



FMVSS 2 : NR

Description of the Safety Risk : If the fifth wheel and locking mechanism are sufficiently damaged, the locking mechanism may fail to operate as intended and the trailer may unexpectedly detach from the tractor, increasing the risk of crash.

Description of the Cause : Operator misuse. According to Fontaine, the cumulative damage observed is the result of the failure of operators to use proper coupling and maintenance procedures over a period of time. These practices include, but are not limited to, high coupling, a failure to conduct a proper visual inspection, a failure to ensure that the fifth wheel is in the fully open and ready to couple position prior to coupling, and failure to follow recommended maintenance practices.

Identification of Any Warning that can Occur : NR

**Supplier Identification :**

**Component Manufacturer**

Name : Fontaine Fifth Wheel Company

Address : 7574 Commerce Circle  
Trussville, AL 35173

Country : NR

**Chronology :**

September 11, 2015 – PACCAR received notification from Fontaine regarding their determination that the Ultra LT model fifth wheel contains the defect described herein.

October 5, 2015 - Kenworth and Peterbilt Safety Committees met and decided that the defect described above relates to safety and a vehicle recall should be initiated.

**Description of Remedy :**

Description of Remedy Program : Kenworth and Peterbilt will notify owners of affected vehicles. Dealers will replace the Ultra LT model fifth wheel with new Ultra NT model fifth wheel free of charge.

How Remedy Component Differs from Recalled Component : NR

Identify How/When Recall Condition was Corrected in Production : NR

**Recall Schedule :**

Description of Recall Schedule : Owner notification letters will be mailed within 60 days

Planned Dealer Notification Date : NR - NR

Planned Owner Notification Date : NR - NR

\* NR - Not Reported