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Operator's Manual

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1 USING THIS MANUAL

Please take the time to get acquainted with your vehicle by reading this Operator's Manual. We recommend that you read and understand this manual from beginning to end before you operate this equipment. This manual contains useful information for the safe and efficient operation of this equipment. It also provides maintenance information, with an outline for performing safety checks and basic preventive maintenance inspections. When replacement parts are needed, we recommend using only genuine PACCAR parts.

We have tried to present the information needed to learn about functions, controls, and operation—and to present it as clearly as possible. Occasionally, you may need to reference this manual, and we hope you find it easy to use.

 NOTE

After you have read this manual, it should be stored in the cab for convenient reference and remain with this vehicle when sold.

Your vehicle may not have all the features or options mentioned in this manual. Therefore, you should pay careful attention to the instructions that pertain to just your vehicle. In addition, if your vehicle is equipped with special equipment or options not discussed in this manual, consult your dealer or the manufacturer of the equipment.

There are several tools built into this manual to help you find what you need quickly and easily; first is the Table of Contents. Located at the front of the manual, this table arranges the subject matter into chapters, which can be quickly referenced using the numbers shown in the outer margin. The first page of each chapter presents a list of the major subjects contained in that chapter. Cross-referenced citations can also help you find information. If more information on the current subject is located elsewhere in the manual, a cross-reference may be provided, such as "see Safety Messages and Notes." Finally, you will find a helpful index at the back of the manual which lists the subjects covered alphabetically.

All information contained in this manual is based on the latest production information available at the time of publication. If you find differences between your instruments and the information in this manual, contact an authorized Kenworth or Peterbilt dealer.

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2 SAFETY MESSAGES AND NOTES

Read and follow ALL safety messages in this manual. When followed, injury to yourself and others, damage to equipment and/or property, or other unknown hazards are reduced. Both safety messages and notes are emphasized using a safety message symbol and one of three signal words: WARNING, CAUTION, or NOTE. **Do not** ignore any of these messages.

Warnings



Safety messages that follow this symbol and signal word provide a warning against operating procedures, actions, or a lack of action that could result in death or injury. An unheeded warning may also result in damage to equipment, property, or the environment. Warning messages will identify the hazard, how to avoid it, and the probable consequence of not avoiding the hazard.

Example:



WARNING

DO NOT change hot engine or transmission oil as you could be burned. Let the engine or transmission cool down before changing the oil. Failure to comply may result in death, personal injury, equipment damage, or property damage.

Cautions



Safety messages that follow this symbol and signal word provide a caution against operating procedures, actions, or a lack of action that could result in equipment, property, or environmental damage. Caution messages will identify the hazard, how to avoid it, and the probable consequence of not avoiding the hazard.

Example:



CAUTION

DO NOT operate your vehicle with insufficient oil pressure as this will

cause serious transmission damage. Failure to comply may result in equipment or property damage.

Notes



Messages that follow this symbol and signal word provide important information that, while not safety related, should still be followed. A note will provide information that may be useful to the reader: clarifying the topic, providing valuable insight into the topic or process, or saving the reader time and effort.

Example:



NOTE

To avoid internal transmission contamination, keep internal and external main housing cap screws separated.

3 ILLUSTRATIONS

Some of the illustrations found in this manual are generic. They will not look exactly like the parts or assemblies you find installed on the vehicle.

When an illustration differs from what you see physically present on the vehicle, the language describing the procedure is still correct for the application.

4 GENERAL SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS



WARNING

Improper practices, carelessness, or ignoring safety messages – Warnings and Cautions – may cause death, personal injury, equipment damage, or property damage.

Before performing any repair, read and understand all of the safety precautions and warnings. The following is a list of general safety precautions that must be followed to provide personal safety. Failure to follow these instructions may cause death or injury. Special safety precautions are included in the procedures when they apply.

Keep in mind that even a well-maintained vehicle must be operated within the range of its mechanical capabilities and the limits of its load ratings. See the Weight Ratings label on the driver's door edge.

Every new vehicle is designed to conform to all Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standards applicable at the time of manufacture. Even with these safety features, continued safe and reliable operation depends upon regular vehicle maintenance. Follow the maintenance recommendations found in the Maintenance section. Following maintenance recommendations will help your vehicle maintain quality conditions.

Make sure your vehicle is in top working condition before heading out on the road, it is the driver's duty to do so. Inspect the vehicle according to the Driver's Check List:

- Work areas should be dry, well lit, well ventilated; free from clutter, loose tools, parts, ignition sources, and hazardous substances.
- Wear protective glasses and protective shoes when working.
- Wear protective gloves when working with hot liquids or surfaces, and when working with components that have sharp edges.
- DO NOT wear loose-fitting or torn clothing. Tie back and/or tuck in long hair. Remove all jewelry when working.
- Before beginning any repair, disconnect the battery (negative [-]

cable) and discharge any capacitors.

- Put a "DO NOT OPERATE" tag in the operator's compartment or on the controls.
- Allow the engine to cool before slowly loosening the coolant fill cap to relieve the pressure from the cooling system.



WARNING

DO NOT remove the coolant fill cap while the engine is hot. Wait until coolant temperature is below 120°F (50°C). Scalding steam and fluid under pressure may escape and cause serious burns. Failure to comply may result in death, personal injury, equipment damage, or property damage.



WARNING

DO NOT attempt to service the high-pressure fuel system unless you are a certified technician. Escaping high-pressure fuel is dangerous. Failure to comply may result in death, personal injury, equipment damage, or property damage.

- Always use wheel chocks or proper

jack stands to support the vehicle or vehicle components before performing any service work. DO NOT work on anything that is supported only by lifting jacks or a hoist. Before resting a vehicle on jack stands, be sure the stands are rated for the load you will be placing on them.

- Before loosening or disconnecting lines, fittings, or related items, always release line pressure in the system. Make sure to use the approved system point and method for the specific system (fuel, oil). Escaping high-pressure fluids can cause severe injury. PACCAR does not provide the approved system points and methods in operator's manuals. The service literature provides this information. You can obtain service literature through a certified service center.
- Always wear protective clothing when working on any refrigerant lines and make sure that the workplace is well ventilated. Inhalation of fumes can cause death or personal injury. To protect the environment, liquid refrigerant systems must be properly emptied and filled using equipment that prevents the release of refrigerant gas. Federal law requires capturing and recycling refrigerant.

- When moving or lifting any heavy equipment or parts, make sure to use proper techniques and assistance. Ensure all lifting devices such as chains, hooks, or slings are in good condition and are rated for the correct load capacity. Make sure all lifting devices are positioned correctly.
- Corrosion inhibitors and lubricating oils may contain alkali. DO NOT get the substance in eyes and avoid prolonged or repeated contact with skin. DO NOT swallow. If ingested, seek immediate medical attention. DO NOT induce vomiting. In case of contact, immediately wash skin with soap and water. In case of harmful contact, immediately contact a physician. Always keep any chemicals OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN.
- When working on the vehicle, be alert for hot parts on systems that have just been turned off, exhaust gas flow, and hot fluids in lines, tubes, and compartments. Contact with any hot surface may cause burns.
- Always use tools that are in good condition. Make sure you have the proper understanding of how to use the tools before performing any service work. Use only genuine replacement parts from PACCAR.
- Always use the same fastener part number (or equivalent) when replacing items. DO NOT use a fastener of lesser quality if replacements are necessary. (e.g., DO NOT replace a Metric 10.9 grade with 8.8 grade fastener).
- Always torque fasteners and fuel connections to the required specifications. Overtightening or undertightening can allow leakage.
- Close the manual fuel valves prior to performing maintenance and repairs, and when storing the vehicle inside.
- DO NOT perform any repair when impaired, tired, fatigued, or after consuming alcohol or drugs that can impair your functioning.
- Some state and federal agencies in the United States of America have determined that used engine or transmission oil can be carcinogenic and can cause reproductive toxicity. Avoid inhalation of vapors, ingestion, and prolonged contact with used engine or transmission oil.
- Coolant is toxic. If not reused, dispose of coolant in accordance with local environmental regulations.

**CAUTION**

DO NOT use corrosive chemicals on any part of the vehicle unless expressly directed. Corrosive chemicals can damage vehicle components. Failure to comply may result in equipment or property damage.

California Proposition 65 Warning

- Diesel engine exhaust and some of its constituents are known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm.
- The catalyst substrate located in the Diesel Particulate Filter (DPF) contains vanadium pentoxide, which has been determined by the State of California to cause cancer. Always wear protective clothing and eye protection when handling the catalyst assembly. Dispose of the catalyst in accordance with local regulations. If catalyst material gets into the eyes, immediately flood eyes with water for a minimum of 15 minutes. Avoid prolonged contact with skin. In case of contact, immediately wash skin with soap and water. In case of harmful contact, immediately contact a physician.

- Other chemicals in this vehicle are also known to the State of California to cause cancer, birth defects, or other reproductive harm.
- Battery posts, terminals, and related accessories contain lead and lead compounds, chemicals known to the State of California to cause cancer and reproductive harm. Wash hands after handling.

