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of Transportation

**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
08V-280

Subject: HEADLIGHT HARNESS ROUTING/HOOD SAFETY LATCH

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/T660/2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-280

Mfg's Report Date: June 24, 2008

Components: LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES:HOOD:LATCH

Potential Number of Units Affected: 62

Summary:

PACCAR IS RECALLING 62 MY 2009 KENWORTH T660 TRUCKS. THE 90 DEGREE STANDOFF MOUNTED ON THE FRONT BUMPER SUPPORT MAY COME INTO CONTACT WITH THE HOOD STRUT, WHICH MAY RESULT IN A NON-OPERATIONAL HOOD SAFETY LATCH. THE SAFETY LATCH PREVENTS THE HOOD FROM CLOSING.

Consequence:

A NON-OPERATIONAL SAFETY LATCH MAY NOT BE DETECTED BY A DRIVER OR MECHANIC AND COULD INCREASE THE RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY OR VEHICLE DAMAGE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL RELOCATE THE 90 DEGREE STANDOFF AND REROUTE THE HEADLIGHT HARNESS AWAY FROM THE HOOD STRUT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE THE CLEARANCE NEEDED. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KENWORTH AT 1-425-828-5440.

Notes:

PACCAR RECALL NO. 08KW8. 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).

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 black ink, appearing to read "G. Person", written in a cursive style.

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