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07V-213
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Re: **C500 Hood Mount Bracket Interference**
Kenworth Recall No.: 07KW9

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 has determined that there is a potential safety defect with respect to the rear hood mounting brackets on some C500 vehicles. The rear hood mounting brackets can contact the front axle brake chamber during full axle articulation. If contact occurs, two possible scenarios may result:

- The front brake chamber may be damaged to a point resulting in the loss of air or cause sudden full application of one of the brake(s) on the front axle or

The front brake chamber may be damaged causing a reduction in braking capacity.

Identification of Affected Vehicles

Kenworth has identified 61 vehicles that may have the safety defect described above. Affected models are 2007 and 2008 C500 vehicles manufactured between April 4, 2006 and March 29, 2007.

Chronology of Events Leading to Recall

Kenworth Quality Services received notification of an incident regarding the above problem from Kenworth Field Service on or about March 2, 2007. Upon receipt of this information, Quality Services requested that engineering verify the alleged interference. Engineering performed various axle articulation studies involving both bump and rebound conditions at different turn angles. They discovered that when the front axle is in a full bump condition regardless of wheel position, the brake chamber will contact the lower section of the rear hood support bracket.

Description of Remedy

Kenworth 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 component(s) is damaged, the dealer will be instructed to replace the component(s).

Identification of Recall Schedule

The Kenworth number for this campaign is "07KW9". Kenworth will administer the recall.

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 'B'.

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