight trailers per day total, at their Danville, Pennsylvania and Monroe, Indiana plants. They also have a small chassis order to be built at their Dunsmore, Pennsylvania plant. They released an order for two hundred forty (240) model HJ-501-L-162V to be delivered, one-hundred twenty (120) September 5, 1983 and one-hundred twenty (120) September 12, 1983 for use on this order.

Strick also has an order from Yellow Freight for one thousand, five hundred (1500) dollies. This order will be built at their Dunsmore, Pennsylvania plant, at a rate of 100 to 120 per month, starting October 17, 1983. They have requested a price on the axles for this order that will be firm until the order is complete. Projected completion date on this order is October, 1984.

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