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Dear Mr. Brownstein:

After review of the file concerning this recall, it appears that an acknowledgment letter was never sent to you. Please accept our apologies for this oversight.

We have reviewed PACCAR, Inc.'s (PACCAR) Defect Information Report dated April 21, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 3,405 Peterbilt 1998 and 1999 vehicles equipped with 984650 24.5 x 8.25 Alcoa wheels and manufactured from December 15, 1998 through April 16, 1999. The affected wheels were improperly heat treated that can lead to an out of roundness condition causing separation of the tire from the wheel. The assigned Identification Number for this recall is 99V-087 (*Peterbilt Recall No. 499B*).

Paccar is responsible for the remedy of these vehicles from this date forward, regardless of vehicle age, mileage, or ownership.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Pat Wallace at (202) 366-5232 or fax at (202) 366-7882.

Sincerely,

Jonathan D. White, Chief
Recall Analysis Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Safety Assurance

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**INITIAL ACKNOWLEDGMENT FAX SHEET OF RECEIPT OF DEFECT INFORMATION
REPORT SUBMITTED UNDER 49 CFR PART 573**

Assigned Recall No. 99V-087 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: April 21, 1999

MANUFACTURER: PACCAR, Inc.

MANUFACTURER CONTACT: Mr. Kenneth R. Brownstein, Senior Counsel

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SUBJECT: 19 Peterbilt 1998-1999 vehicles equipped with 984650 24.5 x 8.25 Alcoa wheels and manufactured from December 15, 1998 through April 16, 1999. The affected wheels were improperly heat treated that can lead to an out of roundness condition causing separation of the tire from the wheel. Peterbilt Recall No. 499B.

This is an initial acknowledgment for this recall. A formal acknowledgment letter will be forthcoming shortly. After our review of your report and associated documents, we may have additional comments or concerns.

Note: As stated in your report, NHTSA will be advised whether Paccar or Alcoa will conduct the recall and provide quarterly reports to NHTSA.

If you have any questions, please call:

 Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst or Jonathan White, Chief
on (202) 366-5227 or by FAX (202) 366-7882
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