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Re: **Gunite Slack Adjuster Cast Housing**
Kenworth Recall No.: 11KWA

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 motor vehicle safety defect involves vehicles manufactured by the Kenworth 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 2011 and 2012 model year T270/370, T440/T470, T800, T660, W900 and C500 vehicles.

Population of Affected Vehicles - 573.6(c)(3)
Vehicles manufactured between October 18, 2010 and January 28, 2011.

Number of Vehicles Known to Contain Defect - 573.6(c)(4)
Kenworth manufactured 344 vehicles (280 U.S. and 64 Canada) between October 18, 2010 and January 28, 2011, that may have the safety defect described below.

Description of the Defect - 574.6(c)(5)
Certain cast iron slack adjuster housings, which transmit braking force from the brake chamber push rod to the brake cam tube, may include a flow notch in the handle portion of the housing due to a error during the casting process. A flow notch in the handle portion may reduce the effective cross section structure and cause the slack adjuster housing to fracture.



If the slack adjuster housing were to fracture, the wheel brake to which the slack adjuster housing is attached would no longer function, which could increase vehicle stopping distances, and if mounted on the steer axle, could cause the vehicle to pull to one side during braking, increasing the risk of a crash.

Chronology of Events Leading to Recall - 574(c)(6)

On January 28, 2011, Kenworth's St. Therese plant notified Gunitite Corporation that a slack adjuster broke during final validation testing at the end of the assembly line. A joint investigation was launched by Gunitite and Kenworth. Gunitite began inspecting and certifying all of its finished goods and work in process inventory by either ultrasonic or x-ray inspection. During x-ray inspection, a slack adjuster was found to have a "flow notch" indication in the housing.

From January 31, 2011 through the end of February 2011, Gunitite investigated the manufacturing processes of its component manufacturer of suspect housings. On March 2, 2011 the investigation was complete and the findings were transmitted to Kenworth. The Kenworth Recall Committee has recommended a safety recall.

Description of Remedy - 573.6(c)(8)

The remedy of the recall will involve inspection of vehicles manufactured with suspect slack adjuster housings and replacement of the housings found to be defective.

Communications Sent to Dealers and Owners - 573(c)(10)

Kenworth anticipates notification will be made to dealers and customers within the next 30 days.

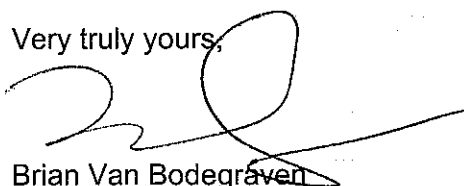
Copy of Proposed Owner Notification Letter - 573.6(c)(11)

A draft of the customer letter will be sent NHTSA's Recall Management Division to review and approve.

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

The Kenworth number for this campaign is "11KWA."

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

Very truly yours,

Brian Van Bodegraven
Claims Manager
PACCAR Inc