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Attn: Mr. George Person

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George H. Person
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Office of Defects Investigation (NEF-111)
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National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: **T2000 Air Tube Expander Fitting**

Dear Mr. Person:

Kenworth Truck Company has determined that a non-compliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) 106 exists in the motor vehicles described below. Kenworth is furnishing notification to NHTSA in accordance with 49 CFR part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports."

Description of the Defect

An air tube expander fitting used between the air tube inlet and dash air gauges for the trailer does not meet the burst pressure requirement of FMVSS 106. The burst pressure requirement for plastic air brake tubing and fittings is 1,200 PSI for ¼ inch outer diameter tube size.

Chronology of Events Leading to Recall

FMVSS 106 was updated in December, 2007. The burst pressure of plastic air brake tubing and fittings was changed from 800 psi to 1,200 psi for ¼ inch outer diameter tube size.

Many of the gauges in the T2000 use ¼ inch tubing and were updated to conform with FMVSS 106. One low-use combination (sales codes 8221136 related to the trailer reservoir air pressure gauge and 8221137, related to the trailer application gauge) was overlooked. The tubing was updated, but the expander fitting (Legris A168 56 04) was not, resulting in a noncompliance. The nonconforming expander fitting was only used for the gauge combination described above.

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Identification of Affected Vehicles

Kenworth has identified 13 vehicles manufactured between January 1, 2008 and July 9, 2008. The vehicles affected are 2009 model T2000's.

Description of Remedy

Kenworth will inspect and, if necessary, replace the expander fitting with a part (Legris 3168 56 04DOT) which is rated to 1,200 psi and is compliant with FMVSS 106.

Kenworth will provide the required reporting summaries to NHTSA and Transport Canada. The costs incurred by the recall will be covered by Kenworth.

Identification of Recall Schedule

The Kenworth number for this campaign is "09KW5". Kenworth will administer the recall.

Please let me know if there are any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. Walton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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