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08V-485
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Re: **Brake Assemblies and Airslide (AG) 400 Rear Suspension with Long Stroke Brake Chambers and Wide Based Tires**
Kenworth Recall No.: 08KWB

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. Peterbilt Motors Company is not affected by this recall.

Manufacturer - 573.6(c)(1)
Kenworth Truck Company
10630 NE 38th Pl
Kirkland, WA 98033

Identification of Affected Vehicles - 573.6(c)(2)
Unknown at this time. Kenworth is investigating the number of affected vehicles and will supplement this notice with the affected vehicle population within 30 days.

Population of Affected Vehicles - 573.6(c)(3)
Unknown at this time. See above.

Number of Vehicles Known to Contain Defect - 573.6(c)(4)
Unknown at this time.

Description of the Defect - 574.6(c)(5)
A vehicle configuration which includes an AG400 rear suspension, long stroke brake chambers and wide base tires (super singles), may develop an increase in lateral and vertical axle movement. This movement may cause part or parts of the brake assembly (i.e., brake cam tube support, brake chamber bracket, brake chamber, brake spider) to develop fatigue cracks, possibly resulting in the failure of the part or parts within the brake assembly. A failure may reduce vehicle braking performance.

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Chronology of Events Leading to Recall - 574(c)(6)

On August 26, 2008, NHTSA notified Kenworth it had received two vehicle owner questionnaires related to the failure of brake assemblies in two 2007 T2000 trucks. At the time of NHTSA's inquiry, Kenworth's Safety & Compliance Department had been investigating the issue.

In the two week period subsequent to NHTSA's inquiry, Kenworth identified a particular vehicle configuration (involving a AG400 rear suspension, long stroke brake chambers and wide base tires (super singles)) as a significant contributor to brake assembly fatigue cracking. Kenworth Safety & Compliance notified NHTSA of its findings and decided that Kenworth would notify customers with the above stated configuration of this potential safety defect.

Description of Remedy - 573.6(c)(8)

Kenworth is investigating potential remedies and will supplement this notification within the next 30 days.

Communications Sent to Dealers and Owners - 573(c)(10)

Kenworth anticipates notification will be made to dealers and customers within the next 60 days.

Copy of Proposed Owner Notification Letter - 573.6(c)(11)

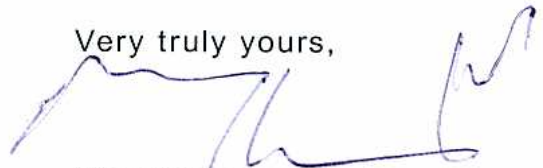
A draft of the customer letter will be sent for ODI to review and approve when available.

Identification of Recall Schedule - 573.6(c)(12)

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

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

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mike Walton", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

Mike Walton
Counsel

cc: Tom Bowman
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