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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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09V-229

SUBJECT: AIR TUBE EXPANDER FITTING

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/T800S/2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-229

Mfg's Report Date: June 15, 2009

Components: POWER TRAIN: AXLE ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 9

Summary:

KENWORTH IS RECALLING 9 MY 2009 T800S VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH DANA FRONT AXLE. THE BRAKE SPIDER MOUNTING FASTENERS ATTACHING THE BRAKE SPIDER TO THE FRONT STEER AXLE FLANGE MAY HAVE RECEIVED INSUFFICIENT TORQUE DURING THE INSTALLATION PROCESS. THE INSUFFICIENT TORQUE MAY ALLOW THE BRAKE SPIDER FASTENERS AND BRAKE SPIDER TO BECOME LOOSE.

Consequence:

THIS CAN ALLOW THE FASTENERS TO SHEAR AND FALL EITHER ONTO THE ROADWAY OR INTO THE DRUM BRAKE ASSEMBLY, POTENTIALLY ALLOWING THE BRAKE TO BIND AND CAUSING INCREASED STOPPING DISTANCE AND A CRASH COULD OCCUR.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND REPLACE THE BRAKE SPIDER MOUNTING FASTENERS AND TORQUE THEM PROPERLY, AS WELL AS REVIEW THE BRAKE SPIDER AND STEER AXLE FLANGE HOLES FOR SIGNS OF VIBRATION AND FATIGUE AND REPLACE IF NECESSARY. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNER MAY CONTACT KENWORTH AT 425-828-5440.

Notes:

KENWORTH RECALL NO. 09KW6. 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 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 toward a 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