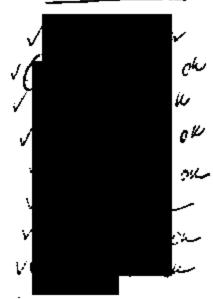
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CUSTOMER CARE

Volvo Cars of North America, Inc. Customer Service Department P. O. Box 914 Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647-0914 1(800) 458-1552

RE: VIN YVILZ56D2X

Date of Purchase:

09.07.01

Odometer reading:

15515 miles

Current Mileage:

73110 miles

Retailer's Name:

Volvo of Westport 556 Post Road East Westport, CT 06880

I purchased this car from my son my son in September 2001. He purchased it now at the above retailer in 1999.

The following is in response to two messages left at my office from Margaret in Volvo Customer Service regarding this problem. I have not spoken to her personally as I was out of the office. I am dissatisfied with Volvo's response that the dealer did not replace the ETM because it did not need it. It does need it; it is a known safety defect. The fact that it has not failed yet does not make it less of a problem. As the service person told me it could happen at any time, there are no warning signs. How is that not a problem? Do I have to wait until the car stalls on a highway and the cars behind me plow into me before Volvo will do something?

When I stopped at the service center initially, he immediately said it sounds like the ETM. I made an appointment to have it replaced for an estimated cost of \$900.00. As I said before in my letter of September 20th my car is not under warranty. I was not asking Volvo to pay for the ETM. Instead, I was charged \$797.00 for 'cleaning' the PVC breather system. That did NOT address the ETM safety defect. How can Volvo say I don't need the ETM replaced? It is defective and a potential hazard. As I said, I am very disappointed because I am still driving a ticking time bomb. I cannot in good conscience sell this car with a known safety defect even if I could. Who would buy such a car?

I have an additional problem that I did not mention originally because it seemed so minor by comparison. Occasionally, I cannot remove the key from the ignition. I was told I spilled a drink in it and it had goody black stuff in it. At no time did I spill a drink in the car. If I had, it would have been impossible to spill it sideways with enough force to enter the ignition to cause that kind of problem. I find it reprehensible to blame the car owner when Volvo cannot explain a problem. It still is not fixed. It still occurs intermittently but not as often.

Additionally, just prior to taking my car in on October 26th for the annual inspection, the battery warning light was coming on during the first few minutes each time I drove the car. They replaced the battery after a battery and alternator test showed the battery was 'weak'. The battery light still comes on. Whatever the problem is, it was NOT fixed.

My final complaint is very awkward to say the least. My husband took the car in for the inspection because I work. He dropped it off at my office and picked up his car. When I got in the car after work I discovered a wrapped Depends Guards for Men just to the left of the gearshift. I can only summise this was some kind of reprisal for complaining to Yelvo. I am appalled at the crassness of such a tactic. If Volvo is trying to send me a message, I got it, you do not value or respect your customers.

Sincerely,

Copy to: Jim Culligan Volvo

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### ROBERT L. SASS

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E-MAIL: boli@bobsass.us

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October 29, 2005

CUSTOMER CARE

Customer Relations Department 7 Volvo Drive Rockleigh, NJ 07647

### Gentlemen:

I realize that warrantes have time limits and that normally expenses incurred after the expiration are the responsibility of the customer. However, I believe that there are definitely circumstances that should override such constraints.

I own a 2000 Volvo S-80/T-6 that I purchased from Volvoville in Massapequa, NY. I took delivery at the factory in Gothenburg on September 10, 1999. There were several reasons for my choosing a Volvo, but the most important was Volvo's reputation for safety and reliability. The current mileage on the vehicle is considerably below average. We only have driven 42,000 miles in the six years we have owned the car, which in Volvo years makes it practically a new car. Several months ago an incident occurred which challenged both the safety and the reliability of the car.

While my wife was driving the engine suddenly and without warning shut off. Fortunately at the time there was no vehicle directly behind her and she was able to coast to the road's edge. After less than a minute she was able to restart the ear. Obviously this could have been a disastrous situation. We were unable to replicate the incident at the time. Two weeks ago the same condition occurred again and 10 days later it repeated listef. Each of these occurrences could have been disastrous and we brought the car to Volvoville on October 28 with instructions that we did not want the car back until the problem was identified and corrected.

The service department was solicitous and efficient. They called us back later in the day and informed us that the problem was a "faulty electronic throttle housing" which they would replace with my approval. The cost to me was \$855.21. We picked up the car this morning and I assume that this will not happen again. However I don't believe that a "top of the line" Volvo should have a part that is so unreliable after only 42,004miles as to require replacement. I feel very strongly that I should not be charged for this repair even though the car is beyond the warranty period. We were very lucky not to be involved in a serious accident due to a defective expensive part and I believe that this should be the responsibility of Volvo not of me.

