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**National Highway  
Traffic Safety  
Administration**

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Mr. Kenneth R. Brownstein  
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PACCAR Incorporated  
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NVS-215 Ira

Dear Mr. Brownstein:

PACCAR, Inc. (PACCAR) is requested, pursuant to 49 U.S.C. 30165, 30166, and 30119, to renotify owners involved in safety recall 03V-168 who have not had their vehicles corrected or otherwise accounted for. This recall involves 483 2003 Peterbilt 379, 378, 387, 385, 357; and 2001 to 2003 Kenworth T300, T600, T800, T2000 and W900 trucks equipped with Jost International JSK 37U Series fifth wheels. A fatigue crack can develop in the bracket pin weld under certain loading conditions. The remedy for this recall campaign was to replace the bracket pins. Owner notification began on June 23, 2003. Through the second quarter of 2004, PACCAR's fifth reporting quarter, PACCAR reports that of the 483 vehicles involved, 167 have been remedied, resulting in a completion rate of 38 percent.

PACCAR should conduct the owner renotification in accordance with the guidelines listed below.

- Before conducting the owner renotification, PACCAR should obtain an updated owner list, for this recall campaign, based on current state motor vehicle registration records.
- PACCAR's proposed owner renotification letter for this recall must meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 577.10, "Follow-up Notification," and must be submitted to NHTSA for review before owner renotification begins. Part 577.10(e)(1) specifically requires that the renotification letter be identified as a "... follow-up to an earlier communication."
- In addition to the six quarterly status reports required under 49 CFR Part 573.6, "Quarterly Reports," PACCAR is requested to file three additional quarterly status reports.



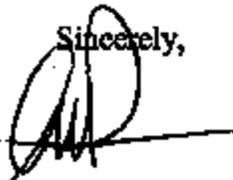
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- **Furnish a proposed schedule for conducting the owner renotification that includes the following information:**
  - a. the date on which the search of current state motor vehicle registration records will be initiated in order to update the original owner list;
  - b. the approximate date on which the revised owner list will be available to initiate owner renotification;
  - c. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will begin; and
  - d. the approximate date on which the owner renotification will be completed (if the owner renotification is to be staggered, give the beginning and ending owner renotification date for each segment).

**PACCAR's renotification schedule and a draft of the proposed owner renotification letter must be submitted to this office by November 10, 2004.**

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Kelly Schuler of my staff at (202) 366-5227, by fax at (202) 366-7882, or by e-mail at [kschuler@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:kschuler@nhtsa.dot.gov).

Sincerely,



**George Person, Chief  
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Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement**