

April 30, 2003

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Office of Defects Investigation (NEF-111)
Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street SW, Room 5319
Washington, D.C. 20590

**Re: Meritor P 18x7 Rear Brake – Air Tank Volume Non-Compliance
NHTSA Recall No.: 03V-126
Kenworth Recall No.: 03KW3**

Dear Mr. Person:

Enclosed is the notification letter that was sent by Kenworth to its dealers/service managers on April 23, 2003. Also enclosed is the owner notification letter that will be mailed on May 5, 2003.

Very truly yours,


Kenneth R. Brownstein
Senior Counsel

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| DEPT: | CUSTOMER SERVICE |
| CATEGORY: | Product Recall |
| TITLE: | Campaign 03KW3 Meritor P 18X7 Rear Brake Air Tank Volume |
| NUMBER: | 03KW3 PG: 1 OF 1 |
| DATE: | 04/21/03 |
| VALID UNTIL: | Superseded |

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FEDERAL RECALL CAMPAIGN 03KW3

**T800 AND C500 MODELS BUILT JANUARY 21, 1991 THROUGH FEBRUARY 25, 2003
AT CHILLCOTHE, RENTON, SEATTLE, AND STE. THERESE PLANTS WITH
MERITOR P 18x7 BRAKES WITH 36" BRAKE CHAMBERS**

Kenworth Truck Company has decided that non-compliance with U.S. and Canadian Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 49 CFR Part 571.121, S5.1.2.1 (Air Brake Systems) exists in T800 and C500 models with Meritor P 18x7 rear brakes and 36" brake chambers built between January 21, 1991 and February 25, 2003. A total of 45 U.S. trucks are involved in the campaign. The chassis list and a copy of the customer letter are attached. The DWC and SIR online systems indicate chassis involved in this recall with the designator of "03KW3" in the campaign field.

SITUATION

Certain T800 and C500 vehicles equipped with Meritor P 18x7 brakes w/36" brake chambers, were manufactured with a combined air reservoir volume less than 12 times the combined volume of all service brake chambers. Therefore, these vehicles do not meet the requirements of FMVSS 121 (S5.1.2.1) Air Brake Systems. The air volume calculations were based on 18x7 brakes with 30" chambers.

RESOLUTION

All affected chassis with the axle/brake configuration will require additional air volume. Based on the chassis configuration, this may be accomplished by adding an additional tank or changing one of the existing air tanks to a larger size. See the attached chassis list for the appropriate repair.

It is a violation of Federal law for a dealer to sell or lease new vehicles covered by this recall until the defect or noncompliance has been corrected.

WARRANTY

File a long claim form, special warranty type "C", listing the repair accomplished for warranty reimbursement.

May 5, 2003

Dear Kenworth Owner,

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Kenworth Truck Company has decided certain T800 and C500 model trucks manufactured with Meritor P 18x7 rear brakes and 36" brake chambers fail to conform to Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard No. 49 CFR Part 571.121, S5.1.2.1 (Air Brake Systems). Specifically, the combined air reservoir volume is less than 12 times the combined volume of all service brake chambers. Your truck was manufactured with this configuration.

Kenworth initiated a recall campaign to correct this condition. All affected chassis with the axle/brake configuration will require additional air volume. Based on the chassis configuration, this may be accomplished by adding an additional tank or changing one of the existing air tanks to a larger size.

If you believe you had this repair made prior to receiving this notification, please contact your nearest dealership for possible reimbursement.

If you require further information about this recall or experience any difficulty in making arrangements for the inspection or correction, please contact: Kenworth Truck Company, P.O. Box 1000, Kirkland, WA 98083-1000, Attn: Customer Service Department, phone 425-828-5000.

If you conclude that Kenworth Truck Company has not enabled you to remedy this defect in reasonable time and without charge, you may submit a complaint to: Administrator for Safety Assurance, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20590, or call the toll free auto safety hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If you no longer own this vehicle, we would appreciate your advising us of the new owner if you know their name. The enclosed card may be used for this purpose.

We regret any inconvenience that this work may cause.

Sincerely,

Rick Drollinger
Director of Customer Service