



U.S. Department
of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

400 Seventh Street, SW
Washington, DC 20590

May 13, 2005

KENNETH BROWNSTEIN
PACCAR INCORPORATED
777 106TH NORTHEAST
BELLEVUE WA 98009

NVS-215
05V-189

Subject: FRACTURE SUSPENSION BEAM/HOLLAND

Dear MR. BROWNSTEIN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect or noncompliance information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records, as this is the information that will be made available to the public.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

KENWORTH/C500/2004-2005
KENWORTH/T2000/2004-2005
KENWORTH/T600/2004-2005
KENWORTH/T800/2004-2005
KENWORTH/W900/2004-2005
PETERBILT/320/2005
PETERBILT/357/2004-2005
PETERBILT/378/2005
PETERBILT/379/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-189

Recall Date: April 27, 2005

Components:
SUSPENSION

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,026

Summary:

ON CERTAIN HEAVY DUTY CLASS 8 TRUCKS, THE SUSPENSION HAS TRANSVERSE BEAM CASTINGS THAT MAY FRACTURE UNDER NORMAL LOADS. IF A CASTING BREAKS WHEN THE VEHICLE IS TRAVELING ON A ROADWAY, THERE IS THE POTENTIAL FOR PIECES OF THE CASTING TO BECOME PROJECTILES AND THE SUSPENSION'S TRANSVERSE BEAM MAY DROP DOWN LOW ENOUGH TO CONTACT THE ROAD SURFACE.

Consequence:

THIS COULD CAUSE SPARKS THAT COULD POTENTIALLY IGNITE AND CAUSE A FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE THE DEFECTIVE TRANSVERSE BEAM ASSEMBLIES. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MAY 2005. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT PETERBILT AT 940-591-4201 OR KENWORTH AT 425-828-5440.

Notes:

PETERBILT RECALL NO. 405-B AND KENWORTH RECALL NO. 05KW3. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. As stated in your report, the recall is expected to begin during May 2005. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due by July 30, 2005.

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov or delia.lopez@nhtsa.dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



for George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division