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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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12V-214

SUBJECT: TRAILER BRAKE TIMING/FMVSS 121

DEAR MR. WALTON:

This letter serves to acknowledge Paccar, Inc.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a 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/T680/2013
PETERBILT/579/2013

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-214

Mfg's Report Date: May 15, 2012

Components: SERVICE BRAKES, AIR: SUPPLY: HOSES, LINES/PIPING, AND FITTINGS

Potential Number of Units Affected: 7

Summary:

PACCAR IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2013 KENWORTH T680, AND PETERBILT 579 VEHICLES, FOR FAILING TO COMPLY WITH THE REQUIREMENTS OF FEDERAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY STANDARD (FMVSS) NO. 121, "AIR BRAKE SYSTEMS." THESE VEHICLES EXCEED THE BRAKE TIMING TEST REQUIREMENTS OF FMVSS 121 FOR TRAILER CIRCUITS WHEN 15 FOOT COILED TRAILER LINES ARE USED.

Consequence:

THE LONGER BRAKE APPLY TIME MAY RESULT IN EXTENDED STOPPING DISTANCES, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

PACCAR WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND INSTALL A RELAY VALVE ON THE AFFECTED VEHICLES. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JULY 2012. OWNER MAY CONTACT KENWORTH AT 1-425-828-5440 AND PETERBILT AT 1-940-591-4196.

Notes:

KENWORTH'S RECALL NUMBER IS 12KWB. PETERBILT'S RECALL NUMBER IS 0512-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:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of an issue in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA. 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.

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 Edison Thompson who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, or by email at Edison.Thompson@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 written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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