

November 16, 2004

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Attn: Mr. George Person

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

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**Re: Gra-Mag Seat
Peterbilt Recall No.: 1104E**

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 Peterbilt Motors Company division of PACCAR Inc.

Description of the Defect

The defect relates to certain air seats manufactured by Gra-Mag and specifically the pivot bolts which hold the seat back frame to the seat cushion frame. Gra-Mag has determined that the bolts could loosen, fracture or dislodge over time. If separation were to occur while the vehicle is being operated, the seat back could suddenly fall backwards.

Identification of Affected Vehicles

Gra-Mag has determined the seats containing this defect were manufactured by them between January 2000 and August 2004. Peterbilt has determined a total of 251 vehicles were manufactured with seats containing this defect. The Peterbilt models affected are 50, 2005 model 387s and 201, 2004 model 387s. These units were produced between 6/30/03 and 3/12/04. All the affected seats were ordered by a single fleet customer. Gra-Mag is a Peterbilt vendor located in Novi, MI.

Chronology of Events Leading to Recall

On October 20, 2004 Gra-Mag wrote the fleet customer informing them of this recall. On November 3, 2004, our customer sent Peterbilt a copy of the recall letter they had received from Gra-Mag.

On November 9, 2004 the Peterbilt Safety Committee agreed with Gra-Mag that a recall of the affected vehicles should be performed.

Description of Remedy

Gra-Mag and Peterbilt have initiated a Safety Recall of all 251 affected trucks. A recall repair kit will be provided by Gra-Mag and consist of instructions and parts. These kits will be sent to five specific Peterbilt dealers identified and requested by the Peterbilt customer to repair their trucks.

Identification of Recall Schedule

As the one customer has been notified by Gra-Mag, no Peterbilt customer letter will be sent. A dealer bulletin will be sent to the five Peterbilt dealers. Peterbilt's number for this recall is 1104E

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