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06V-461

Subject: FIFTH WHEEL KING PIN AIR RELEASE VALVE

Dear MR. BROWNSTEIN:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

Makes/Models/Model Years:

KENWORTH/T600/2006
KENWORTH/T800/2006
KENWORTH/W900/2006

NHTSA Campaign Number: 06V-461

Mfg's Report Date: November 14, 2006

Components: TRAILER HITCHES:FIFTH WHEEL ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 86

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS, AN RA529 KING PIN RELEASE AIR VALVE WAS MANUFACTURED WITH THE INTERNAL SPOOL INSTALLED BACKWARDS. THIS RESULTS IN THE AIR OPTION OF THE KING PIN RELEASE SYSTEM BEING INOPERABLE. TO CORRECT THIS SITUATION, THE VEHICLE'S AIR LINES WERE REVERSED RATHER THAN REPLACING THE VALVE.

Consequence:

WITH THE LINES REVERSED, 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, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

KENWORTH WILL INSPECT THE KING PIN RELEASE SYSTEM AND SUSPECT VALVE. IF ANY VEHICLES HAVE A NONCONFORMING VALVE OR INCORRECT PLUMBING, IT WILL BE REPLACED AND RE-PLUMBED. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE FOR THIS CAMPAIGN. OWNERS MAY CONTACT KENWORTH AT 1-425-828-5440.

Notes:

KENWORTH RECALL NO. 06KW3. CUSTOMERS MAY ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

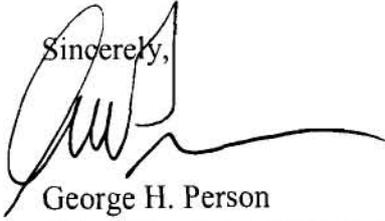
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available.

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at patricia.wallace@dot.gov or delia.lopez@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement