

Law Department

December 21, 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: **CAT C15 Diesel Engines**  
**NHTSA Recall No.: 05E-078**  
**Kenworth Recall No.: 05KW7**  
**Peterbilt Recall No.: 1205E**

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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

Caterpillar determined that a defect exists in the placement of the Variable Valve Actuation (VVA) oil line used on the 6 cylinder, 15L Turbocharged and air to air after cooled diesel engines of 435-550 Horsepower. The VVA oil line may wear against the sharp edge of the cylinder head if not oriented correctly. The oil line may be cut on the cylinder head causing an oil leak and a possible fire.

Identification of Affected Vehicles

Kenworth has identified 12,729 vehicles with the involved C15 engines; Models C500, T2000, T600, T800, and W900 vehicles in model years 2004, 2005 and 2006. Peterbilt identified 18,266 vehicles with the involved C15 engines; Model 357, 378, 379 385 and 387 model year 2004, 2005 and 2006 vehicles.

Chronology of Events Leading to Recall

On December 16, 2005 Caterpillar notified Kenworth and Peterbilt it had filed a notice of Defect, 573 Letter with NHTSA regarding Caterpillar C15 diesel engines. On December 19, 2005 Kenworth's Safety Committee agreed that a recall should be conducted. On December 20, 2005 Peterbilt's Safety Committees agreed that a recall should be conducted.

Description of Remedy

Names and addresses of owners have been provided to Caterpillar. Vehicle owners will be contacted by Caterpillar. Caterpillar will complete the recall as outlined in their 573 notification utilizing its dealer network. Dealers will inspect and install a second clip on the VVA oil line, and replace the oil line if necessary.

Identification of Recall Schedule

Caterpillars has outlined its schedule in a note to NHTSA. The Kenworth number for this campaign is "05KW7". The Peterbilt number for this campaign is "1205E". PACCAR and Caterpillar have agreed that Caterpillar will provide notification to customers and will conduct the recall through its distribution network. Quarterly reports will be filed by Caterpillar.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kenneth R. Brownstein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

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Senior Counsel

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