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To All Drivers,

We have had a number of issues at a customer site where we drop trailers onto a loading bay.

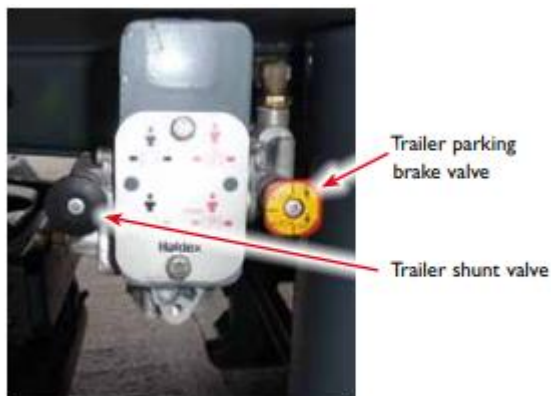
Over the past week, three trailers have moved forwards when forklifts have driven onto them whilst dropped at Showa UK Ltd, Aberdare. This is dangerous and could result in a serious incident. If you drop a trailer at a customer site, please make sure you put the trailer brake on.

**Do not press the shunt button as this will release the brakes and the trailer will move when being loaded.**

Trailer parking brake valve:

The parking brake fitted to a trailer typically features a valve with a push/pull button. Pulling the button out applies the trailer parking brakes; pushing the button in releases the parking brakes. The trailer parking brake valve must be applied when a trailer is uncoupled from the truck.

Example of typical parking brake/shunt valve:



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Trailer shunt valve:

The disconnection of the supply airline (red) triggers the automatic braking system. Where fitted, the trailer shunt valve can cancel the automatic emergency braking system by pushing the button in on the valve. With the trailer parking brake valve button pushed in (the release position), and the shunt valve button pushed in, the service braking system and spring parking braking system are released.

This function allows maintenance and manoeuvring to be undertaken. It is important to remember that the trailer is not 'braked' when the buttons are in this position. If you leave the trailer unattended on a bay with the buttons in this position the trailer will move when a forklift drives onto it, this could lead to serious injury to the forklift driver or any persons near the trailer.

***If you have any questions about this or you are unsure which button is the trailer brake please speak to Darren in the workshop for advice.***

Thank you, Clive Davies