5 REPAIRS

5.1 Repairs



WARNING

DO NOT attempt maintenance or repair work without sufficient training, proper tools, and up-to-date service instructions. Perform only those tasks you are fully qualified to do. Failure to comply could place personnel at risk or make the vehicle unsafe, which may result in death, personal injury, equipment damage or property damage.



WARNING

Modifying your vehicle can make it unsafe. Some modifications can affect your vehicle's electrical system, stability control system, or other important functions. Before modifying your vehicle, check with your dealer to make sure it can be done safely. Failure to comply may result in death, personal injury, equipment damage, or property damage.



CAUTION

The installation of electronic devices to the On-board Diagnostics (OBD) connector, the vehicle Controller Area Network (CAN), or their associated wiring is not permitted. Doing so can adversely affect vehicle performance and/or cause fault codes to be recorded. The OBD connector is provided for temporary connection of service tools and for diagnostic purposes only. Failure to comply may result in equipment or property damage.

Your dealer's service center is the best place to have your vehicle repaired. You can find dealers all over the country with the equipment and trained personnel to get you back on the road quickly—and keep you there.

Your vehicle is a complex machine. Anyone attempting repairs on it needs good mechanical training and the proper tools. However, all warranty repairs must be performed by a PACCAR Powertrain distributor. If you are not an experienced technician, or do not have the right equipment, please leave all repairs to a PACCAR Powertrain distributor. They are the ones best equipped to do the job safely and correctly.

5.2 Maintenance Manuals

If you decide to do any complex repair work, you will need the maintenance manuals. Order them from your PACCAR Powertrain distributor. Please provide your Chassis Serial Number when you order, to be sure you get the correct manuals for your vehicle. Allow about four weeks for delivery. There will be a charge for these manuals.

5.3 Final Chassis Bill of Material

A complete, non-illustrated computer print-out listing of the parts used to custom-build your vehicle is available through the dealer from whom you purchased your vehicle.

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1 AUTO-NEUTRAL

The Auto-neutral feature will automatically shift the transmission into Neutral if it is left in a forward or reverse mode (such as Low, Drive, or Reverse) and the parking brake is set. The transmission gear display shows **AN** when Auto-neutral is activated. This mode might also activate if the driver does not apply the foot brake before shifting. When this happens, the selector might have to be cycled with the correct brake application to perform the desired gear selection

NOTE

If Auto-neutral has been activated, the transmission will not shift into Drive (**D**) or Reverse (**R**) until the shifter is first moved to Neutral (**N**) before selecting another transmission mode.

2 CLUTCH ABUSE PROTECTION

The clutch can overheat and slip with improper use. Select the lowest possible start gear for the application.

- If moving slowly is required, select 1st

or R1.

- Use the service brake and let Hill Start Aid assist you when launching on an incline.
- Do NOT use the throttle to hold the vehicle on an incline. (Use Service Brake).
- Do NOT use the throttle to stop roll back on an incline after Hill Start Aid disengages. (Use service brake, and then relaunch).

If the clutch starts to overheat, the transmission gear display will show **CA** and sound a warning tone. Full clutch actuation must be completed quickly. If not, the system will either open the clutch if not on the throttle or close the clutch if on the throttle. If the abuse continues, the system will open the clutch and take away throttle control for a short period of time to allow the clutch to cool down.

3 COAST MODE

When coasting to a stop while in Drive and on level terrain, the transmission system may not downshift into lower gears. This allows the transmission to coast to a stop.

4 COOLERLESS PRECISION LUBRICATION SYSTEM

This transmission uses a fully coolerless design, and is constructed to reject heat through the case, without using an external cooler or interacting with the vehicle cooling system.

5 CREEP MODE

Creep mode allows the vehicle to be driven at a constant speed at engine idle without pressing the accelerator pedal. This feature is useful for slow speed applications where steady vehicle speed is required. Creep speed can be adjusted by upshifting and downshifting the transmission.

6 CRUISE CONTROL

WARNING

DO NOT use a retarder (such as the engine brake, exhaust brake, transmission retarder, or regenerative braking) when operating on road surfaces with poor traction (such as wet, icy, or snow covered roads, or gravel). Retarders

can cause the wheels to skid on a slippery surface. You could lose control of the vehicle or jackknife if the wheels begin to skid, resulting in an accident. Failure to comply may result in death, personal injury, equipment damage, or property damage.



WARNING

DO NOT use a retarder (such as the engine brake, exhaust brake, transmission retarder, or regenerative braking) in heavy traffic. Most retarders slow the truck without activating the brake lights, which would not alert a closely-following vehicle that the truck is slowing. This could result in a rear end collision resulting in death, personal injury, equipment damage, or property damage.

This transmission system is compatible with cruise control.

Cruise control functions and features may vary depending on which engine you have. For a specific explanation of your cruise control, see the cruise control or engine manual included with your vehicle. This vehicle's electronic system will perform a 'rationality check' every time the vehicle

is started. This check is to ensure that the service brakes are working before allowing cruise control to function. This safety feature is designed to ensure that a driver is able to cancel the cruise set speed by using the service brake pedal. The system will not allow cruise control operation if it does not pass the 'rationality check.' The display will prompt you to press the service brake pedal if it has not been pressed since the vehicle was turned on.

7 FORCE NEUTRAL/HOLD NEUTRAL MODE

Hold Neutral

This mode holds a neutral state by pre-selecting the Neutral (N) mode to prevent any selection of a non-neutral mode (Drive, Reverse, Manual or Low) when the switch is active.

Force Neutral

This mode forces a neutral state until you deactivate the switch when the vehicle is in any of these modes: Drive, Reverse, Manual, or Low.

8 ENGINE UNDERSPEED PROTECTION

The transmission will downshift to prevent engine lug (driving in high gear at low rpm) and a potential stall during an engine underspeed condition.

Engine underspeed protection is active when in Drive or Manual Mode.

9 ENGINE OVERSPEED PROTECTION

The transmission will upshift to prevent an engine overspeed condition.

Engine Overspeed Protection is active in Drive, Manual, MAX, and Low modes.

10 HILL START AID (HSA)

Hill Start Aid (HSA) prevents unwanted vehicle movement on steep grades when transitioning from the brake to throttle pedal. HSA can be disabled using the Hill Start Aid Disable switch (see [Hill Start Aid \(HSA\) Disable Switch](#)).

HSA activates by default on a road grade of 2% or greater, but can be configured to activate on a 1% or 3% grade. See [Hill Start Aid Operation \(HSA\)](#) for use.

11 HOLD GEAR MODE (OPTION)

Hold Gear mode replaces Manual mode and is useful when the operator wants to use the engine braking provided by a specific gear (reducing brake usage) or when the resulting jolt from changing gears might prove unfavorable due to the current driving conditions.

When activated, Hold Gear mode has two available effects:

- If the current gear is lower than the programmed hold gear, the transmission will not upshift further than the programmed hold gear and will deny any upshift requests that exceed the hold gear (see Manual and Automatic Modes).
- If the current gear is equal to or higher than the hold gear, Hold Gear mode will maintain the current gear and deny any shift requests made by the operator (see Manual and Automatic Modes).

NOTE

The hold gear can be changed at a PACCAR Powertrain distributor.

12 LOAD-BASED SHIFTING

This feature will adjust the transmission shift schedule, changing the shift points, based on

- Vehicle weight (load)
- Road grade
- Engine rpm
- Accelerator pedal position

These inputs help determine when to smoothly (and efficiently) shift between gears, improving fuel economy and performance. The transmission then retains the new shift schedule when making future shifting decisions. If vehicle load changes, load-based shifting will need to set a new shift schedule, adjusting the shift points after the first few shifts.

If the operator selects a gear that will result in engine lugging or overspeeding, the shift will be denied.

Load-based shifting can be customized to meet a variety of transmission calibrations (see Calibration Options):

- Downsped Economy
- Economy
- Performance

- Tanker

13 LOW MODE

Low Mode restricts the transmission to first gear, providing additional torque. If activated while moving, Low Mode will downshift the transmission, slowing the vehicle, until first gear is achieved (see Low Mode Operation for use). Use Low Mode to

- Stop the vehicle when carrying a heavy load while remaining in gear – this is assisted by activating the engine brake.
- Maintain smooth, continuous power when going up or down steep grades at a low vehicle speed (10 mph or less).

NOTE

Overspeed protection remains active while Low Mode is engaged.

14 MAX MODE

MAX mode applies engine braking and the transmission lower gears to quickly slow the vehicle without using, and potentially overheating, the service brakes or rocking the cab.

i NOTE

MAX mode is not a substitute for using the service brakes in urgent situations.

When activated, **MAX** displays on the Engine Brake Indicator (see [Engine Brake Indicator](#)) and the transmission begins downshifting and using 100% engine braking. The transmission stops downshifting in 7th gear, the coastdown gear. See [MAX Mode Operation](#) for use.

15 NEUTRAL COAST MODE

Neutral Coast mode places the transmission into Neutral on slight downhill grades, improving fuel economy. Neutral Coast mode only operates when cruise control is active and the transmission is in Drive.

