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NVS-215  
05V-570

Subject: VARIABLE VALVE ACTUATION OIL LINE/OIL LEAK

Dear MR. BROWNSTEIN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

KENWORTH/C500/2004-2006  
KENWORTH/T2000/2004-2006  
KENWORTH/T600/2004-2006  
KENWORTH/T800/2004-2006  
KENWORTH/W900/2004-2006  
PETERBILT/357/2004-2006  
PETERBILT/378/2004-2006  
PETERBILT/379/2004-2006  
PETERBILT/385/2004-2006  
PETERBILT/387/2004-2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 05V-570

**Mfg's Report Date:** December 21, 2005

**Components:** ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 30,995

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN TRACTORS EQUIPPED WITH CATERPILLAR DIESEL ENGINES, THE VARIABLE VALVE ACTUATION OIL LINE MAY WEAR AGAINST THE SHARP EDGE OF THE CYLINDER HEAD IF NOT POSITIONED CORRECTLY.

**Consequence:**

THE OIL LINE MAY BE CUT ON THE CYLINDER HEAD CAUSING AN OIL LEAK AND A POSSIBLE FIRE.

**Remedy:**

CATERPILLAR, IN CONJUNCTION WITH PACCAR, WILL BE CONDUCTING THE OWNER NOTIFICATION AND REMEDY FOR THIS CAMPAIGN FREE OF CHARGE. OWNERS MAY CALL CATERPILLAR AT 309-675-6496, KENWORTH AT 425-828-5440, OR PETERBILT AT 940-591-4201.

**Notes:**

KENWORTH RECALL NO. 05KW7 AND PETERBILT RECALL NO. 1205E. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

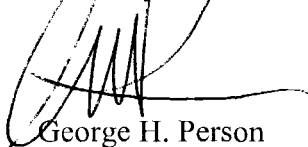
The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

Please provide us with the beginning and ending dates for the build date range [of vehicles] affected by this recall.

As stated in your report, Caterpillar will be handling the owner notification, remedy, and quarterly reporting for this campaign. However, please be advised that 49 CFR 573.5 provides that the vehicle manufacturer is responsible for any safety related defect or any noncompliance in the vehicle or any item of original equipment. If Caterpillar's campaign is not satisfactory, you may be required to conduct a follow-up notification.

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](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement