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of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
08V-104

Subject: PINTLE HOOK ATTACHMENT BOLTS/PREMIER

Dear MR. WALTON:

This letter serves to acknowledge PACCAR Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below, for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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/T800/2007-2009
KENWORTH/W900/2007-2009
PETERBILT/357/2007-2009
PETERBILT/365/2007-2009
PETERBILT/367/2007-2009
PETERBILT/378/2007-2009
PETERBILT/379/2007-2009
PETERBILT/384/2007-2009
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PETERBILT/386/2007-2009
PETERBILT/388/2007-2009
PETERBILT/389/2007-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-104

Mfg's Report Date: March 6, 2008

Components: TRAILER HITCHES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 318

Summary:

PACCAR IS RECALLING 318 MY 2007-2009 KENWORTH T800, W900 AND PETERBILT 357, 365, 367, 378, 379, 384, 385, 386, 388, AND 389 TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH PREMIER TRAILER HITCH ASSEMBLIES. THE PIVOT PIN HAS BEEN MANUFACTURED OUT OF SPECIFICATION RESULTING IN A REDUCTION OF FATIGUE STRENGTH OF THE PIVOT PINS.

Consequence:

THIS REDUCTION COULD CAUSE THE PIVOT PIN TO CRACK AND EVENTUALLY BREAK CAUSING THE TRAILER TO DETACH FROM THE TRUCK WHILE IN MOTION.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE POTENTIALLY DEFECTIVE PIVOT PIN FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNER MAY CONTACT KENWORTH AT 1-425-828-5440 OR PETERBILT AT 1-940-591-4196.

Notes:

KENWORTH RECALL NO. 08KW4 AND PETERBILT RECALL NO. 208D. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

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, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Patricia Wallace".

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