When Neutral Coast Mode is active, the engine will drop to idle speed and the transmission will disengage. The gear display shows a green **N** when Neutral Coast mode is active. The transmission exits Neutral Coast, returning to an appropriate gear, when the

- Vehicle brake is applied
- Operator depresses accelerator pedal

- A mode other than Drive is selected
- Operator performs an upshift or downshift request
- Cruise control is canceled
- Cruise high or low set speeds are exceeded
- Maximum vehicle grade is exceeded
- Driver Assistance systems (ADAS) make a brake request

16 OPTIMIZED GEAR SELECTION

This feature will automatically select the start gear depending on the following conditions:

- Vehicle weight (load)
- Road grade
- Axle/transmission ratio

The start gear selection can be changed using an upshift or downshift request, as long as the selection requested would not cause transmission damage or engine lugging.

This transmission will shift multiple gears at one time (skip shift) with moderate to high accelerator pedal input while in Drive mode, up to the 8th gear.

Unacceptable start gear request will be denied (see [Start Gears on page 40](#)).

i NOTE

If the driver attempts to select a non-neutral mode without applying the service brake, the transmission will not shift into gear. If this is attempted, the driver will need to re-select Neutral (**N**), and then press the service brake before a new mode can be selected.

i NOTE

If vehicle weight drops (load is removed), this feature will maintain the start gear used before dropping weight unless a 30-second key cycle is performed. This will adapt the feature to the new weight.

i NOTE

If vehicle weight drops (load is removed) while the engine is running, the current start gear is maintained until the vehicle has been driven a short distance. If weight drops with the engine off, the default start gear is used until

the vehicle has been driven a short distance. This allows the transmission to adapt to the new weight.

17 PAVING ASSIST MODE (PRO ONLY)

Paving Assist allows you to go directly from Neutral (N) mode into Drive (D) mode without using the service brake pedal. This feature reduces the lumping of material when the dump vehicle is disengaged from the paving machine.

NOTE

You can use the service brake pedal to slow down the vehicle while it is being pushed by the paving machine in Neutral (N) mode if necessary.

NOTE

When you activate the Paving Assist mode, the system deactivates the Hill Start Aid, Urge to Move, and Creep mode.

18 ROCK FREE MODE (PRO ONLY)

The Rock Free feature disables the vehicle Urge to Move and Creep modes. It allows you to perform a "rocking" maneuver by depressing and releasing the vehicle accelerator pedal to unstuck the vehicle's wheels from terrain depressions that prevent the vehicle from moving. This action results in a rocking motion that assists in freeing the vehicle.

NOTE

The transmission system may automatically override or prevent the upshift or downshift request on the transmission column shifter or automatically initiate a gear change based on vehicle operating conditions.

NOTE

Terrain conditions may affect the Rock Free feature's ability to free the vehicle.

19 SKIP SHIFTING

This transmission will shift multiple gears at one time (skip shift) with moderate to high accelerator pedal input while in Drive mode, up to 8th gear.

20 SECONDARY CONFIGURATION MODE (PRO ONLY)

The secondary configuration mode allows you to switch between two different transmission operating modes (primary and secondary), depending on the changing loads or vehicle operating conditions. You can activate this mode while the vehicle is stationary or in movement. Use this feature in situations where the vehicle requires different shift strategies such as launching or maneuvering characteristics, or On-road/Off road behaviours.

21 TRANSMISSION POWER TAKE-OFF (PTO) (OPTION)

The transmission may have a PTO installed. Engaging the PTO differs if it is operating in either a mobile or a station-

any application (See Mobile Transmission-PTO Operation (option) [on page 39](#) and Stationary Transmission-PTO Operation (option) [on page 40](#) for use).

If the torque required to launch the vehicle exceeds the Urge to Move safety threshold, the accelerator pedal can still be used to launch the vehicle.

22 URGE TO MOVE

At vehicle launch, Urge to Move automatically starts moving the vehicle once a transmission mode is selected (Drive or Reverse) and the service brakes have been released.

After vehicle launch, the vehicle will creep at constant speed in the selected direction (Drive or Reverse) without use of the accelerator pedal (see [Creep Mode](#)). Urge to Move is useful for stop and go applications.

NOTE

If an unexpected amount of torque is required to launch the vehicle (for example, if the trailer brakes are engaged) Urge to Move will disable, presenting a popup on the display. To re-enable Urge to Move, place the transmission in Neutral and then back into drive. When the popup disappears, Urge to Move has been re-enabled.

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1 DIGITAL DISPLAY

The digital display is visible during all driving situations and in some parked situations. When the parking brake is set, the following actions will wake the display, making it visible:

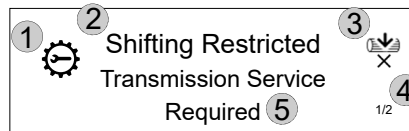
- Opening (or keeping open) the cab doors
- Using steering wheel switches
- Tapping the brake
- Turning the start switch to **ON**, **ACC**, or **START**
- Starting the engine

If after 20 seconds, none of these actions are taken, the display will darken to conserve power, but will awaken when any wake action is performed. If the Anti-Theft option is active and you attempt to start the engine, a passcode prompt will appear. The engine cannot be started until the correct passcode is entered.

2 NOTIFICATIONS

A notification communicates vehicle information. Notifications can be red, amber or white. Red and amber notifications are totaled in the Active Warnings Indicator at the top of the display. Notifications' char-

acteristics (color, brilliance, and whether it flashes or has an audible alarm) depend on the condition that generated the notification.



1. System – Symbol representing affected system.
2. Title – Notification.
3. Suppressibility – Indicates if the current notification is suppressible using **Select**.
4. Stack Size – The lower number indicates how many notifications are in the stack (suppressible and non-suppressible), and the upper, which notification is being viewed.
5. Instructions – Contains instructions or elaborating information.

When multiple notifications are present, each is assigned a priority and placed in a stack. Higher priority notifications are placed towards the front of the stack. The **Select** button cycles through the active notifications, allowing each notification in the stack to be viewed.

Some notifications, once viewed, are removed from the stack; these notifications are called suppressible. Suppressible notifications show an "X" below the **Select** icon and typically don't require an immediate response. Suppress these notifications using the **Back/Cancel** button (or the **Select** button when the parking brake is set). Non-suppressible notifications cannot be removed from the stack until the parking brake is set.

NOTE

The menu is not accessible until all notifications have been suppressed. All notifications become suppressible when the parking brake is set.

3 TRANSMISSION GEAR DISPLAY

Figure 1: Eighth Gear + Manual Mode



The Transmission Gear Display is located on the digital display and can show the transmission mode, current gear, and important transmission conditions:

1 – 12	Forward Gear
R1	Lowest Reverse Gear
R2	2nd Reverse Gear
AN	Auto Neutral
CA	Clutch Abuse
C2 (PRO Only)	Secondary Configuration mode
HN	Hold Neutral mode
L	Low Mode
M	Manual Mode
N	Neutral
PA (PRO Only)	Paving assist
-	Shift Position Unknown
!	Error State
??	Data Loss ¹

¹ Can show briefly at initial key on.

4 DRIVE, NEUTRAL, AND REVERSE INDICATOR



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R

The Drive, Neutral, and Reverse Indicator reflects the shifter position for automatic and automated transmissions. Manual transmissions and certain automatic transmissions do not provide feedback to the display. Instead, the transmission shifter indicates the gear condition.

5 ENGINE BRAKE INDICATOR



This indicator appears when the engine braking (compression brake or exhaust brake) is active. It shows available engine braking levels near the indicator, with the selected braking level highlighted:



When using engine braking, the engine brake indicator turns green. An override of active engine braking can occur when the operator (or a vehicle feature, such as Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC)) provides acceleration. In these cases, the engine brake indicator turns white (enabled but not active) while the vehicle accelerates.

6 HILL START AID (HSA) DISABLED WARNING LIGHT



This warning means that the Hill Start Aid (HSA) feature is disabled. This may be from use of the Hill Start Aid Disable switch (see [Hill Start Aid Disable Switch](#)) or a fault with the HSA feature.

7 SECONDARY CONFIGURATION INDICATOR (PRO ONLY)

When you select the secondary configuration mode, a **C2** displays in the gear display indicating that the secondary mode (C2) mode is active.

Figure 2: Secondary Configuration Indicator for 7" Display



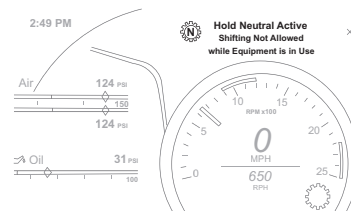
Figure 3: Secondary Configuration Indicator for 15" Display



8 FORCE NEUTRAL/HOLD NEUTRAL INDICATOR

When Force Neutral or Hold Neutral are active, the gear display shows an **HN** and a notification shows at the top of the digital display.

