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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl  
09V-415

**SUBJECT: INSUFFICIENT AXLE U-BOLT TORQUE ON AIR GLIDE**

**DEAR MR. WALTON:**

This letter serves to acknowledge PACCAR Inc's amended notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

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/T2000/2009-2010  
KENWORTH/T660/2009-2010  
KENWORTH/T800/2009-2010  
KENWORTH/W900/2009-2010

**Mfg's Report Date:** November 9, 2009

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 09V-415

**Components:** POWER TRAIN: AXLE ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 914

**Summary:**

KENWORTH IS RECALLING MODEL YEAR 2009 THROUGH 2010 T2000, T800, T660 AND W900 TRUCKS MANUFACTURED BETWEEN NOVEMBER 12, 2008 AND SEPTEMBER 30, 2009. THE AXLE U-BOLTS ATTACHING THE AXLE TO THE SUSPENSION LEAF SPRING ON CERTAIN AG400L REAR SUSPENSIONS MAY HAVE RECEIVED INSUFFICIENT FASTENER TORQUE DURING THE INSTALLATION PROCESS. THE INSUFFICIENT TORQUE MAY ALLOW THE AXLE U-BOLT TO BECOME LOOSE, WHICH MAY CAUSE VIBRATION IN THE REAR SUSPENSION.

**Consequence:**

IF MULTIPLE FASTENERS WERE TO BECOME LOOSE, THE REAR AXLE MAY SHIFT RELATIVE TO THE REAR SUSPENSION LEAF SPRING, WHICH CAN RESULT IN LOSS OF CONTROL AND A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE AXLE U-BOLTS FOR VISIBLE DEFECTS, INCLUDING BENT AND/OR SMASHED THREADS AND RE-TORQUING THE AXLE U-BOLTS TO FACTORY SPECIFICATIONS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING DECEMBER 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KENWORTH AT 425-828-5440.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS MAY 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 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](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto: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 read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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