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NVS-215dgl
07V-217

Subject: FRONT AXLE BRAKE

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/C500/2007-2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 07V-217

Mfg's Report Date: May 16, 2007

Components: STRUCTURE: BODY: HOOD

Potential Number of Units Affected: 61

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS, THE REAR HOOD MOUNTING BRACKETS CAN CONTACT THE FRONT AXLE BRAKE CHAMBER DURING FULL AXLE ARTICULATION.

Consequence:

IF CONTACT OCCURS, TWO POSSIBLE SCENARIOS MAY RESULT: (1) THE FRONT BRAKE CHAMBER MAY BE DAMAGED TO A POINT RESULTING IN THE LOSS OF AIR; OR (2) CAUSE SUDDEN FULL APPLICATION OF ONE OF THE BRAKES ON THE FRONT AXLE OR THE FRONT BRAKE CHAMBER MAY BE DAMAGED CAUSING A REDUCTION IN BRAKING CAPACITY, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE BRAKE CHAMBER AND SURROUNDING COMPONENTS FOR ANY DAMAGE AND MODIFY THE REAR HOOD SUPPORT BRACKET TO ELIMINATE THE POTENTIAL FOR INTERFERENCE. IF ANY BRAKE COMPONENTS IS DAMAGED, THE DEALER WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO REPLACE THE COMPONENTS FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KENWORTH AT 425-828-5440.

Notes:

PACCAR/KENWORTH RECALL NO. 07KW9. CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Please provide an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year).

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

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@dot.gov or delia.lopez@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,


for George H. Person, Chief
Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement