

Law Department

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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

**Re: T2000 Hood Lock Cylinder
Kenworth Recall No.: 04KW9**

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

The Kenworth division of PACCAR Inc has determined that some of the redesigned hood lock cylinders, introduced in recent production of its model T2000 are not functioning properly. A locking tab in the hood lock cylinder was improperly located preventing the cylinder lock from engaging. The hood lock cylinder is designed to support the hood once it is raised for access to the engine compartment. If the lock does not engage this could result in the hood closing without warning. The hood lock cylinder is designed by Kenworth and manufactured for Kenworth by Power Packer of Columbus, Ohio.

Identification of Affected Vehicles

Kenworth has determined a total of 55 vehicles were manufactured with hood lock cylinders containing this defect between November 22, 2004 and December 7, 2004. The model affected is the T2000.

Chronology of Events Leading to Recall

In late November, 2004 Kenworth began use of the newly designed hood lock cylinder in production. On December 8, 2004, a Kenworth assembly plant notified the Kenworth division that some of the hood lock cylinders were not operating as designed. Detailed inspections disclosed about 24% of the hood lock cylinders were not working correctly.

On December 16th the Kenworth Safety Committee initiated a recall of the affected vehicles.

Description of Remedy

Kenworth will initiate a Safety Recall of all 55 affected trucks in the US. The recall repair will consist of inspecting the hood lock cylinder and removal and replacement of any defective hood lock cylinders found with a non-defective hood lock cylinder.

Identification of Recall Schedule

Kenworth anticipates that the owner notification campaign will be initiated within 30 days. Kenworth's number for this campaign is "04KW9".

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kenneth R. Brownstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kenneth" and last name "Brownstein" clearly legible.

Kenneth R. Brownstein
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