



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

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NVS-215dgl
11V-331

SUBJECT: DRIVELINE ASSEMBLIES/MERITOR

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/587/2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-331

Mfg's Report Date: June 22, 2011

Components: POWER TRAIN: DRIVELINES

Potential Number of Units Affected: 72

Summary:

PACCAR IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2012 PETERBILT 587 TRACTORS, MANUFACTURED FROM JANUARY 12, 2011, THROUGH MAY 20, 2011, EQUIPPED WITH MERITOR'S MAXTON DRIVELINE ASSEMBLIES. THE TUBING MAY HAVE A SEAM WELD WITH INSUFFICIENT BONDING. THE AFFECTED DRIVELINE ASSEMBLIES ARE RPL25 COUPLING SHAFTS AND SLIP SHAFTS (MAIN) DRIVELINE ASSEMBLIES.

Consequence:

THIS CAN RESULT IN SEAM WELD FRACTURE WHEN TORQUE IS APPLIED. ONCE THE TUBE SEAM WELD IS FRACTURED, THE DRIVELINE MAY BECOME INOPERABLE WHICH MAY RESULT IN A DISABLED VEHICLE OR DEBRIS FROM THE DRIVELINE MAY FALL ON THE ROADWAY, BOTH OF WHICH CAN INCREASE THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE MAIN DRIVE SHAFT, FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JULY 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PACCAR AT 1-425-468-7400.

Notes:

PETERBILT SAFETY RECALL NO. 611-A. 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).

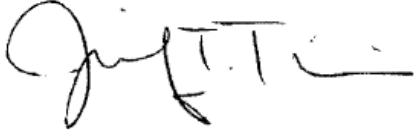
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

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 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