Figure 4: Force Neutral/Hold Neutral Notification



9 ROCK FREE INDICATOR (PRO ONLY)

When you activate the Rock Free mode, an indicator lamp illuminates and a message displays at the top of the digital display.

Figure 5: Rock Free Indicator for 7" Display



Figure 6: Rock Free Indicator for 15" Display



Figure 7: Rock Free Notification



10 PAVING ASSIST (PRO ONLY)

When you activate the Paving Assist, the gear display shows a **PA** and the selected transmission start gear number flashes alternately.

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1 COLUMN SHIFTER

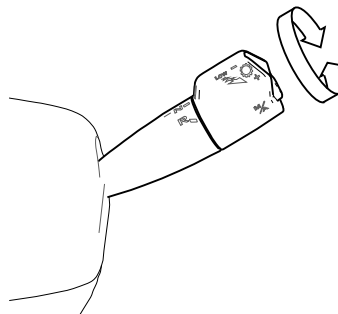
1.1 Column Shifter

The column shifter, located on the right-hand side of the steering column, lets the operator perform the following transmission functions:

- Switch transmission modes
- Upshift and Downshift
- Activate Manual Mode
- Activate Low Mode
- Activate MAX Mode
- Activate the Secondary Configuration mode

1.2 Transmission Modes

TRANSMISSION MODES



Select the transmission mode by rotating the shifter outer knob. There is a position for Drive (**D**), Neutral (**N**), Reverse (**R**).

Rotating the knob to the Reverse (**R**) position while moving forward, or to the Drive (**D**) position while moving backward, will not change the transmission mode to those selections.

The Digital Display will indicate the corresponding mode.

NOTE

Selector (the transmission) must be in Neutral (**N**) to start the truck.

NEUTRAL MODE

- Selects Neutral.
- Initial Gear position after Start-Up.

WARNING

Apply parking brake and follow vehicle manufacturer parking instructions. Failure to follow these instructions could cause unintended vehicle movement resulting in death, serious injury or damage to property.

NOTE

If the engine does not crank at start-up, confirm the following:

- Neutral is selected.
- The vehicle parking brake is applied.
- The service brake is depressed.

DRIVE MODE (AUTO MODE)

Optimized Gear Selection automatically selects the start gear depending on inputs such as, load, grade, and axle/transmission ratio. This start gear can be changed by making an upshift or downshift request, unless the start gear requested would cause damage to the transmission during vehicle launch.

NOTE

If the driver attempts to select a non-neutral mode without applying the service brake, the transmission will not shift into gear. If this is attempted, the driver will need to re-select Neutral (**N**), and then press the service brake before a new mode can be selected.

If the start gear is changed using an upshift or downshift request, the request will remain the default start gear until the vehicle is powered down or the selection is changed; however, conditions such as grade may still override the default start gear selection.

A shift can be advanced by using an upshift or downshift request when the transmission is near the shift point.

NOTE

Multiple upshift or downshift requests may be allowed when the upshift/ downshift request procedure is performed multiple times in succession. Each push or pull of the column shifter equals one gear change request.

The transmission may also deny a shift while ascending or descending grades if the vehicle load and grade of the terrain, in combination with the drivetrain ratio and engine torque, will fall outside of the acceptable range to perform a shift. If the shift is denied, a tone will sound.

REVERSE MODE

- Reverse mode selects the default Reverse gear.

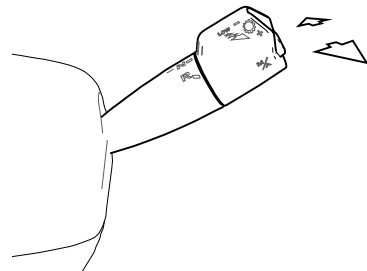
NOTE

If the driver attempts to select a non-neutral mode without applying the service brake, the transmission will not shift into gear. If this is attempted, the driver will need to re-select Neutral (**N**),

and then press the service brake before a new mode can be selected.

- Each time Reverse is selected from Neutral, the default Reverse gear is engaged.

1.3 Upshifting and Downshifting



The transmission gear can be selected manually to accommodate the driving needs of the operator. The transmission mode must be in either Drive or Reverse to manually select the gear.

When in Automatic Mode

- Pushing or pulling the shifter will briefly upshift or downshift the transmission (for about four seconds); after which, the transmission will return to the ideal gearing for the current vehicle speed and engine use.
- Pushing and holding the shifter away will engage the Low Mode (see [Low Mode Operation](#)).

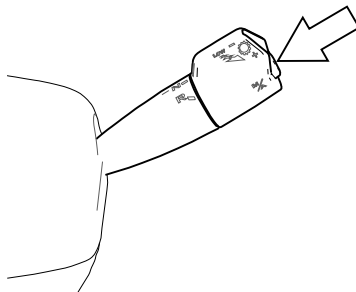
When in Manual Mode

- Pulling the shifter towards the operator (+) will upshift.
- Pushing the shifter away (-) will downshift.
- Pushing and holding the shifter away (-) will engage Low Mode (see [Low Mode Operation](#)).

The selected gear will appear on the Transmission Gear Display (see [Transmission Gear Display on page 23](#)) and may flash briefly when moving into gear.

1.4 Manual and Automatic Modes

MANUAL AND AUTOMATIC MODES



Pressing this button places the transmission in Manual Mode. Manual Mode allows the operator to select the gear (See [Upshifting and Downshifting](#)).

To activate, place the column shifter in Drive Mode (**D**), and then depress the Manual Mode button. When Manual Mode is

selected, an **M** is shown in the Transmission Gear Display (See [Transmission Gear Display](#)).

Exiting Manual Mode

To exit Manual Mode:

- Press the Manual Mode button
- Place the column shifter in Neutral (**N**)

TRANSMISSION MANUAL OVERRIDE

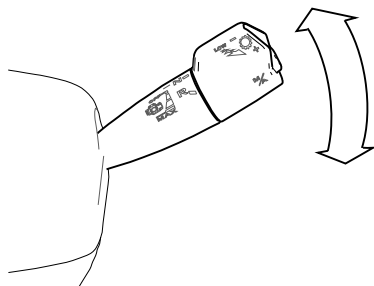
If the vehicle is being back-driven and the engine is approaching a higher than acceptable engine operation range, the transmission system will override Manual Mode and perform an upshift.

i NOTE

The transmission initiates upshifts from Drive, Manual, and Low modes for engine overspeed protection.

If the start gear is changed and it causes the engine to lug at takeoff, the transmission system will override Manual Mode and perform a downshift.

1.5 Engine Brake Operation



Moving the shifter down (clockwise) engages the engine brake, with each downward position providing more engine braking. The bottom-most position (Position 4) is a momentary position and activates MAX mode.

Position	Amount of engine brake
Off	0 %
1	33 %

Position	Amount of engine brake
2	66 %
3	100 %
4 ¹	100 % AND engages MAX mode.

¹ This position is momentary and reverts back to position 3 upon releasing the shifter.

The corresponding engine brake level (and MAX mode) indicates on the engine brake indicator.

2 HILL START AID (HSA) DISABLE SWITCH

Figure 8: Two-position Switch



OFF

Positions:

- **OFF** (temporary position)
- **ON** (center, resting position)

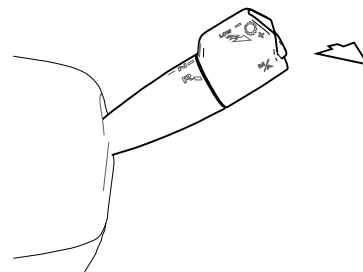
OFF

Pressing the switch up temporarily disables the Hill Start Aid feature. Disabling Hill Start Aid presents both a notification and a warning light (see [Hill Start Aid \(HSA\) Disabled Warning Light](#)).

Hill Start Aid is automatically re-enabled after the first successful launch.

3 SECONDARY CONFIGURATION MODE (PRO ONLY)

Use the column shifter to switch between the primary and secondary configuration modes. Refer to [Secondary Configuration Operation \(PRO Only\)](#) for more information.



4 ROCK FREE MODE SWITCH (PRO ONLY)

This vehicle may have the Rock Free switch. When you activate this switch, the transmission system automatically selects the lowest forward or reverse start gear available. You may manually select a specific start gear using the column shifter to upshift or downshift to the desired gear.

Figure 9: Peterbilt Rock Free Switch

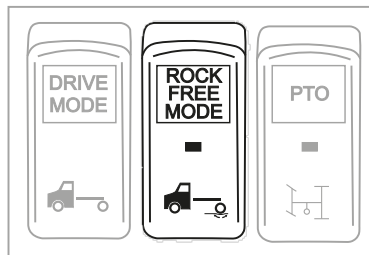
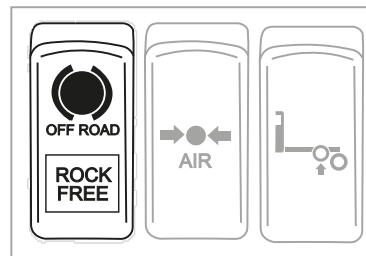


Figure 10: Kenworth Rock Free Switch



i NOTE

An indicator lamp illuminates and/or a message displays when Rock Free mode is active.

