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Re: **Insufficient Axle U-Bolt Torque on Air Glide (AG)380 Suspension**
Kenworth Recall No.: 08KW9

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

The axle u-bolts attaching the axle to the drive beam on certain AG380 rear suspensions may have received insufficient fastener torque during the installation process. The insufficient torque may allow the axle u-bolt to loosen over time which, if undetected, could impact long term suspension performance and possibly increase the risk of an accident.

Identification of Affected Vehicles

Kenworth has identified 1,189 vehicles manufactured from April 1, 2008 to June 16, 2008. The models affected are 2009 T2000, T600, T660, T800 and W900.

Chronology of Events Leading to Recall

This issue was discovered on or about June 11, 2008 during the course of a customer audit of AG380 suspension torque values. The chassis' audited were all assembled at the Kenworth Chillicothe manufacturing plant. Chillicothe confirmed on June 18, 2008 that the torque tool ordinarily used to install the axle u-bolt had been inoperable since April 1, 2008 and that an impact gun had been used as a replacement tool.

Description of Remedy

Kenworth will have the axle u-bolts on the affected chassis re-torqued to factory specifications. Kenworth anticipates that it will commence its recall notification within the next 30 days.

Identification of Recall Schedule

The Kenworth number for this campaign is "08KW9."

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Walton".

Mike Walton
Counsel

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