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IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL

PACCAR International-Oklahoma Kenworth-Okla. City  
777 106th Ave NE  
Bellevue, WA 98004-5027

VIN: 1XKDD00X1DR338130

SUBJECT: SAFETY RECALL # 12KWA  
Bendix ATR-6 Antilock Traction Control Valve – Interim Repair  
EXPIRATION DATE: NONE

Dear Kenworth Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Kenworth Truck Company has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain vehicles built between January 31, 2011 and January 19, 2012, and equipped with Bendix ATR-6 brake valves. Our records indicate that your vehicle, identified by the VIN at the top of this letter, was manufactured within this time period and may contain the defect described herein.

In extremely cold conditions (at or below 0 degrees Fahrenheit / -18 degrees Celsius), Bendix ATR-6 valves may develop an internal leak, resulting in pressure being delivered to the affected service brakes. Pressure delivered to the affected service brake circuit may cause intermittent foundation brake application. In isolated cases, the pressure being delivered can cause a continuous brake application. Continuous brake application may result in a fire at the affected wheel end. In certain low traction operating conditions, an unexpected brake application may affect vehicle handling, possibly causing a crash.

<i>The problem is...</i>	Defective Bendix ATR-6 Brake Valves
<i>What your dealer will do...</i>	Install Interim Rework Solution for Defective Bendix ATR-6 valves
<i>What you must do ...</i>	Contact your Kenworth dealer to schedule an appointment for repair

Kenworth Truck Company has issued this recall to inspect and replace parts when necessary. Replacement parts will be available at your authorized dealer beginning the week of February 6, 2012. Please contact your authorized Kenworth dealer immediately to schedule an appointment as soon after February 6, 2012 as practical. To find your nearest Kenworth dealer, please visit Dealer Locator at [www.kenworth.com](http://www.kenworth.com). The service should take no more than 3 hours and will be provided at no charge to you.

**NOTE: THIS REPAIR IS AN INTERIM SOLUTION TO PREVENT THE SAFETY CONSEQUENCES WHICH MAY RESULT IF THE BENDIX ATR-6 BRAKE VALVE FAILS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE.**

**AS A CONSEQUENCE, THIS INTERIM REPAIR WILL DISABLE AUTOMATIC TRACTION CONTROL, STABILITY CONTROL AND/OR ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL, IF EQUIPPED. THE ASSOCIATED DASH WARNING LIGHTS WILL BE ILLUMINATED AS AN INDICATION.**

**AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, TESTING HAS SHOWN THAT THE BENDIX ATR-6 VALVE ONLY EXHIBITS THE POTENTIAL MALFUNCTION IN EXTREMELY COLD TEMPERATURES (AT OR BELOW 0 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT / -18 DEGREES CELSIUS). IN THE EVENT YOU WILL NOT BE OPERATING IN COLD TEMPERATURES, YOU MAY ELECT TO FOREGO THIS INTERIM REMEDY FOR THE PERMANENT REMEDY DESCRIBED BELOW.**

**KENWORTH AND BENDIX ARE DEVELOPING A PERMANENT ATR-6 VALVE REPAIR WHICH WILL CORRECT THE BENDIX ATR-6 VALVE DEFECT WITHOUT DISABLING AUTOMATIC TRACTION CONTROL, STABILITY CONTROL AND/OR ADAPTIVE CRUISE CONTROL. KENWORTH WILL SEND A SECOND RECALL NOTIFICATION FOR A PERMANENT REPAIR WHEN PARTS ARE AVAILABLE, WHICH IS CURRENTLY ESTIMATED TO BE THREE TO FOUR MONTHS.**

If you require further information, have already experienced this condition and have paid to have it repaired, or experience any difficulty in making arrangements for the repair, please contact: Kenworth Truck Company, P.O. Box 1000, Kirkland, WA 98083-1000, Attn: Quality Services Department, phone 425-828-5000.

If you conclude that Kenworth Truck Company has not enabled you to remedy this defect within a reasonable time and without charge, you may submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll free Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153); or go to <http://www.safercar.gov>.

Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days. If you no longer own this vehicle, we would appreciate your advising us of the new owner if you know their name. The enclosed card may be used for this purpose.

We regret any inconvenience this work may cause you and appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Mike Kalkoske  
Quality Services Manager