

September 13, 2004

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Attn: Mr. George Person

Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation (NHT-111)
Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street SW
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: **SPL Driveline U-Joint Fasteners**
Kenworth Recall No.: 04KW6

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INVESTIGATION

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Dear Mr. Person:

PACCAR Inc is furnishing notification to NHTSA in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This motor vehicle safety defect involves vehicles manufactured by the Kenworth Truck Company division of PACCAR Inc.

Description of the Defect

Kenworth has determined that the U-joint Fasteners used with the Dana SPL driveline at the output yoke of the transmission were not being properly torqued. If the U-joints were to become loose a portion of the driveline could become detached from the vehicle and fall out from under the vehicle.

Identification of Affected Vehicles

Kenworth has determined a total of 203 vehicles; models W900, T800, and T600 were manufactured with the optional SPL driveline between July 12 and August 18, 2004.

Chronology of Events Leading to Recall

On August 24, 2004, the manufacturing plant notified the Kenworth Division that during the period July 12 to August 18, 2004, driveline attachment fasteners on SPL drivelines may not have been torqued properly. The matter was investigated and assembly personnel were immediately educated in the proper process for this operation.

On September 8 the Kenworth Safety Committee decided to initiate a recall of the affected vehicles.

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Description of Remedy

Kenworth will initiate a Safety Recall of all 203 affected trucks. The recall repair will consist of verifying the torque and/or retorquing each of the U-joint fasteners. Parts showing excessive wear will be replaced.

Identification of Recall Schedule

Kenworth anticipates that the owner notification campaign will be initiated within 30 days. Kenworth's number for this campaign is "04KW6".

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth R. Brownstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Kenneth R. Brownstein
Senior Counsel