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CUSTOMER CARE

August 11, 2005

Volvo Cars of North America, LLC. Seven Volvo Drive Rockleigh, NJ 07647

Subject: 1999 Volvo \$70 AWD, Vin#YV1LT56D6X2

To Whom It May Concern:

Being a five time Volvo owner, I do understand the value of my purchases. However, that perception is changing with this particular car. I am a firm believer of the suggested routine maintenance checks, and have had the following performed:

7500 mile - \$102.31 15000 mile - \$201.20 22500 mile - \$128.79 30000 mile - \$490.48 45000 mile - \$218.40 52500 mile - \$145.25 60000 mile - \$500.34

Outside of this are all my routine oil changes, brake pads, battery replacement, and even sway but links. The things I haven't experienced with the other Volvos are replacement of a fuel pump 8/2/04 for \$955.99, replacing gasket #3514546 and scaling ring #30637866 10/6/04 for \$300.83, and now the most recent frustration being the replacement of the ETM on 8/5/05 for \$1329.83. This is all with a current mileage reading of 77,950. My understanding is that there may be a pending Service Action in the near future. I would like to know if that is a possibility, as the quality of this vehicle has certainly not matched that of the other cars we have previously owned. We passed one of our Volvos down to a family member who has over 300,000 miles on it.

I would certainly appreciate any feedback you can share to reestablish my faith in your product or affirm my position that this may not be a product for me in the future. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,



August 2, 2005

Rockleigh, NJ 07647

Volvo Cars of North America, Inc. Customer Service P.O. Box 914 RECEIVED

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CUSTOMER CARE

I am writing to complain about a problem I experienced with my 1999 Volvo V70 Station Wagon. Mine is the same problem that was reported in an Associated Press release of August 1, 2005, describing an investigation by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. For a period of several days prior to having a repair on November 12, 2004, my car would lose speed or completely stall while being driven. The Electronic Throttle System (ETS) light would come on. I would try to get to the side of the road before the car came to a stop. Then, if I waited a few minutes and tried to start the engine, it would start and the ETS light would go off. I called the Volvo dealer's service department to inquire about the severity of the problem and the urgency of having a correction. I was told that usually waiting and attempting a restart would work and I could have it checked at my next service interval, I was also told that if I removed the gas cap and replaced it that the problem might not reoccur. This supposedly had something to do with air being trapped during the last fill-up.

Rather than wait for the next service interval, I stopped at the dealer's service department to make a further inquiry. At this time I was told that it should be fixed immediately because it could occur at highway speeds and the immediate loss of engine power would create a safety hazard. The service technician said that although my car was out of warranty, he would check for a service bulletin that might allow it to be corrected at Volvo's expense. Since none was found, I paid \$744.17 to have the Electronic Throttle System module replaced (copy of invoice attached).

Judging from the NHTSA investigation, this appears to be a too-common occurrence and should have been handled as a recall by Volvo. Thus, I am asking for reimbursement of my costs for correcting this safety problem. I am also filing a complaint with the NHTSA, as well as copying them on this letter.

I have owned seven Volvos, beginning with a 1980 DL, and have had favorable experience prior to this 1999 V70. In the intervel from about 85,000 miles to the current 115,000 miles, I have had to replace an air conditioning compressor, have had power window failures, and currently have a "Check Engine" light condition that the On Board Diagnostics indicate to be a faulty catalytic converter. The response that I get from the dealer's service personnel is that none of these parts should fail, but invariably some do fail, and that it is my misfortune to have experienced several problems while the mileage is still quite low for a Volvo. I have gone to two independent auto service businesses that have each specialized in Volvos for more than twenty-five years. Both have told me that because of the number of failures they are aware of with catalytic converters of this vintage, it must be due to a quality problem and should be addressed even though the car is cut of the 80,000-mile warranty. This is not a safety problem, but does present an environmental concern. I intend to write the Environmental Protection Agency and inquire as to whether this is a problem for their concern.

I hope you can address the reimbursement of the cost of the ETS and also make allowance for replacing the catalytic converter, both of which would restore my faith in Volvo quality and make it more likely that I might purchase another Volvo.

Raleigh, NO

CC:
National Highway Traffic Safety Admin.
Office of Defects Investigation
400 Seventh Avenue, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590



# Office of Defects Investigation

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PRONT WHEEL DRIVE

Body Style: STATIONWAGON

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Fini Type; GAS

Vehicle Type: PASSENGER CAR

Vehicle Component Information

Component 1: FUEL SYSTEM, GASOLINE:FUEL

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INJECTION SYSTEM

Vehicle Dealer Information

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Dealer Type: SALES DEALER

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Office of the President
 Volvo Cars of North America, Inc.
 Volvo Orive
 Rockleigh, NJ 07647

Sent by registered mail, signature receipt requested.