5 POWER TAKE-OFF (PTO) SWITCH (OPTION)

Figure 11: Two-position Switch



Positions:

- **ON**
- **OFF**

ON Enables the PTO, starting the PTO activation process.

OFF Disables the PTO.

This vehicle may be equipped with a dash-mounted switch that controls PTO engagement/disengagement. When the operator activates the switch for the PTO, the status indicator light (located on the switch) will immediately illuminate even though PTO engagement may not have occurred. If the PTO is engaged and the operator turns the switch **OFF**, the PTO status indicator light (located on the switch) will turn off immediately even though PTO disengagement may not have occurred.

⚠ CAUTION

Increasing RPM before the PTO is engaged can prevent the PTO from engaging. Failure to comply may result in equipment or property damage.

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1 HILL START AID OPERATION (HSA)

1.1 Hill Start Aid Operation (HSA)

The Hill Start Aid feature is enabled by default but can be temporarily disabled by pressing and releasing the Hill Start Aid Disable Switch (see [Hill Start Aid \(HSA\) Disable Switch](#)).

1.2 Vehicle Facing Uphill – Forward Mode

Vehicle must be on an incline of 2% or greater and in a forward mode.

1. Bring vehicle to a stop and depress the service brakes.
- 2.



WARNING

After Hill Start Aid releases, apply the vehicle service brake to remain stopped, or use the accelerator pedal to launch the vehicle. Failure to do so could result in unintended vehicle movement

resulting in property damage, personal injury, or death.

Release the service brakes to launch the vehicle.

1.3 Vehicle Facing Downhill - Reverse Mode

Vehicle must be on a decline of 2% or greater and in Reverse mode.

1. Bring vehicle to a stop and depress the service brakes.
- 2.



WARNING

After Hill Start Aid releases, apply the vehicle service brake to remain stopped, or use the accelerator pedal to launch the vehicle. Failure to do so could result in unintended vehicle movement resulting in property damage, personal injury, or death.

Release the service brakes to launch the vehicle.

2 SECONDARY CONFIGURATION OPERATION (PRO ONLY)

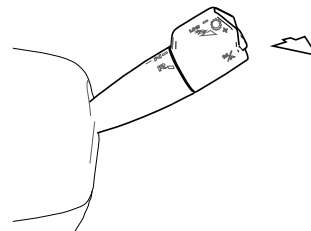
To activate the secondary configuration mode using the column shifter, perform the following steps:



NOTE

The primary configuration mode (C1) is always active by default.

1. Pull and hold the column shifter in the upshift position for five seconds.



A **C2** icon appears momentarily in the gear display indicator, indicating the transmission system is now operating in its secondary configuration mode.

Figure 12: Secondary Configuration Indicator for 7" Display

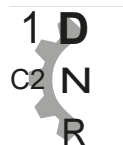
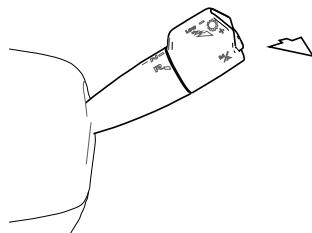


Figure 13: Secondary Configuration Indicator for 15" Display



2. To return to the primary configuration mode, hold the column shifter in the upshift position for five seconds.



A **C1** icon appears in the gear display, indicating the transmission system is now operating in its primary configuration mode.

3 PAVING ASSIST OPERATION (PRO ONLY)

To activate the Paving Assist mode, the vehicle and transmission system require you to meet the following conditions:

- To be stationary or in movement in a forward direction at a speed less than 10 MPH.
- Select **Neutral (N)** on the column shifter, ensuring the N indicator is on the gear display.

i NOTE

You can use the service brake pedal to slow down the vehicle while the vehicle is being pushed by the paving machine in Neutral (N) mode if necessary.

i NOTE

When you activate the Paving Assist mode, the system deactivates the Hill

Start Aid, Urge to Move, and Creep mode. To activate the Paving Assist, perform the following steps:

Use this feature when a paving machine pushes your vehicle and you are ready to disengage using Paving Assist.

1. While in Neutral (N) mode, without depressing the vehicle service brake pedal, select **Drive (D)** mode using the column shifter.

i NOTE

If the vehicle is stationary or being pushed, you can do this action.

2. Depress the vehicle accelerator pedal to move the vehicle forward and away from the paving machine. At this point, Paving Assist is deactivated and the gear display shows a solid gear number.

i NOTE

If you do not depress the accelerator pedal within six seconds of selecting Drive (D) mode, the

Paving Assist feature deactivates, the transmission system returns to Neutral (N) mode, and the gear display changes to a solid **N**.

**NOTE**

Depress the vehicle service brake pedal to re-enable Hill Start Aid, Urge to Move, and Creep Mode.

into the lowest gear that also maintains vehicle speed above the cruise control minimum speed setpoint, keeping cruise control active. Canceling cruise control allows the transmission to downshift into the lowest gear.

This procedure begins at engine start, selecting the lowest available gear. If Low mode is selected while moving, the transmission will downshift at the earliest opportunity, using the higher-than-normal engine rpm to provide maximum engine braking.

1. Start the vehicle.
2. Press and hold the service brake.

**NOTE**

If the driver attempts to select a non-neutral mode without applying the service brake, the transmission will not shift into gear. If this is attempted, the driver will need to re-select Neutral (**N**), and then press the service brake before a new mode can be selected.

3. Release the parking brake.
4. Push and hold the shifter in the

downshift position until **L** appears on the Transmission Gear Display, and then release the service brake.

Result:

The vehicle will remain in Low Mode until the operator either:

- Presses the Manual Mode button (see Manual and Automatic Modes [on page 31](#)).
- Pushes the column shifter away until **L** is removed from the Transmission Gear Display (see).
- Shifts into (or through) Neutral (**N**).
- Turns the ignition switch to **OFF**.

4 LOW MODE OPERATION

**WARNING**

On slippery surfaces, minimize engine braking in Low Mode. Excessive engine braking at higher engine rpm may cause a loss of traction and vehicle control. Failure to comply may result in property damage, personal injury, or death.

**NOTE**

Activating Low mode while using cruise control will downshift the transmission

5 MAX MODE OPERATION

Use this feature when a situation requires 100% engine brake and the additional resistance from using the transmission lower gears.

1. Move the transmission shifter to the 3rd position, enabling 100% engine braking.
2. Pull the transmission shifter down again. Then allow the shifter to move back up to the previous position (3rd position).

Figure 14: Engine Brake + MAX**Result:**

The vehicle remains in Max mode until the transmission downshifts into the coast-down gear, or the operator:

- Presses the accelerator pedal.
- Upshifts, see [Upshifting and Downshifting](#).
- Reduces the engine brake level.
- Attempts to activate MAX mode again (pulling the column shifter down to the temporary 4th position).
- Selects Neutral (N) (see [Transmission Modes](#)).
- Selects Low mode (see [Low Mode Operation](#)).

6 FORCE NEUTRAL /HOLD NEUTRAL

The Force Neutral/Hold Neutral feature allows the use of an integrated switch to place and hold the transmission in a neutral state, preventing vehicle motion while a vehicle specific feature is performing.

7 FORCE NEUTRAL OPERATION

To activate the Force Neutral, perform the following steps:

1. Make sure that a vehicle specific feature or chassis mounted equipment is operated or deployed (for example, PTO, crane, lift, etc.).
2. Activate the switch input to force the Neutral (N) mode.

The transmission system denies any selection of a non-neutral mode.

i NOTE

The transmission remains in a neutral state and prevents any shift mode requests until you remove the Force Neutral/Hold Neutral request by returning the

integrated switch input to the deactivated (off) state.

8 HOLD NEUTRAL OPERATION

To activate the Hold Neutral, perform the following steps:

1. Ensure the vehicle is at a complete stop.
2. Preselect Neutral (N) mode using the column shifter.
The neutral mode maintains until you deactivate the switch input.
3. Make sure that a vehicle specific feature or chassis mounted equipment is operated or deployed (for example, PTO, crane, lift, etc.).

i NOTE

The transmission remains in a neutral state and prevents any shift mode requests until you deactivate the Force Neutral/Hold Neutral request by returning the integrated switch input to the deactivated (off) state.

9 ROCK FREE OPERATION (PRO ONLY)

To unstick the vehicle from sand, mud, or snow, perform the following procedure to activate the Rock Free mode:

1. Make sure that the vehicle is at a complete stop.
2. Depress and hold the vehicle service brake pedal.
3. Depress the Rock Free mode switch. When you activate the Rock Free mode, an indicator lamp illuminates and a message appears on the gear display.

Figure 15: Rock Free Indicator for 7" Display



Figure 16: Rock Free Indicator for 15" Display



4. Select the forward or reverse mode as you require for vehicle movement.
5. Depress and release the vehicle accelerator pedal to rock the vehicle. Timing the apply and release motion maximizes the rocking momentum.

