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Re: Medium Duty Hood Anti-Blowdown Device (0410-B)

Dear Mr. Person:

PACCAR Inc is furnishing notice to NHTSA in accordance with 49 C.F.R. part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports" of its intention to voluntarily recall the chassis listed below. The recall involves vehicles manufactured by the Peterbilt Motors Company division of PACCAR Inc.

Manufacturer – 573.6(c)(1)
Peterbilt Motors Company

Identification of Affected Vehicles - 573.6(c)(2)
The affected Peterbilt models are certain 2010 and 2011 model 325, 330, 335, 337, 340, and 348 Peterbilt trucks.

Population of Affected Vehicles - 573.6(c)(3)
Vehicles manufactured between November 28, 2008 and April 16, 2010 that may have the safety defect described below.

Number of Vehicles Known to Contain Defect - 573.6(c)(4)
There are 329 vehicles (268 U.S. and 61 Canadian chassis) within the affected population.

Description of the Defect – 573.6(c)(5)
The hood anti-blowdown device is designed to prevent unintended and unexpected hood closure. The device within the affected population can become hindered or inoperative due to unintentional latch movement which interferes with the hood pivot J-hook, latch misalignment, or latch fallout. An unintended latch closure can cause personal injury.

Chronology of Events Leading to Recall – 573.6(c)(6)

Peterbilt's St. Therese manufacturing plant discovered a truck with a nonfunctional hood anti-blowdown device during its quality control. A full investigation was launched on March 3, 2010, to determine the root cause of the failures and the affected population of trucks. Once the investigation concluded, the Safety Committee elected to recall the affected population.

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PACCAR Inc
Law Department

Description of Remedy – 573.6(c)(8)

Peterbilt will install hood anti-blowdown retention cables to the radiator and hood assemblies of the affected vehicles. Each truck that is retrofitted with the retention cables will also receive an Operator's Manual Supplement and a warning label applied to the side of the radiator explaining the use of the retention cables.

Communications Sent to Dealers and Owners - 573(c)(10)

Peterbilt anticipates notification will be made to dealers and customers within the next 30 days.

Copy of Proposed Owner Notification Letter - 573.6(c)(11)

A draft of the customer letter will be sent to NHTSA's Recall Management Division for review and approval prior to initiation of the recall.

Identification of Recall Schedule – 573.6(c)(12)

The Peterbilt number for this campaign is "0410-B". Peterbilt will administer the recall.

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

Very truly yours,



Brian Van Bodegraven
Claims Manager