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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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11V-388

SUBJECT: FIFTH WHEEL PARTIAL COUPLING/FONTAINE/KENWORTH

DEAR MR. WALTON:

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/T700/2011

NHTSA Campaign Number: 11V-388

Mfg's Report Date: July 28, 2011

Components: TRAILER HITCHES: FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 10

Summary:

PACCAR IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2011 KENWORTH T700 VEHICLES EQUIPPED WITH FONTAINE ULTRA LT MODEL FIFTH WHEEL MANUFACTURED FROM OCTOBER 5, 2010, THROUGH OCTOBER 13, 2010. DURING THE TRAILER COUPLING PROCESS, IT IS POSSIBLE FOR A DRIVER TO PARTIALLY CLOSE THE FONTAINE ULTRA LT MODEL FIFTH WHEEL AROUND THE TRAILER KINGPIN WITHOUT THE FIFTH WHEEL BEING FULLY ENGAGED AND LOCKED.

Consequence:

A PARTIALLY COUPLED FIFTH WHEEL MAY RESULT IN A TRAILER UNEXPECTEDLY SEPARATING FROM THE TRACTOR, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

REPAIRS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED TO ALL AFFECTED CHASSIS BY THE EQUIPMENT SUPPLIER, FONTAINE. ACCORDINGLY, AN OWNER NOTIFICATION CAMPAIGN IS UNNECESSARY AND IS NOT PLANNED. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KENWORTH AT 1-425-828-5440.

Notes:

KENWORTH SAFETY RECALL NO. 11KWE. 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 a quarterly status report to validate that all affected vehicles have been remedied.

Please provide copies of any notices and other communications, if any, that were previously issued related to this recall.

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