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

Assigned Recall No. 99V-055.003 by the
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

Part 573 Report Date: **April 6, 1999**

MANUFACTURER: **PACCAR, Inc.**

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

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SUBJECT: 493 1999 Kenworth vehicles manufactured between January 11 and January 14, 1999; and Peterbilt vehicles manufactured from January 4 through March 26, 1999, equipped with Meritor automatic slack adjusters. Some of the automatic slack adjusters had insufficient torque applied to the guide pawl cap screw. Without sufficient torque on the guide pawl cap screw, the brakes could gradually lose adjustment, increasing the vehicle stopping distance. Kenworth Recall No. 99KW01/Peterbilt Recall No. 99PB01.

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.

In accordance with Part 577, amended July 7, 1995, a draft owner notification letter must be submitted for review prior to mailing.

As stated in Part 573.6, 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**. As stated in your report, owner notification is expected to begin during May 1999. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due in this office by July 30, 1999.

If you have any questions, please call:

Patricia Wallace, Recall Analyst or Jonathan White, Chief
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Dear Mr. Brownstein:

We have reviewed PACCAR, Inc.'s (PACCAR) Defect Information Report dated April 6, 1999, submitted in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573, "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This recall involves 493 PACCAR 1999 Kenworth vehicles manufactured between January 11 and January 14, 1999; and Peterbilt vehicles manufactured from January 4 through March 26, 1999, equipped with Meritor automatic slack adjusters. Some of the automatic slack adjusters had insufficient torque applied to the guide pawl cap screw. Without sufficient torque on the guide pawl cap screw, the brakes could gradually lose adjustment, increasing the vehicle stopping distance. The assigned Identification Number for this recall is 99V-055.003 (Kenworth Recall No. 99KW01/Peterbilt Recall No. 99PB01).

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

Communications

Communications pertaining to safety recalls and issued by Paccar are to be submitted to this office within 5 days of issuance as described under 49 CFR Part 573.5(c)(9). Where the communications are sent over a period of time, the communications are to be sent within 5 days from the date the communications were first sent. This includes communications transmitted by computer, telefax, or other electronic means; and initial or interim communications. All copies are to be in readable form.

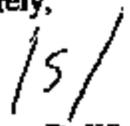
Quarterly Status Reports

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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
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