Result:

The vehicle remains in the Rock Free mode until one of the following conditions deactivate this feature:

- Sufficient vehicle motion (combination of speed, distance, and shiftable conditions).
- You depress the Rock Free mode switch.
- You initiate an Upshift gear using the column shifter while the vehicle moves, while depressing the vehicle accelerator pedal.
- The transmission system remains on Neutral (N) mode for an extended

period of time.

- You apply the vehicle parking brake.

10 TRANSMISSION-PTO OPERATION

10.1 Mobile Transmission-PTO Operation (option)

Limited mobile PTO operation is available in the 2nd and 4th forward gears, and 2nd reverse (R2) gear using the transmission countershaft PTO. To engage the transmission PTO for mobile operation, perform the following:

1. Bring the vehicle to a complete stop and depress the service brake.
2. Place the transmission in Neutral (N).
3. Select the Transmission PTO switch.
4. Select Drive (D) or Reverse (R) as required for vehicle movement.
5. Release the service brake to engage the clutch and the PTO.
6. Raise engine speed as required to operate PTO.



NOTE

Use the transmission PTO switch to disengage the PTO.

10.2 Stationary Transmission-PTO Operation (option)

The transmission countershaft PTO is used in this application. To engage the PTO for stationary operation, perform the following steps:

1.



WARNING

Apply parking brake and follow vehicle manufacturer parking instructions. Failure to follow these instructions could cause unintended vehicle movement resulting in death, serious injury or damage to property.

Bring the vehicle to a complete stop and apply the parking brake.

2. Place the transmission in neutral (N).

3. Select the transmission PTO switch.
4. Raise engine speed as required to operate PTO.



NOTE

Use the transmission PTO switch to disengage the PTO.

11 SNOW/ICE OPERATION

This transmission is designed to work in coordination with the Automatic Traction Control (ATC) system to ensure optimal operation. However, if the driver observes low friction road conditions (such as snow, rain, ice) and does not want the transmission to shift, risking wheel slippage, the driver should select Manual Mode. Manual Mode holds the current gear position under most operating conditions- the transmission will only shift when the driver makes an upshift or downshift request. Once road conditions improve, the driver should revert back to Drive Mode.

12 START GEARS

This transmission can be launched in the following start gears:

Drive	1 st – 3 st
Reverse	R1 – R3

13 START-UP



CAUTION

Never operate the starter motor with the engine running. The starter and flywheel gears could clash or jam, severely damaging them. Failure to comply may result in equipment damage or property damage.



NOTE

Some starters are equipped with overcrank protection. Check the Engine Operation and Maintenance Manual for details.

1. Set the parking brake.
2. Ensure that Neutral is selected for the transmission mode, and that **N** indicates on the display.

i NOTE

The transmission will not allow the engine to crank if a mode other than Neutral is selected, on transmission shifter, when attempting to start the engine.

3. Turn the ignition switch to **ON** and allow the transmission to power-up.

i NOTE

Engine cranking is delayed until the transmission power-up is complete and the gear display shows a solid **N**. If Neutral (**N**) is not shown in the gear display, ensure that secondary air pressure has met the minimum threshold for transmission operation. The Transmission Air Low popup will indicate on the display until secondary air pressure has met the minimum threshold. Wait until the popup disappears before attempting to drive the vehicle.

4. Start the engine.
If the engine does not start within 30 seconds, release the ignition switch.

To avoid overtaxing the starter motor or the batteries, don't use the starter for more than 30 seconds. Let the starter motor cool and the batteries recover for two minutes before trying again. If the engine still won't start after a couple of tries, check the fuel lines for possible fuel starvation or airleaks. Starting failure may mean fuel is not reaching the injectors.

5. Watch the oil pressure gauge. Check your engine manufacturer's operator's manual for the right pressure for your engine. If oil pressure doesn't rise within a few seconds, stop the engine. Find out what is wrong before restarting the engine.
6. Allow secondary air pressure to build to the normal operating range (100 – 130 psi).
7. Apply service brake.

i NOTE

If the service brake is not applied while selecting a starting gear, the initial start gear will not be engaged and the driver will have to reselect Neutral and press

the brake while re-selecting the desired mode.

8. Select the desired mode and starting gear on the transmission shifter.

i NOTE

The transmission automatically selects an appropriate starting gear and will override unsuitable start gear selections to avoid driveline damage (see Start Gears on page 40).

9. Release the vehicle parking brakes.
10. Release service brake and Urge to Move will allow the vehicle to automatically launch and creep at constant engine idle.
 - Upshifts and downshifts can be made while at constant engine idle by utilizing the up/downshift request procedure. The transmission may deny a shift and sound a tone if the load of the vehicle or grade of the terrain falls outside the acceptable range to perform a shift.

14 POWER DOWN



WARNING

When parking a vehicle, fully raise lift axles that are not equipped with a parking brake. If left in the down position, a lift axle not equipped with a parking brake could cause the parked vehicle to roll, resulting in an accident. Failure to comply may result in death, personal injury, equipment damage, or property damage.

The information provided in this topic is intended to enhance or amend the Engine Shutdown Procedure, Stopping the Vehicle, and Final Stopping Procedures located in the Engine Operator's Manual and Chassis Operator's Manual specific for your vehicle. Familiarize yourself with the information in this topic, and make the appropriate adjustments to those procedures, if necessary, when shutting down the engine.

1. Place the transmission in neutral (N).



NOTE

The transmission should always be in Neutral before powering down, except in emergency situations.

If the transmission gear display does not show a solid **N**, the transmission is not in Neutral.

2.



WARNING

DO NOT use the service brake or trailer hand brake to hold a parked vehicle. Because these brakes rely on air pressure, a loss of pressure could loosen the brakes and cause the vehicle to roll, resulting in an accident. Always set the parking brake. Failure to comply may result in property damage, personal injury, or death.



WARNING

DO NOT leave the transmission in gear to hold a parked vehicle.

Always set the parking brake. Engine compression may not provide sufficient force to hold the vehicle, or the transmission may move out of gear, causing the vehicle to roll and result in an accident. Failure to comply may result in property damage, personal injury, or death.

Set the parking brake.

3.



CAUTION

DO NOT shut off the engine immediately after use, especially after a long trip or if the engine has been subject to high load. The engine is hot and must be cooled. Idle the engine at 1000 rpm for at least 4 minutes, then low idle for an additional 30 seconds before shutting off the engine. Failure to comply may result in engine damage, reducing its service life.

Cool down, and then turn OFF the engine.

15 TRAILER OPERATION

15.1 Trailer Connecting

- Prior to backing under the trailer, ensure proper trailer height.
- Use Low mode (1st gear) for forward direction and Reverse (R1) for reverse direction.

15.2 Sliding Trailer Axle

- Ensure axle rails and locks are properly maintained.
- Follow proper procedure for unlocking and sliding the trailer axles.
- Use Low mode (1st gear) for forward direction and Reverse (R1) for reverse direction.
- Avoid repeat attempts if the sliding axle is not moving.

NOTE

If repeat attempts are made and the automated clutch starts to overheat, the display will indicate **CA** along with a warning tone.

16 VEHICLE TOWING

When towing the vehicle, the output shaft of the transmission must not be allowed to spin or turn. If the vehicle is towed with the drive wheels still in contact with the road surface, the vehicle axle shafts or driveline must be removed or disconnected.



CAUTION

Always follow proper manufacturer towing procedures. Failure to follow proper towing procedures could result in damage to the transmission.

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1 PREVENTATIVE MAINTENANCE

Preventive maintenance begins with the daily checks listed in your vehicle operator's manual. Routine vehicle checks can help avoid many large, expensive, and time consuming repairs, and will contribute to better, safer, and longer vehicle operation. Neglect of recommended maintenance can void your vehicle's warranty. Some maintenance operations demand skills and equipment you may not have. For such situations, please take your vehicle to a PACCAR Powertrain distributor.

WARNING

Turn off the vehicle and allow it to cool before working near engine or exhaust components. Hot vehicle fluids and components can burn skin on contact. Failure to comply may result in death, personal injury, equipment damage, or property damage.

WARNING

If the engine must be running to inspect, be alert and cautious around the engine

at all times. Failure to comply may result in death, personal injury, equipment or property damage.

WARNING

If work must be done with the engine running, always:

- Ensure that the transmission is in neutral (**N**) or park (**P**)
- Set the parking brake
- Block the wheels

Failure to comply may result in death, personal injury, equipment or property damage.

WARNING

DO NOT wear loose-fitting or torn clothing, jewelry or accessories, or loose hairstyles. Loose or dangling materials can get caught in fan blades or other moving parts. Failure to comply may result in death, personal injury, equipment damage, or property damage.

WARNING

Always support the vehicle with appropriate safety stands if it is necessary to work underneath the vehicle. A jack is not adequate for this purpose. Failure to comply may result in death, personal injury, equipment or property damage.

WARNING

When working underneath the vehicle with the wheels on the ground (not supported), make sure that:

- The vehicle is on hard, level ground.
- The parking brake is applied.
- All wheels are blocked (front and rear).
- The start switch key is removed to prevent the vehicle from starting.

