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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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08V-176

Subject: FIFTH WHEELS/SAF-HOLLAND SIMPLEX

Dear MR. WALTON:

This letter serves to acknowledge Paccar Incorporated'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/T600/2007
KENWORTH/T800/2007
KENWORTH/W900/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-176

Mfg's Report Date: April 14, 2008

Components: TRAILER HITCHES: FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLIES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 172

Summary:

PACCAR IS RECALLING 172 MY 2007 KENWORTH T800 SHORT HOOD, W900 LONG HOOD AND T600 TRACTOR/TRAILERS EQUIPPED WITH SAF-HOLLAND SIMPLEX FIFTH WHEELS. IF THE PIVOT BOLT JOINT FOR THE LEVER BAR IS OVER TORQUED, THE SPACER DEFORMS, AND MAKES CONTACT WITH THE LEVER BAR. THIS CONDITION COUPLED WITH CORROSION ASSOCIATED WITH THE SEASONAL DRY OUT, CAN AFFECT THE LOCK SYSTEM OF THE FIFTH WHEEL, PREVENTING THE FIFTH WHEEL JAW FROM LATCHING SECURELY AROUND THE TRAILER KING PIN.

Consequence:

THE FIFTH WHEEL MAY FAIL TO LATCH WITHOUT THE OPERATOR'S KNOWLEDGE, CAUSING THE TRACTOR AND TRAILER TO DISENGAGE INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

KENWORTH IS WORKING WITH SAF-HOLLAND AND WILL INSPECT THE PIVOT BOLT JOINT FOR A DEFORMED SPACER AND REPLACE THE BOLT, WASHER AND SPACER WITH A HEX-HEAD SHOULDER BOLT AND WASHER FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KENWORTH AT 1-425-828-5440 OR SAF-HOLLAND AT 1-231-773-3271.

Notes:

PACCAR RECALL NO. 08KW7. 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).

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).

A separate equipment recall identification number will be assigned for the 292 fifth wheel assemblies sold by Paccar Parts.

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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" followed by a small flourish.

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