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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
08V-190

SUBJECT: TRAILER CABLE CONNECTION

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/C500/2007
KENWORTH/T600/2007
KENWORTH/T800/2007
KENWORTH/T2000/2007
KENWORTH/W900/2007

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-190

Mfg's Report Date: April 24, 2008

Components: TRAILER HITCHES: FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,573

Summary:

PACCAR IS RECALLING 3,573 MY 2007 KENWORTH C500, T600, T800, T2000, AND W900 CHASSIS BUILT WITH PHILLIPS QCS II TRAILER CABLE CONNECTION AND TRAILER CABLE MOUNTING BRACKET WITH 'U-SHAPED' CUT OUT. CERTAIN TRAILER CABLE MOUNTING BRACKETS HAVE A 'U-SHAPED' CUT OUT THAT ONLY PARTIALLY SUPPORTS THE TRAILER CABLE CONNECTION. PARTIAL SUPPORT OF THE CABLE CONNECTION MAY ALLOW THE MOLDED BOOT AND ELECTRICAL GROUND PIN TO PARTIALLY OR COMPLETELY PULL AWAY FROM THE 7-WAY SOCKET. PARTIAL OR COMPLETE DETACHMENT OF THE CABLE CONNECTION CAN CAUSE REDUCED WATER RESISTANCE AND POTENTIAL LOSS OF ELECTRICAL GROUND. THERE IS ALSO A POSSIBILITY THE TRAILER LIGHTS MAY FAIL TO ILLUMINATE WITHOUT THE OPERATOR'S KNOWLEDGE.

Consequence:

IF THIS CONDITION WERE TO OCCUR, OTHER MOTORISTS MAY NOT BE WARNED OF THE TRACTOR/TRAILER MOVEMENTS, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL A REINFORCEMENT BRACKET BETWEEN THE FLEXIBLE BACK OF THE QCS II MOLDED BOOT AND THE FRAME BRACKET, AND REATTACH THE SUPPORTING BOLTS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MAY 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KENWORTH AT 1-425-828-5440.

Notes:

KENWORTH RECALL NO. 08KW6. 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).

This recall was the subject of a Preliminary Evaluation, PE08-011, conducted by the Office of Defects Investigation.

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6 except for the following items:

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).

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

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).

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 for".

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