

August 1, 2003

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Attn: Mr. George Person

Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation (NEF-111)
Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
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Washington, D.C. 20590

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**Re: Battery Box Mounted Circuit Breaker
Kenworth Recall No.: 03KW7**

Dear Mr. Person:

On July 28, 2003, Kenworth Truck Company determined that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the motor vehicles described below, and is furnishing notification to NHTSA in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 "Defect and Noncompliance Reports."

Description of the Defect

The vehicle's main cab harness was attached to an optional 50 amp circuit breaker and the optional accessories were attached to the standard 135 amp circuit breaker. This error in wiring can cause the cab power and engine to shut down prematurely without warning to the users if enough accessories are being used simultaneously and could result in loss of vehicle control.

Identification of Affected Vehicles

Based upon a search of manufacturing records, the following vehicles are involved:

Kenworth models T600, T800, and W900 manufactured between July 1, 2002 and July 28, 2003. Kenworth determined the recall population is comprised of 40 vehicles in total.

Chronology of Events Leading to Recall

Kenworth Field Service received a report from a dealer that there was a wiring problem with Chillicothe-built vehicles manufactured with the optional 50 amp circuit breaker mounted in the battery box. An investigation by the Chillicothe Plant Quality Assurance revealed the cab harness was incorrectly connected to the 50 amp circuit breaker instead of the 135 amp breaker.

Description of Remedy

Kenworth will initiate a Safety Recall of all affected chassis. Since there is no way to determine which vehicles have the defect, all vehicles will be inspected and the wiring will be corrected if the defect is found.

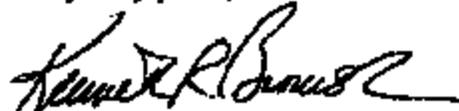
Reimbursement Prior to Recall

Refer to the general reimbursement plan submitted by PACCAR. The start date for the reimbursement period will be one year prior to issuing this notification, August 1, 2002. The end date for the reimbursement will be 10 days after the last mailing of the initial owner notification pursuant to 49 CFR 577.5.

Identification of Recall Schedule

Kenworth anticipates that the owner notification campaign will be initiated within 30 days. Kenworth's number for this campaign is "03KW7".

Very truly yours,



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