Failure to comply may result in death, personal injury, equipment damage or property damage.

WARNING

Never start or let the engine run in an enclosed, unventilated area. Engine exhaust fumes contain carbon monoxide, a colorless and odorless gas. Carbon monoxide can be fatal if inhaled. Failure to comply may result in death, personal injury, equipment damage, or property damage.

CAUTION

DO NOT operate the transmission at an operating angle greater than 12° (approximately 21% road grade). The operating angle is the transmission mounting angle plus the road grade expressed as an angle. Failure to comply will result in improper transmission lubrication and may result in equipment or property damage.

The tables on the following pages contain maintenance tasks. These tasks should be performed at the interval labeled at the top of the table, which are based either on vehicle mileage, or vehicle mileage and time passed since the last time that task was performed. Some tasks depend on

vehicle application -- or how and where the vehicle is operated. These tasks will have the words ON-HIGHWAY, CITY DELIVERY, or VOCATIONAL after the description and should be performed if the vehicle is operated for that application:

- ON-HIGHWAY – Applications where the vehicle is only used on paved roads during normal operation.
- CITY DELIVERY – Applications where frequent start and stopping is required during normal operation, and highway use is infrequent and for short intervals.
- VOCATIONAL – Applications based on truck configuration and use and not on operating environment. Vocational vehicle components must meet the requirements needed for its specific application (such as construction or refuse). A truck can be vocational in addition to other application types. Vehicles that fall into more than one application category should observe the earliest and more limiting application's maintenance requirements.

VOCATIONAL configurations are limited to construction and refuse only. Dump bodies, hopper bodies, refuse packers, mixers, and cotton modules **are not** approved for this transmission.

OFF-HIGHWAY applications **are not** approved for this transmission.

If there are questions regarding which intervals to follow, please contact a PACCAR Powertrain distributor. Consult the supplier for specific recommendations where discrepancies develop between the recommendations in the following maintenance tables and the component supplier recommendations.

2 WEEKLY

NOTE

These checks are in addition to, not in place of, Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations. These regulations may be purchased by writing to: Superintendent of Documents U.S. Government Printing Office Bookstore 710 N. Capitol St. N.W. Washington, DC 20402, or ContactCenter@gpo.gov.

Weekly

Main and auxiliary Transmission - General (VOCATIONAL)

- Inspect exterior for leaks.
- Check the oil level: refill as required (See [Lubrication](#) for maintenance instructions).
- Inspect exterior seals for damage, and replace as necessary.

3 EVERY 7,500 MI / 12,000 KM

Every 7,500 mi / 12,000 km

Main and auxiliary Transmission - General (ON-HIGHWAY and CITY DELIVERY)

- Inspect exterior for leaks.
- Check the oil level: refill as required (See [Lubrication](#) for maintenance instructions).
- Inspect exterior seals for damage, and replace as necessary.

4 EVERY 30,000 MI / 48,000 KM

Every 30,000 mi / 48,000 km¹

Air - Air Lines

- Check condition and routing to prevent chafing (See [Air Compressor](#) for maintenance instructions).

¹ Ensure that all maintenance intervals leading up to this point are repeated during this interval prior to the completion of those listed here.

5 EVERY 60,000 MI / 96,000 KM / 6 MO

Every 60,000 mi / 96,000 km / 6 mo¹

Main and Auxiliary Transmission - Mounting Brackets and Fasteners

- Check the condition of the fasteners and their torque. Tighten to the specified torque value as required. Refer to [Frame Fastener Torque Requirements](#) for maintenance instructions.

Air - Inline Filters

- Replace elements or clean with solvent (Refer to "Replace Engine Air Filter" located in your engine operator's manual).

¹ Ensure that all maintenance intervals leading up to this point are repeated during this interval prior to the completion of those listed here.

6 ANNUALLY

Annually

Air - Air Dryer

- Replace cartridge (See [Air Dryer Oil-coalescing Cartridge](#)).
- Replace purge valve.

7 EVERY 240,000 MI / 384,000 KM / 3 YR

Every 240,000 mi / 384,000 km / 3 yr ¹
Main and auxiliary Transmission - Lubrication (VOCATIONAL) • Drain and replace lubricant (See Draining the Transmission).

¹ Ensure that all maintenance intervals leading up to this point are repeated during this interval prior to the completion of those listed here.

8 EVERY 750,000 MI / 1,200,000 KM / 5 YRS

Every 750,000 mi / 1,200,000 km / 5 yr ¹
Main and auxiliary Transmission - Lubrication (ON-HIGHWAY and CITY DELIVERY) • Drain and replace lubricant (See Draining the Transmission).

¹ Ensure that all maintenance intervals leading up to this point are repeated during this interval prior to the completion of those listed here.

9 TX-12 MAINTENANCE TASKS

9.1 Air Compressor

AIR COMPRESSOR

All compressors, regardless of make or model, run continuously while the engine is running. System pressure is controlled by the governor. The governor acts in conjunction with the unloading mechanism in the compressor cylinder block to start and stop compression of air. The compressor is unloaded when the system pressure reaches 130 psi (8.96 bar/896 kPa), and compression is reestablished when system pressure falls to 110 psi (7.58 bar/758 kPa).

Preventive Maintenance

The following service checks are provided for informational purposes, and should only be performed by a certified technician. Contact your dealer or the engine manufacturer's maintenance manual for further information on servicing air compressors. After completing any repairs to the air system, always test for air leaks, and check the brakes for safe operation

before putting the vehicle in service. Below is a list of areas to maintain for the air compressor:

- Inspect compressor air filter element, if equipped, and replace element if clogged. Check compressor mounting and drive for alignment and belt tension. Adjust if necessary.
- Remove compressor discharge valve cap nuts and check for presence of excessive carbon. If excessive carbon is found, clean or replace the compressor cylinder head. Also, check compressor discharge line for carbon, and clean or replace the discharge line if necessary.
- Disassemble compressor and thoroughly clean and inspect all parts. Repair or replace all worn or damaged parts, or replace compressor with a factory exchange unit.

TRANSMISSION AIR SUPPLY

For optimal performance, this transmission requires a nominal air supply operating range between 90 psi (5.9 bar) and 130 psi (9.0 bar).



WARNING

Maintain specified transmission air system pressure range between 90 psi (5.9 bar) and 130 psi (9.0 bar). Failure to maintain proper air system pressure could result in degraded or complete loss of transmission engagement and shift capabilities resulting in property damage, serious injury, or death.

9.2 Air Dryer Oil-coalescing Cartridge

The air system supplying this component is equipped with an oil-coalescing air dryer. The air dryer's oil-coalescing cartridge must be replaced yearly, regardless of mileage.



CAUTION

Replace the oil-coalescing desiccant air dryer cartridge annually, regardless of mileage. Use only an oil-coalescing desiccant cartridge as a replacement. Failure to comply will void the transmission warranty and may cause transmission damage.

9.3 Lubrication

LUBRICATION

Proper lubrication procedures are important for a good maintenance program. If the lubricant is not doing its job or if the lubricant level is ignored, all other maintenance procedures are not going to keep the transmission running or assure long transmission life.

Lubricant changes should be based on a combination of the intervals shown in vehicle operator's manual, the Lubrication and Maintenance service manual, and user judgment – based on vehicle application and operating environment. Extending drain intervals beyond those shown in the tables is not recommended and will put warranties at risk.

To ensure that transmission internal parts are amply lubricated, do the following:

- Maintain lubricant level and inspect regularly.
- Follow maintenance intervals, see Preventative Maintenance [on page 45](#).
- Use the correct grade and type of lubricant, see .
- Buy lubricant from an approved dealer.

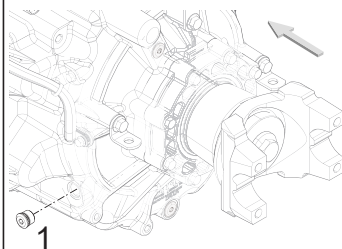
DRAINING THE TRANSMISSION

Draining lubricating fluid from the transmission should only be performed during fluid replacement or a repair. Take your vehicle to a PACCAR Powertrain distributor for maintenance processes that require draining transmission lubricant.

See Transmission Lubricant Capacities [on page 58](#) and Transmission Lube Specification [on page 58](#) for more information on the amount and type of lubricant required for this transmission.

CHECKING TRANSMISSION FLUID LEVEL

Fluid Check Location



1. Check Plug

Required tools:

- Small container (to catch fluid)
- Standard wrench
- Torque Wrench
- 6mm hex bit socket

Perform this procedure with the transmission installed in the vehicle.



CAUTION

DO NOT operate the transmission at an operating angle greater than 12° (approximately 21% road grade). The operating angle is the transmission mounting angle plus the road grade expressed as an angle. Failure to comply will result in improper transmission lubrication and may result in equipment or property damage.

1. Park vehicle on a level surface with the transmission in neutral, engage the parking brake, and chock the tires.
2. Turn off the engine after it has idled for two minutes.

NOTE

Idling the engine places oil temperature in the required range for this procedure: 60° F – 120° F (15.5° C – 48.8° C).

