

Federal Recall Information

14KWC

Supplier

Indiana Mills and Manufacturing, INC. (IMMI)

Description

IMMI seatbelt buckles may hinder egress.

Release Date

3/31/2014

Introduction

Kenworth Truck Company has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Kenworth vehicles manufactured between August 2, 2013 and October 31, 2013. A total of 5,683 US chassis and 887 Canadian chassis are involved in this recall. The chassis list and a copy of the customer letter are attached. The DWC and SIR online systems indicate chassis involved in this recall with the designator of "**14KWC**".

Situation

Affected seatbelt buckles fail to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) No. 209, "Seat Belt Assemblies". These belts may be difficult to separate the seat belt from the buckle after pressing the release button. This may keep the driver and passengers from quickly and safely exiting the vehicle during an emergency.

Resolution

Inspect all the seat belt buckles in the vehicle. One buckle on each driver or passenger seat and four buckles on trucks equipped with sofa bed bunk restraints. Inspect and if necessary replace the buckles using the Procedure below.

It is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to sell or lease new vehicles covered by this recall until the defect or noncompliance has been corrected.

Warranty

There is no time or mileage limit for this recall. Kenworth will pay for parts at dealer net plus applicable mark-up and labor. File a long form for all parts and labor, no quick claim is available because of the part number and seating configurations.

- File a long claim for extraordinary circumstances (which must be explained).

CLAIM CODING			
Failure Location:	002-011-005	Work Accomplished:	35
Failure Type:	705	Responsibility Code:	05
SRT Code:	See "Labor" Section	Claim Type:	C
Vendor Code	14KWC		

Parts

1. Find the applicable belt assembly number(s) on the chassis in ECAT.
2. Open the Chassis List link below.
3. Find your chassis number on the Chassis List (use Ctrl-F to search).
4. Note the appropriate Buckle Part Number(s) for the affected Belt Assy Number(s) **(Do NOT order the assembly, only the buckles that need to be replaced)**.

NOTE: When viewing the parts list, each chassis may be listed multiple times, because not all vehicles use the same seat belt buckle at each seating location.

NOTE: Destroy and dispose of all buckles verified to be within the specified assembly date code range.

NOTE: If there is confusion about what parts to order, order all the parts listed for the chassis in question and use the appropriate ones.

NOTE: For chassis with sleepers, only those equipped with sofa-beds were built with the suspect IMMI L9 belt buckles in the sleeper area. Standard bunks use a different belt buckle which are not suspect.

Labor

File the claim using the SRT provided below:

For Field...	Enter...
002-XXX	0.2 hours to inspect all buckles in vehicle.
002-XXX	0.1 hours to R&R each buckle that needs to be replaced
002-XXX	0.5 hours to install electrical pins and housing to connect seat belt warning switch. (Limited to chassis 399104-399123)

Example:

0.2 hours = To inspect all buckles.


0.1 hours = To replace seatbelt buckle on driver's seat.

0.1 hours = To replace seatbelt buckle on passenger's seat.

0.4 hours = To replace four seatbelt buckles on sofa bed restraint system.

0.8 hours total

Procedure

- 1)  Verify that you have an IMMI buckle by looking for the IMMI logo on the back housing. If not, **DO NOT PROCEED**.

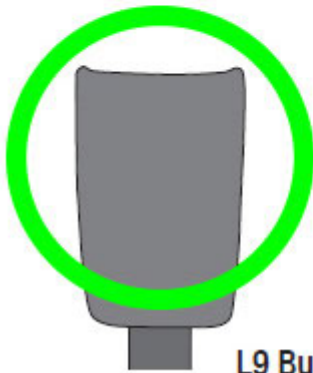


IMMI L9 Buckle



Other manufacturer

- 2) Verify you have an IMMI L9 buckle. If not, **DO NOT PROCEED**.



