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Attn: Mr. George Person

**06V-447
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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: TRW Commercial Steering Inc. Tilt/Telescoping Steering Column
Kenworth Recall No.: 06KW2**

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 division of PACCAR Inc.

Description of the Defect

PACCAR's Kenworth division and TRW Commercial Steering Inc. have determined that there is a potential safety defect with TRW's design of the TRW tilt/telescoping steering column. Under certain extreme conditions the tilt locking mechanism on the steering column may disengage, preventing the steering column from locking in to predetermined positions. Should the locking mechanism disengage, the tilting travel of the column would be unrestricted. This unrestricted travel allows the steering wheel to impact the dash and could limit the movement of the steering wheel potentially resulting in difficulty maneuvering the vehicle.

Identification of Affected Vehicles

Kenworth has identified 443, 2007 and 2008 year vehicles, models T600, T800 and W900 manufactured between June 6, 2006 and November 9, 2006.

Chronology of Events Leading to Recall

On November 1, 2006 the Kenworth Chillicothe manufacturing facility determined that under certain conditions the tilt locking mechanism of the steering column may fail allowing the steering wheel to tilt unexpectedly and contact the vehicle dash. Over the next several days TRW and Kenworth conducted an investigation of this problem. On November 5, 2006 it was determined that although the loading condition was severe and may not occur in the normal operation of the vehicle, there is a design defect in the steering column tilt locking mechanism.

Description of Remedy

Kenworth/TRW implemented a production / field fix for the tilt locking mechanisms of these columns. The revised design incorporates a new bracket for restraining the tilting mechanism of the steering column and preventing it from disengaging.

Identification of Recall Schedule

The Kenworth number for this campaign is "06KW2". Kenworth will administer the recall.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kenneth R. Brownstein". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "K" and a long, sweeping underline.

Kenneth R. Brownstein
Senior Counsel

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