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Safety Alert



Ford Ranger Recall

HFM NZ has just had a serious near miss with a contractor driving a Ford Ranger. The driver reported:

While driving to Rotorua he applied the brakes and the brake pedal went right down to the floor. He then pumped the brakes several times with minimal effect.

Fortunately he was able to stop safely. After he stopped he checked the brake fluid and found that there was some fluid left in the reservoir. However, the Ranger had very limited braking capacity.



A safety recall has been initiated by Ford NZ for the Ranger utility trucks, and customers will be contacted directly.

The symptoms if the hose fails, would include:

- Loss of brake fluid
- Illumination of the brake fluid warning indicator in the instrument cluster
- Increased brake pedal travel
- Extended stopping distances – the rear brakes will continue to function normally

Ford NZ says the affected Rangers are still safe to drive and it has not issued instructions to stop using the vehicles. But it is necessary to inspect and repair each vehicle affected.

Those with questions about their vehicle can call **0800 FORD NZ**.