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**National Highway Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215KS
12E-053

Subject: Aftermarket Aluminum Wheels Noncompliance

Dear Mr. Walton:

This letter serves to acknowledge PACCAR Incorporated's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) listed below. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:
TRP/ALUMINUM WHEEL/9999

Mfr's Report Date: November 21, 2012

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12E-053

Components:
WHEELS:RIM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 8,060

Problem Description:

PACCAR is recalling certain TRP branded aluminum wheels sold for resale in the aftermarket with one of the following part numbers AW2258B, AW2258M, AW2458B, or AW2458M. The rim markings on these wheels were etched to a depth less than the minimum requirements. Thus, these wheels fail to conform to the rim marking requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 120, "Tire Selection and Rims for Motor Vehicles Other Than Passenger Cars."

Consequence:

Without proper rim markings, owners may not be able to identify affected wheels in the event of a wheel recall. Defective or noncompliant wheels that are not remedied are at an increased risk of performance failure, and thereby increase the risk of a crash or other safety hazard to motorists.

Remedy:

PACCAR will notify owners and replace the rims free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during December 2012. Owners may contact PACCAR at 1-425-468-7400.

Notes:

PACCAR's recall campaign number is PPD1202. Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to www.safercar.gov.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on, or before, 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

Your contact for this recall will be Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at kelly.schuler@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Jennifer Timian
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigations
Enforcement