

March 30, 2015

Via e-mail to jennifer.timian@dot.gov
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Re: EQ 15-003

Dear Ms. Timian:

This letter provides PACCAR's response to your letter dated March 20, 2015, informing us of NHTSA's equipment query EQ 15-003, which was prompted by two recalls initiated by the Blue Bird Body Company in June 2014. Blue Bird determined that, during high engine RPM, the thermostat installed in Cummins ISC07, ISC10 and ISL-G engines may cause a pulsation in coolant flow that could lead to the eventual rupture of the passenger compartment heater hose.

PACCAR's truck divisions have reviewed their respective installations and determined that the defect described by Blue Bird does not exist in Peterbilt or Kenworth trucks. With the exception of the Peterbilt Model 320, the hoses in all installations are external to the cab and, therefore, would not fail in a manner that would allow hot coolant to enter the cab. In the Peterbilt Model 320, the heater hose is in the cab but is enclosed and separated from the occupant space. Our warranty database does not indicate that customers have experienced problems with the thermostat or heater hose. In short, our investigation revealed no basis for conducting a safety recall of Kenworth or Peterbilt vehicles for heater hose failures.

If you would like further information or have questions regarding the matters described above, please do not hesitate to contact me at (425) 468-7356.

Very truly yours,



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