



U.S. Department  
of Transportation  
**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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NVS-215dgl  
10V-266

**SUBJECT: HOOD STRUT SAFETY LATCH RETAINING PINS**

**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:**  
KENWORTH/T660/2009-2010

**Mfg's Report Date:** June 10, 2010

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 10V-266

**Components:** LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGE: HOOD: LATCH

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 4,796

**Summary:**

KENWORTH IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2009 THROUGH 2010 T660 TRACTOR TRAILORS MANUFACTURED FROM JULY 1, 2008 THROUGH JULY 31, 2009. THE RETAINING PINS SECURING THE HOOD STRUT LOCK TUBE TO THE HOOD STRUT ASSEMBLY MAY BECOME LOOSE AND FALL OUT ALLOWING THE LOCK TUBE TO ROTATE ON THE STRUT ASSEMBLY. IN ITS NORMAL OPERATION THE SAFETY LATCH FEATURE IS AUTOMATICALLY SET AND IT PREVENTS THE HOOD FROM CLOSING. WITH THE HOOD CLOSED AND THE RETAINING PINS MISSING, THE LOCK TUBE MAY ROTATE RELATIVE TO THE HOOD STRUT RESULTING IN A NON-OPERATIONAL SAFETY LATCH FEATURE WHEN THE HOOD IS OPENED.

**Consequence:**

A NON-OPERATIONAL SAFETY LATCH FEATURE MAY NOT BE DETECTED BY AN OPERATOR INCREASING THE RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY AND/OR VEHICLE DAMAGE SHOULD THE HOOD UNEXPECTEDLY CLOSE.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE PIVOT DISC AND LOCK TUBE RETAINING PINS WITH A REVISED PIVOT DISC AND CAP SCREWS. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JUNE 2010. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KENWORTH AT 1-425-828-5440.

**Notes:**

KENWORTH'S RECALL NUMBER IS 10KWE. 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](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 be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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