



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

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NVS-215dgl
10V-654

SUBJECT: KENWORTH/HOOD STRUT SAFETY LATCH

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/T660/2011
KENWORTH/T700/2011

Mfg's Report Date: December 22, 2010

NHTSA Campaign Number: 10V-654

Components: LATCHES/LOCKS/LINKAGE: HOOD: LATCH

Potential Number of Units Affected: 1,510

Summary:

KENWORTH IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 T660 AND T700 TRACTOR TRAILERS MANUFACTURED BETWEEN AUGUST 9, 2010, AND NOVEMBER 4, 2010. THE SAFETY LATCH FEATURE THAT KEEPS THE HOOD OF THE VEHICLE FROM CLOSING AFTER A USER OPENS THE HOOD MAY FAIL TO OPERATE.

Consequence:

FAILURE OF THE SAFETY LATCH FEATURE MAY CAUSE THE HOOD TO UNEXPECTEDLY CLOSE WHILE OPEN, INCREASING THE RISK OF PERSONAL INJURY AND/OR VEHICLE DAMAGE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE DUAL MAGNETS WITH A SINGLE MAGNET ON THE SAFETY LATCH. THIS SERVICE WILL BE PERFORMED FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JANUARY 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KENWORTH AT 1-425-828-5440.

Notes:

KENWORTH'S RECALL NUMBER IS 10KWK. 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 read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement