

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
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Washington, D.C. 20590

05V-417
(2 pages)

Re: **Bosch #305 Parking Brake Assembly**
Kenworth Recall No.: 05KW5
Peterbilt Recall No.: 905C

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 and Peterbilt divisions of PACCAR Inc.

Description of the Defect

PACCAR's Kenworth and Peterbilt divisions have been notified by Bosch of a defect in the anchor bolt of some of its model 305 Parking Brake Assemblies. These assemblies were used on vehicles fitted with hydraulic brakes only. Bosch has discovered that a different coating was applied to the bolt which did not meet their specification. This could reduce the fatigue life of the bolt and lead to premature failure. If this bolt were to fail there is a potential for the truck to roll away while parked without warning. Both Kenworth and Peterbilt have determined this is not an immediate and substantial threat to motor vehicle safety.

Identification of Affected Vehicles

Kenworth has determined approximately 245, 2005 and 2006 model year Kenworth T300 vehicles were manufactured with the subject brake assembly between June 15, 2004 and March 30, 2005. Peterbilt has determined this assembly was used on approximately 88, 2005 or 2006 Peterbilt model 330s during the same period.

Chronology of Events Leading to Recall

On June 21, 2005, Bosch contacted PACCAR's Kenworth and Peterbilt divisions regarding an issue involving these parts. Kenworth and Peterbilt assisted Bosch in evaluation studies to determine the effect of a reduction in fatigue life of this bolt. In late August PACCAR was advised that a failure of the bolt could cause the parking brake not to activate. On September 12, 2005 both divisions Safety Committees decided to initiate a recall of the affected vehicles.

Description of Remedy

Kenworth and Peterbilt will each initiate a Safety Recall of all affected vehicles. The recall repair will consist of inspection of the Parking Brake Assembly and replacement of defective bolts.

Identification of Recall Schedule

Kenworth and Peterbilt anticipate that the owner notification letters will be mailed on September 23, 2005. Dealer instructions will be sent within 30 days. Kenworth's recall number for this campaign is 05KW5. Peterbilt's recall number for this campaign is 905-C. PACCAR's truck divisions will administer the recalls. PACCAR will provide the quarterly reporting.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kenneth R. Brownstein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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