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Re: **Seat Belt Cable**
Kenworth Recall No.: 13KWD
Peterbilt Recall No.: 0313-D

Dear Ms. Timian:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573, PACCAR Inc hereby provides notice to NHTSA of its intention to voluntarily recall the affected population of vehicles identified below. This recall involves vehicles manufactured by the Kenworth Truck Company and Peterbilt Motors Company, both of which are divisions of PACCAR Inc.

Manufacturer - 573.6(c)(1)

Kenworth Truck Company
10630 NE 38th Pl.
Kirkland, WA 98033

Peterbilt Motors Company
1700 Woodbrook Street
Denton, Texas 76205

Identification of Affected Vehicles - 573.6(c)(2)

The affected Kenworth vehicles consist of model year 2013 and 2014 Model T680 and T880 vehicles that were manufactured between January 18, 2012 and February 25, 2013.

The affected Peterbilt models consist of all model year 2013 and 2014 Model 579 and 567 vehicles that were manufactured between January 18, 2012 and February 25, 2013; and certain model year 2013 and 2014 Model 587 vehicles.

Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing Defect - 573.6(c)(3)

The recall affects a total of 2428 vehicles registered within the United States. The following table identifies the affected population by model:

Kenworth T680	1317 vehicles
Kenworth T880	9 vehicles
Peterbilt 579	1016 vehicles
Peterbilt 567	6 vehicles
Peterbilt 587	80 vehicles

Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Contain Defect - 573.6(c)(4)

All of the affected trucks contain the defect described below.

Description of the Defect - 573.6(c)(5)

The affected vehicles contain air ride seats with seat belt assemblies that feature a two-cable design for attaching the seat belt buckle to the seat. The cables for anchoring the seat belt buckle may fray if bent 90 degrees repeatedly during use. A frayed seat belt cable could cause the belt system to fail in its function of restraining an occupant during a rapid deceleration or accident and, in turn, result in personal injury.

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

On August 29, 2012, Engineering received a report that a frayed seat belt cable had been observed on a T680 in the field. The seat belt cable was part of a buckle anchor manufactured by IMMI; this particular buckle anchor was one of IMMI's existing designs.

Engineering followed up on the report by contacting IMMI to inquire about the testing that the component manufacturer had performed on the buckle anchor.

On September 6, 2012, IMMI provided a summary of test reports relating to the buckle anchor.

Thereafter, Kenworth launched an in-depth engineering review of the durability characteristics of the buckle anchor and alternative designs. IMMI actively participated in this review process.

On March 6, 2013, Kenworth and Peterbilt concurred that the buckle anchor cable contains a defect affecting product safety, for which a recall should be initiated.

Description of Remedy - 573.6(c)(8)

Kenworth and Peterbilt propose to replace both the driver and passenger side seat belt buckle assemblies in affected vehicles. The replacement buckle anchor will be based on an extruded dual cable design. The relevant kit part numbers are:

- S74-1006-100 (for buckle assemblies without an electronic switch) and
- S74-1006-200 (for buckle assemblies with an electronic switch).

The kits are expected to be available in mid-April and will include instructions, fasteners, and a replacement passenger seat handle.

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

Subject to NHTSA approval, a customer letter will be sent within 30 days.

Identification of Manufacturer's Campaign Number - 573.6(c)(11)

The Kenworth number for this campaign is "13KWD." The Peterbilt number for this campaign is "0313-D"

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

Very truly yours,



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