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Re: **Kenworth T270, T370 Seat Belt Anchor Reinforcement**
Kenworth Recall Campaign No. 13KWE

Dear Ms. Timian:

Pursuant to 49 C.F.R. Part 573, PACCAR Inc hereby provides notice to NHTSA of its intention to voluntarily recall the affected population of vehicles identified below.

Manufacturer - 573.6(c)(1)

Kenworth Truck Company
10630 NE 38th Pl.
Kirkland, WA 98033

Identification of Affected Vehicles - 573.6(c)(2)

The affected Kenworth vehicles consist of model year 2014 Model T270 and Model T370 vehicles that were manufactured between January 31, 2013 and February 4, 2013. The defect at issue is attributable to an operator error, and the work schedule of the operator constitutes the basis for the determination of the recall population.

Total Number of Vehicles Potentially Containing the Defect - 573.6(c)(3)

The recall potentially affects a total of 17 vehicles registered within the United States:

7	T270 vehicles
10	T370 vehicles.

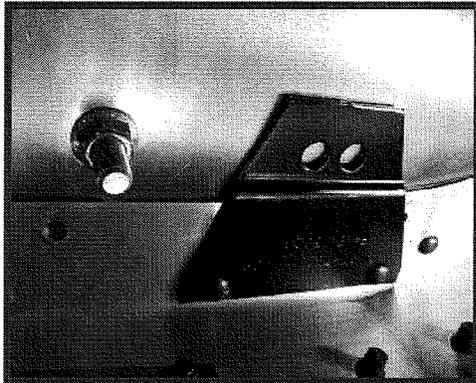
Percentage of Vehicles Estimated to Contain the Defect - 573.6(c)(4)

All of the trucks identified in the preceding section are estimated to contain the defect described below.

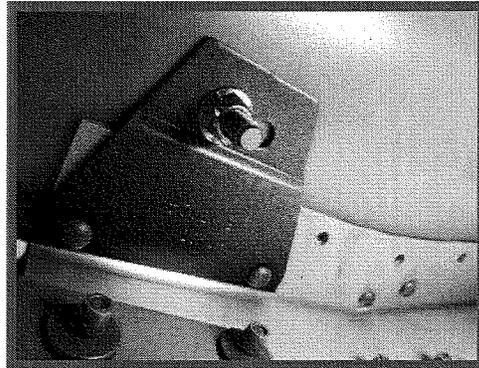
Description of the Defect - 573.6(c)(5)

The left hand seat belt floor pan reinforcement bracket was not positioned correctly during the assembly of some T270 and/or T370 vehicles. This reinforcement is

employed to secure the seat belt anchor to the floor of the cab. In the affected vehicles, the reinforcement was riveted to the underside of the cab structure at a location that did not align with the seat belt anchor mounting hole. When the seat belt anchor bolt was installed later in the assembly process, the bolt was installed through the floor pan but did not pass through the reinforcement due to the misalignment. Incorrect placement of the reinforcement bracket may contribute to a failure of the seat belt anchor mounting, which could result in personal injury or death in the event of a crash.



Defective Position of Bracket



Correct Position of Bracket

Chronology of Events Leading to Recall – 573.6(c)(6)

On February 25, 2013, Kenworth employees in the Ste. Therese, Quebec factory discovered that the left hand seat belt floor pan reinforcement bracket was not positioned correctly on a limited number of T270 and T370 vehicles.

A subsequent investigation revealed that this error occurred in connection with a staffing change during which a right hand operator was reassigned to perform left hand tasks for one day. The operator was accustomed to positioning the bracket on the left hand end of a 3-hole sequence, and he continued to install the bracket in the same position while working on the opposite side. The population of potentially affected vehicles includes vehicles from that day as well as vehicles from half a day prior and after to ensure all potential vehicles were captured.

The Ste. Therese factory notified Kenworth Division of the misaligned reinforcement bracket.

On February 28, 2013, the Kenworth Safety Committee determined that a defect relating to motor vehicle safety exists.

Description of Remedy - 573.6(c)(8)

The proposed remedy involves removing, repositioning, and reinstalling the reinforcement bracket in the proper location.

Communications Sent to Dealers and Owners – 573.6(c)(10)

Subject to NHTSA approval, a customer letter will be sent within 30 days.

Identification of Manufacturer's Campaign Number - 573.6(c)(11)

The Kenworth number for this campaign is "13KWE."

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Very truly yours,



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