L9 Buckle

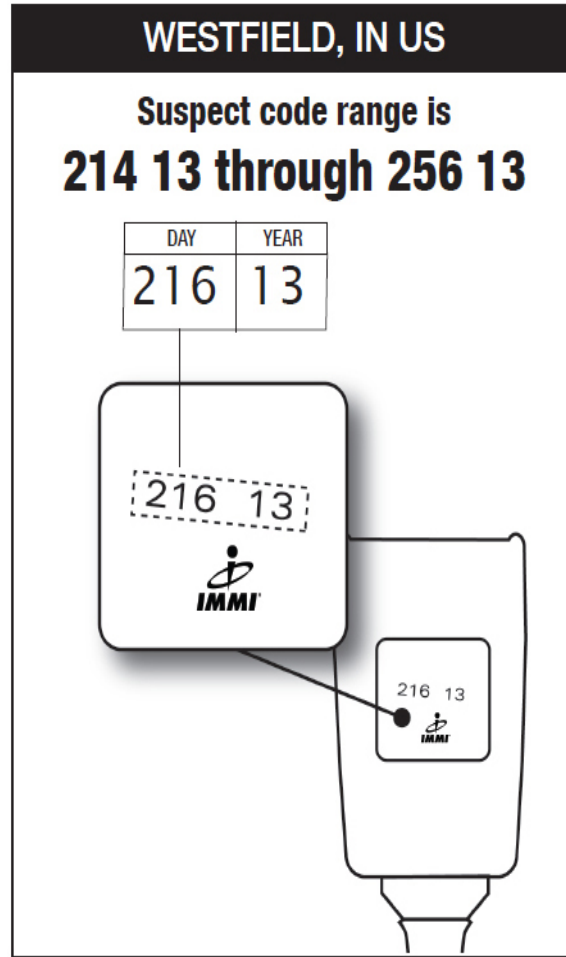
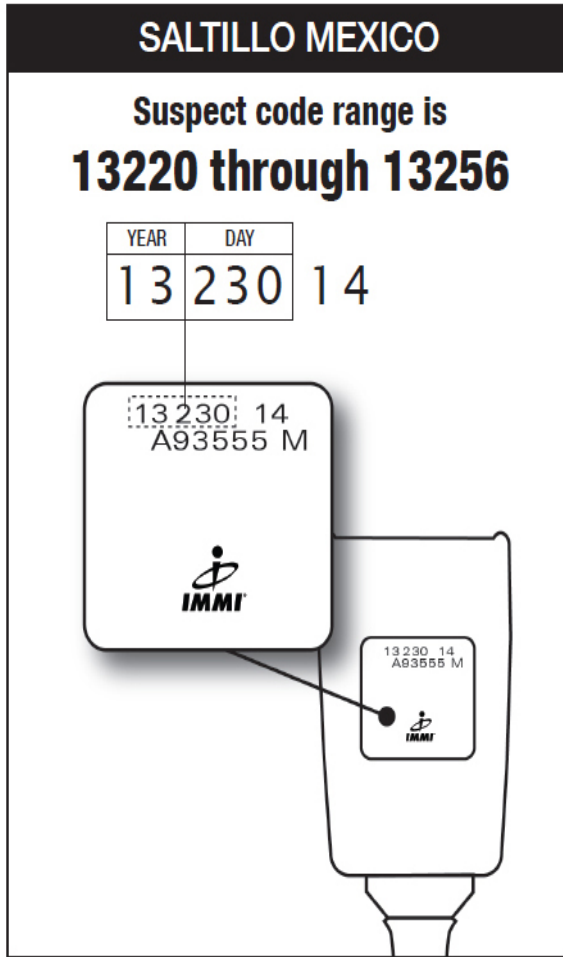


H2 Buckle



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- 3) Verify date code is within suspect date code range. If not, **DO NOT PROCEED**.



- 4) If your buckle code is within either of the ranges above, replace your buckle with the substitute buckle. If you code does **NOT** fall within either range, you do **NOT** need to replace your buckle.
- 5) Reuse the existing bolt to install the replacement buckle. Do **NOT** apply thread locking compound when reinstalling the bolt. Torque the fastener to 35-50 lb-ft (47-68 Nm).
- 6) Destroy and dispose of all buckles verified to be within the specified suspect date code range.

Attachments

 [Chassis List](#)

 [Parts List](#) (4/9/2014, added assembly part number for reference - ***DO NOT ORDER THE ASSEMBLY***)

 [Customer Letter](#)

 [IMMI Inspection Procedure](#)

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