



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

ODI RESUME

Investigation: PE 05-013
Date Opened: 02/28/2005
Principal Investigator: Sonny Murianka
Subject: Unsecured Radius Rod Locking Plates

Manufacturer: Prevost Cars, Inc.
Products: Prevost Cars, Inc. 2005 XLII Coaches
Population: 200 (estimated)

Problem Description: Radius rod locking tab plates were improperly secured. Suspension collapse may occur if the fasteners come loose.

FAILURE REPORT SUMMARY

	ODI	Manufacturer	Total
Complaints:	0	0	0
Crashes/Fires:	0	0	0
Injury Incidents:	0	0	0
# Injuries:	0	0	0
Fatality Incidents:	0	0	0
# Fatalities:	0	0	0
Other*:	0	0	0

*Description Of Other:

Action: A Preliminary Evaluation (PE) has been opened.

Engineer: Sonny Murianka
Div. Chief: Richard Boyd
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Summary: This investigation is being opened after reviewing service bulletin WB04-18 issued by Prevost in December 2004 entitled, "inspection of radius rod locking tab plates." The bulletin instructs dealers to inspect the suspension of the subject coaches to ensure that all the locking tabs were folded (locked) on front and rear radius rods. Radius rod fastener (large bolts) failures could lead to unexpected/ uncontrollable suspension and body movement and possibly result in a vehicle crash.

This investigation is open for review and analysis of this issue.

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