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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
09V-140

SUBJECT: MISSING CALIPER TIE BAR ON REAR HYDRAULIC BRAKE

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 Federal law.

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/T270/2008-2009
KENWORTH/T370/2009

Mfg's Report Date: April 17, 2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-140

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, HYDRAULIC

Potential Number of Units Affected: 2

Summary:

PACCAR IS RECALLING 2 MY 2009 KENWORTH T270 AND T370 4X2 TRUCKS. THE ANCHOR PLATE TIE BAR WHICH REINFORCES THE ANCHOR PLATE ON 73MM CALIPERS WAS NOT INSTALLED. UNDER HIGH TORQUE BRAKE APPLICATIONS THE SLIDE PINS COULD BIND, RESULTING IN A REDUCTION OF THE BRAKING EFFORT AND/OR BRAKE DRAG CAUSED BY INCOMPLETE BRAKE RELEASE; OR THE ANCHOR PLATE COULD FATIGUE, RESULTING IN A CRACKED AND/OR FRACTURE ANCHOR PLATE.

Consequence:

THIS CONDITION COULD RESULT IN REDUCED BRAKING CAPACITY AND INCREASED STOPPING DISTANCES, OR PART OF THE ANCHOR PLATE COULD SEPARATE AND FALL ONTO THE ROADWAY. EITHER OF THESE COULD INCREASE THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE BRAKES ON THE AFFECTED CHASSIS FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE ANCHOR PLATE TIE BAR; AND INSTALL THE ANCHOR PLATE TIE BAR IF MISSING FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MAY 2009. OWNER MAY CONTACT KENWORTH AT 425-828-5440.

Notes:

PETERBILT RECALL NO. 409B & KENWORTH RECALL NO. 09KW2. 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.

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 contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at 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 be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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