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

Re: **Fifth Wheel King Pin Air Release Valve & Plumbing**  
**Kenworth Recall No.: 06KW3**

Dear Mr. Person:

PACCAR Inc is furnishing notification to NHTSA in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This motor vehicle safety defect involves vehicles manufactured by the Kenworth division of PACCAR Inc.

Description of the Defect

In early November 2006, Kenworth's Chillicothe manufacturing plant discovered that a certain percentage of the RA529 king pin release air valves manufactured by Bachman Valve Corporation were manufactured with the internal spool installed backwards. This results in the air option of the king pin release system being inoperable. This condition alone does not create a safety issue. The proper repair would be to replace the RA529 valve with a fully functional valve.

To address the situation in production at the Kenworth Chillicothe plant, the vehicle's air lines were reversed rather than replacing the valve.

With the lines reversed, Kenworth has determined that under certain scenarios, there is the possibility that the king pin can be released without the driver's knowledge. When this occurs, the driver could drive away and the trailer could become disengaged.

Identification of Affected Vehicles

Kenworth has identified 86 affected vehicles, models T600, T800 and W900 manufactured between October 2, 2006 and October 27, 2006.

Chronology of Events Leading to Recall

On November 1, 2006 Kenworth Division received notification from Kenworth Chillicothe that they discovered the RA529 air valve was manufactured incorrectly. Over the course of the next week, Chillicothe and Kenworth Division Engineering began studying the impact to the king pin air system, investigating the number of valves involved, and determining the various methods used by production to correct vehicles once the leak was found.

Description of Remedy

Kenworth will inspect the functionality of the king pin release system and suspect valve. If any vehicles have a non-conforming valve or incorrect plumbing, it will be replaced and re-plumbed.

Identification of Recall Schedule

The Kenworth number for this campaign is "06KW3". Kenworth will administer the recall.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth R. Brownstein". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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