

April 20, 2005

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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: Accuride Aluminum Wheels
Kenworth Recall No.: 05KW2**

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OFFICE OF DEFECTS INVESTIGATION
NHTSA

Dear Mr. Person:

PACCAR Inc is furnishing notification to NHTSA in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." The defect involves vehicles manufactured by the Kenworth Truck Company Division of PACCAR Inc.

Description of the Defect

Certain aluminum wheels manufactured by Accuride were not properly pre-stressed. Accuride states this could allow cracks to develop over time and may eventually lead to wheel failure and possibly result in a vehicle crash. The defective wheel is manufactured by Accuride Wheels of Henderson, KY. Accuride has identified a process issue which is responsible and is limited to one model wheel, size 22.5 x 8.25, 15 degree, tubeless and Accuride part number 29644ANP.

Identification of Affected Vehicles

Kenworth has determined the recall affects 20 Kenworth model year 2006 W900 vehicles manufactured in Renton, WA between March 4 and March 15, 2005. All units were sold to a single customer.

Chronology of Events Leading to Recall

On March 24 Accuride sent an Email notifying the PACCAR Purchasing department that they had notified NHTSA of a defect in the wheel identified above. On April 19 this notification was received by Kenworth. On April 20 the Kenworth Safety Committee determined that a safety related defect existed and a recall should be initiated.

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Description of Remedy

All of these wheels will be replaced on all 20 vehicles.

Identification of Recall Schedule

Kenworth has notified the single customer of the recall and has assigned recall No. "05KW2" for this recall. Arrangements for replacement of the wheels have already begun. Kenworth will assume responsibility for quarterly reporting.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth R. Brownstein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "K" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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