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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
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NVS-215
05V-237

Subject: AIRGLIDE HIGH-ARTICULATION REAR SUSPENSION

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.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

KENWORTH/C500/2005
KENWORTH/T2000/2005
KENWORTH/T600/2005
KENWORTH/T800/2005
KENWORTH/W900/2005

NHTSA Campaign Number: 05V-237

Recall Date: May 19, 2005

Components:

SUSPENSION:REAR

Potential Number of Units Affected: 850

Summary:

THE C65-1006 SWAY BAR USED IN THE AIRGLIDE HIGH-ARTICULATION REAR SUSPENSION ON CERTAIN TRUCKS AND TRACTORS MAY EXPERIENCE A REDUCTION IN FATIGUE LIFE DUE TO EITHER A MANUFACTURING PROCESS OR A HIGH INDUCED STRESS DURING AN EXTREME SUSPENSION ARTICULATION EVENT.

Consequence:

BOTH OF THESE CONDITIONS CAN LEAD TO A FAILURE OF THE SWAY BAR WHICH COULD CAUSE THE REAR AXLE TO COME LOOSE, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

THE INSPECTION AND REPAIR OF THESE VEHICLES WILL DEPEND ON THE TYPE OF VEHICLE (TRACTOR OR TRUCK) AND THE INTENDED SERVICE APPLICATION. THIS INSPECT AND REPAIR CRITERIA WILL BE FORTHCOMING. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED THE OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS SHOULD CONTACT KENWORTH AT 1-425-828-5440.

Notes:

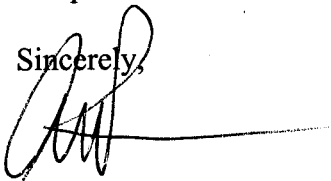
KENWORTH RECALL NO. 05KW4. CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S AUTO SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236.

Effective October 21, 2004, a manufacturer must provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year) when submitting a defect/noncompliance report (Part 573.6).

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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).

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,



George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division