NOTE

Do not over-torque the check plug or transmission damage may occur.

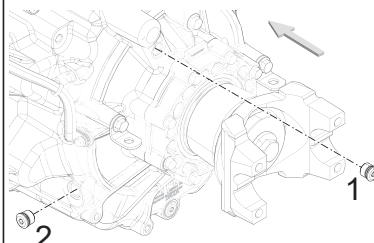
- 6mm hex bit socket
- Fluid lubricant pump with hose (optional)

Perform this procedure with the transmission installed in the vehicle.

ADDING TRANSMISSION FLUID

3. Locate the check plug (1) and place container under the check plug hole. Check plug can be accessed beneath the cab, driver side.
4. Remove the check plug using wrench.
5. Observe the check plug hole:
 - a. If a small amount of fluid runs out of the check plug hole, there is sufficient transmission fluid.
 - b. IF NO fluid runs out of the check plug hole, STOP. Replace check plug and add fluid to the transmission (see [Adding Transmission Fluid](#)).
6. Inspect the check plug and O-ring for damage. If damaged, replace with new plug and O-ring.
7. Insert the check plug with O-ring, and torque plug to 24.5-29.5 N·m (18-22 lb-ft).

Fluid Fill and Check Locations



1. Fill Plug
2. Check Plug

Required tools:

- Small container (to catch fluid)
- Transmission fluid (See [Transmission Lube Specification](#))
- Standard wrench
- Torque wrench

CAUTION

DO NOT operate the transmission at an operating angle greater than 12° (approximately 21% road grade). The operating angle is the transmission mounting angle plus the road grade expressed as an angle. Failure to comply will result in improper transmission lubrication and may result in equipment or property damage.

1. Park vehicle on a level surface with the transmission in neutral, engage the parking brake, and chock the tires.
2. Turn off the engine after it has idled for two minutes.

NOTE

Idling the engine places oil temperature in the required range for

this procedure: 60° F – 120° F
(15.5° C – 48.8° C).

3. Remove fill plug (1) with wrench. Check plug can be accessed beneath the cab, driver side.
4. Place a suitable container under the check plug hole.
5. Remove check plug (2) with wrench. Check plug can be accessed beneath the cab, driver side.
6. Fill transmission at fill hole (1) until a small amount of fluid runs out of the check plug hole (2).

NOTE

Due to the fill hole location, the use of a fluid lubricant pump is advised.

7. Inspect fill plug and O-ring for damage. If damaged, replace with new plug and O-ring.
8. Insert fill plug with O-ring and torque plug to 24.5-29.5 N·m (18-22 lb-ft).

NOTE

Do not over-torque the fill plug or transmission damage may occur.

9. Inspect check plug and O-ring for damage. If damaged, replace with new plug and O-ring.
10. Insert check plug with O-ring and torque plug to 24.5-29.5 N·m (18-22 lb-ft).

NOTE

Do not over-torque the check plug or transmission damage may occur.

Result:

If equipped with a PTO or transmission cooler, start engine and run for 1 to 2 minutes to fill these components with transmission fluid. Afterwards, turn off the engine and recheck fluid level (see [Checking Transmission Fluid Level](#)).

MIXING OF OIL TYPES

CAUTION

Do not mix engine and gear oil in the same transmission. Mixing engine and gear oils could cause damage to the transmission.

CAUTION

DO NOT use additives or friction modifiers. Neither are approved for this transmission. Using an additive or friction modifier can break down both lubrication and transmission components, resulting in degraded performance and equipment damage, and may affect warranty coverage.

Engine oils and gear oils may not be compatible; mixing can cause breakdown of the lubricant and affect component performance. When switching between types of lubricants, all areas of each affected component must be thoroughly flushed.



NOTE

For a list of approved lubricants, see [Transmission Lube Specification](#).

10 TROUBLESHOOTING

10.1 Diagnostics

In the event there is a problem with this transmission, there are three primary tasks the driver should perform:

1. Note the driving condition under which the problem occurred.
2. Note the condition of the transmission under which the problem occurred (such as operation mode (Drive, Manual, Low), current gear, and engine speed).
3. Reset system.

10.2 Transmission Reset Procedure

In some cases, proper transmission operation can be restored by “resetting” the

Transmission Control Module (TCM). Use the following procedure to reset the TCM.

1. Continue to drive the vehicle to a safe location before selecting neutral (**N**).



NOTE

Once neutral (**N**) is selected, a gear engagement may not be allowed depending on the specific problem.

2. Place the transmission in neutral (**N**).

- 3.



WARNING

Apply parking brake and follow vehicle manufacturer parking instructions. Failure to follow these instructions could cause unintended vehicle movement resulting in death, serious injury or damage to property.

Set the vehicle parking brake.

4. Turn the vehicle ignition switch to **OFF**.
5. Wait at least 2 minutes.

6. Restart the engine.
7. If the problem continues, contact a service facility to have the vehicle and transmission system evaluated.

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1 GENERAL MODEL INFORMATION

1.1 Transmission Identification Tag

All transmissions are identified by the model and serial number. This information is stamped on the transmission identification tag and affixed to the case.



i NOTE

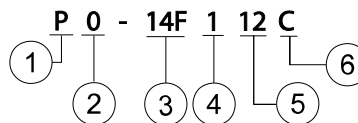
Do not remove or destroy the transmission identification tag.

The blank spaces provided below are for recording transmission identification data. Have these reference numbers handy when ordering replacement parts or requesting service information:

Transmission Model	
Transmission Serial Number	

1.2 Nomenclature

Following is a nomenclature tree that describes the multiple configurations of the transmission model numbers:



- | | |
|---|-------------------------------------|
| 1 | PACCAR TX-12 Transmission |
| 2 | Overdrive |
| 3 | Torque Capacity (lb-ft) # x 100 +50 |
| 4 | Design Level |
| 5 | Forward Speeds |
| 6 | Ratio Set |

2 CALIBRATION OPTIONS

This transmission's operating parameters can be calibrated for the intended vehicle application.

Some example calibrations are

- Economy – focused for fuel economy.
- Performance – tuned to get the most performance from the engine at all vehicle weights.
- Tanker – fast shifts for unbaffled tankers do not disrupt the shifting load.

i NOTE

A new calibration can be selected at a PACCAR Powertrain distributor. Not all calibration options are available with all engine/transmission model combinations.

3 ROADSIDE ASSISTANCE

Open 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, call toll-free to talk to someone at the PACCAR Vehicle Support Center:

- Kenworth customers

1-800-KW-Assist

(1-800-592-7747)

- Peterbilt customers

1-800-4Peterbilt

(1-800-473-8372)

The PACCAR Vehicle Support Center

- Uses a custom mapping system that locates PACCAR Powertrain distributors and Independent Service Providers (ISPs) near you, listing services offered, hours of operation, and contact information.
- Assists with jump and pull starts, tires, trailers, fines and permits, chains, towing, hazardous clean-up, out of fuel (roadside), mechanical repairs and preventive maintenance services.
- Employs multilingual agents and has access to a translation service, ensuring quality assistance for customers in many languages.
- Places you in contact with a PACCAR Powertrain distributor who can answer your warranty questions.
- Provides these services for FREE.

4 TRANSMISSION LUBRICANT CAPACITIES

The capacity listed on the transmission label plate is the amount needed to fill the transmission only and does not include the additional amount needed for hosing. The capacities listed here reflect the approx-

imate total amount required to maintain transmission lubrication in the operating range. Always use the transmission check hole as a final reference.

Transmissions equipped with a Power Take-off (PTO) have larger capacities than those listed.

Pints (US)	Liters
16 (2 gal)	7.5

5 TRANSMISSION LUBE SPECIFICATION

CAUTION

Only use lubricants approved for this transmission. Failure to use an approved lubricant can break down both lubrication and transmission components, resulting in degraded performance and equipment damage, and may affect warranty coverage

CAUTION

DO NOT use additives or friction modifiers. Neither are approved for this transmission. Using an additive or fric-

tion modifier can break down both lubrication and transmission components, resulting in degraded performance and equipment damage, and may affect warranty coverage.

PACCAR approves use of **PACCAR Genuine PS-386 (Eaton approved) synthetic transmission fluid** to ensure the highest performing lubricants for maximum performance. All other approved rebranders for this lubricant are also acceptable.

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GENUINE PARTS

6 FRAME FASTENER TORQUE REQUIREMENTS

CAUTION

When torquing fasteners, always consider the following:

- Use a torque wrench for final tightening of a fastener. DO NOT use an impact gun. Bolts may over-torque and break.

- When torquing a frame fastener that is not captured, welded, or riveted, the nut must rotate slightly before achieving the torque value. If the nut does not rotate, the fastener is over-torqued and should be replaced.
- To achieve correct clamp loads with a frame fastener that is not captured, welded, or riveted, torque must be applied to the nut. The intended clamp load may not be achieved if the nut is held and torque is applied to the bolt.

Incorrectly tightening a fastener may result in clamp load or frame failures. Failure to comply may result in equipment or property damage.

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