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Re: Kenworth T680 Upper Bunk Warning Label Deformation  
Kenworth Recall No.: 12KWE

Dear Ms. Timian:

PACCAR Inc is furnishing notice to NHTSA in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 "Defect and Noncompliance Reports" of its intention to voluntarily recall the chassis listed below. This recall involves vehicles manufactured by the Kenworth Truck Company division of PACCAR Inc.

Manufacturer - 573.6(c)(1)  
Kenworth Truck Company  
10630 NE 38th Pl.  
Kirkland, WA 98033

Identification of Affected Vehicles - 573.6(c)(2)  
The affected Kenworth models are certain 2013 model year T680 trucks built with a U53-1023-100, U53-1023-200, or U53-1023-300 warning label.

Population of Affected Vehicles - 573.6(c)(3)  
The recall affects 21 U.S. registered Kenworth vehicles manufactured between January 19, 2012 and May 15, 2012.

Number of Vehicles Known to Contain Defect - 573.6(c)(4)  
All of the affected trucks may contain the safety defect described below.

Description of the Defect - 573.6(c)(5)  
The warning label located on the front of the upper bunk may deform after installation as a result of the outgassing of the plastic material on which it is placed. The result may be wrinkles and deformations of the label, which may make the label text unreadable.

The label warns customers that the upper bunk is not to be used while the vehicle is moving, that the bunk is to be latched in the stored and upright position when not in use, and that all

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front restraint buckles are to be fastened when the bunk is in the down position. It also specifies the maximum weight limit of the upper bunk.

If the warning label text is not readable and the customer has no notice of these safety recommendations, an occupant might be injured in a crash or upon sudden vehicle deceleration.

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

On July 3, 2012, the Kenworth Safety and Compliance department was notified of the delamination of the upper bunk warning label. An investigation was commenced and discussions ensued with the supplier of the label.

On July 6, 2012, the Kenworth Recall Committee determined that the absence of a readable warning label could affect motor vehicle safety in certain situations.

Description of Remedy - 573.6(c)(8)

The warning label will be replaced with a new label which does not deform or delaminate.

Communications Sent to Dealers and Owners – 573.6(c)(10)

Subject to NHTSA approval, PACCAR anticipates initial customer letters will be sent within the next 30 days.

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

The Kenworth number for this campaign is "12KWE".

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael K. Walton". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Michael K. Walton  
Counsel  
PACCAR Inc