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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
10V-162

SUBJECT: MEDIUM DUTY HOOD ANTI-BLOWDOWN DEVICE

DEAR MR. BODEGRAVEN:

This letter serves to acknowledge PACCAR Inc's 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:

PETERBILT/325/2010-2011
PETERBILT/330/2010-2011
PETERBILT/335/2010-2011
PETERBILT/337/2010-2011
PETERBILT/340/2010-2011
PETERBILT/348/2010-2011

Mfg's Report Date: April 16, 2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-162

Components: LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGES: HOOD: LATCH

Potential Number of Units Affected: 268

Summary:

PETERBILT IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 AND 2011 MODEL 325, 330, 335, 337, 340, AND 348 TRUCKS. THE HOOD ANTI-BLOWDOWN DEVICE IS DESIGNED TO PREVENT UNINTENDED AND UNEXPECTED HOOD CLOSURE. THE DEVICE WITHIN CAN BECOME HINDERED OR INOPERATIVE DUE TO UNINTENTIONAL LATCH MOVEMENT WHICH INTERFERES WITH THE HOOD PIVOT J-HOOK, LATCH MISALIGNMENT, OR LATCH FALLOUT.

Consequence:

AN UNINTENDED LATCH CLOSURE CAN CAUSE PERSONAL INJURY.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSTALL HOOD ANTI-BLOWDOWN RETENTION CABLES TO THE RADIATOR AND HOOD ASSEMBLIES FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MAY 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PETERBILT AT 940-591-4196.

Notes:

PETERBILT RECALL NO. 0410-B. 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 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