



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

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NVS-215dgl
11V-281

SUBJECT: KENWORTH/QUICK RELEASE AIR VALVE/FMVSS 121

DEAR MR. BODEGRAVEN:

This letter serves to acknowledge Paccar Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety noncompliance with Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 121, "Air Brake Systems," for which a safety recall campaign 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/T440/2011-2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-281

Mfg's Report Date: May 10, 2011

Components: SERVICE BRAKE, AIR: SUPPLY: QUICK RELEASE VALVE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3

Summary:

PACCAR IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011-2012 KENWORTH T440 TRACTORS MANUFACTURED BETWEEN OCTOBER 18, 2010, AND FEBRUARY 9, 2011 FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD NO. 121, "AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS." THE QUICK RELEASE AIR VALVE REQUIRED IN THE FULL TRUCK SERVICE BRAKE AIR LINE GLADHAND CONNECTION MAY NOT HAVE BEEN INSTALLED. THE OMISSION OF THE QUICK RELEASE AIR VALVE MAY ALLOW THE FULL TRUCK SERVICE BRAKE AIR LINE GLADHAND RELEASE TIMING TO EXCEED THE THRESHOLD OF 0.75 SECONDS BY 1/10TH OF A SECOND, THEREBY FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE SAFETY STANDARD.

Consequence:

THE SERVICE BRAKE OF A TOWED VEHICLE OR TRAILER MAY HAVE A DELAYED RELEASE, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

KENWORTH DEALERS WILL INSTALL THE QUICK RELEASE AIR VALVE IN THE FULL TRUCK SERVICE BRAKE AIR LINE WITH GLADHAND CONNECTION. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN BY THE END OF JUNE 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PACCAR AT 1-425-468-7400.

Notes:

KENWORTH SAFETY RECALL NO. 11KWC. 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).

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

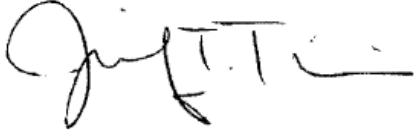
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

We have received your proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete. 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 the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, 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 long horizontal stroke at the end.

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