Copy to:
Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
1 Winter Street,
Boston, MA 02108

RE: Warranty on Electronic Throttle Modele

Dear Sirs/Madams,

This letter is a result of unsuccessfully attempting to resolve this issue by telephone with the service manager of Dalzell Motor Co., Inc. and Volvo Cars of America, Inc. customer service person Eve.

My Volvo V70, year 2000 V7N YV1LW61J2YMM downed by required replacement of the Electronic Throttle Module in order for the car to operate safely, and in order to comply with the emission requirements of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The vehicle registration is MA license no 54PR30

The problem that warranted the repair was:

ETS light coming on, accompanied by unresponsive throttle and engine surging, which was totally independent of throttle operation. The first occurrence of the problem in June at about 69,500 miles was corrected by shutting down the engine as per the Volvo S70/V70 instruction booklet page. The light did not remain on so as per the manual, the car was not taken to a dealer for inspection.

The problem became frequent and occurred again on 7/23/2005, after which I made an appointment with Dalzell Motor Company. The problem occurred again on 7/26/05 after

which, because of safety concerns, I did not use the vehicle until 8/1/2005 when I drove the vehicle to the Volvo retailer Dalzell Motor Company. While driving the vehicle to Dalzell the problem occurred once again in heavy morning traffic where I once again, experienced a hazardous situation while getting to a breakdown lane. The incidents on 7/26 and 7/23 also caused the check engine light to come on. This light went out after about 12 hours or the next day. In each case the problem disappeared after the engine was shutdown.

My regular repair shop explained that repairs for problems with these symptoms could only be repaired by a Volvo retailer. They further explained that this is because Volvo limits the only ability to load software into their controllers to their retailers.

I then contacted Dalzell Motor Company to perform the repair.

The problem was diagnosed and repaired by Dalzell Motor Company, Inc. on 8/1/2005. The invoice VOCS201805, describes the repair as replacing the Electronic Throttle Module and downloading software.

The Daizell Service Manager decided that this repair was not covered under any warranty and I was charged \$860.99 for the repair.

I had specifically pointed out to the service manager that.

- The Volve 2000 USA/Canada Warranty and Service Records Information booklet describes, on pages 39 and 42 the 8 year/80,000 mile warranty Federal Regulations emission warranty.
- The problem that required the repair existed prior to the car reaching the 7 year/70,000 miles limit and that the car arrived at the dealer with mileage 70,790 because:
  - The Volvo handbook page 22, suggests restarting the car after an ETS light occurrence and only if the problem persists, contact a Volvo dealer. The problem first occurred at about 69,500 miles.
  - The availability of an appointment at the Volvo retailer.

I also contacted the Volvo Cars of North America, Inc. customer service representative and spoke to Eve on both the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>st</sup> of August. I requested that the repair be covered under warranty and that I believed that both the 7 year/ 70,000 mile and 8 year/80,000 mile warranty applies for the reasons above.

Eve's answer, which she declined to put in writing, was that neither warranty applied. She said that she represents Volvo management and specifically Arthur Buliung, area after sales manager.

#### I maintain that:

The 7year /70,000 mile warranty applies.

There is public knowledge of this problem occurring in Volvo 2000 models from 40,000 miles. See related article from the Los Angeles Times by Myron Levin on May 3 2005.

There is public knowledge that Volvo was aware of this problem with the ETM prior to the cars manufacture yet this module was used. See same LA Times article.

Volvo and Dalzell are aware that this problem is common and is independent of the mileste on the vehicles and are withholding this information from the consumer. Volvo service bulletin 2511 of Dec 01 1999 states:

"Summary: SOME MODELS MAY HAVE A CONDITION WHERE THE CHECK ENGINE AND ELECTRONIC THROTTLE SYSTEM LIGHTS ON THE DASH PANEL MAY ILLUMINATE".

I specifically asked Daizell Motor Company in writing on delivering the car for repair to inform me of any related service bulletins. No information was provided!

The warranty covers a problem that occurs grior to 7 years/ 70,000 miles. It does not require that the vehicle be delivered to a Volvo Retailer prior to 70,000 miles.

The Volvo vehicle manual page 22 is misleading and misinforming which creates hazardous situations for the vehicle occupants. Its information resulted in delays in getting the vehicle to the retailer.

The vehicle had 70,790 miles when it arrived at the dealer. I 12% over 70,000 miles. An insignificant amount considering that according to public knowledge the unit was designed for a life of 100,000 miles. See same LA Times article.

#### In addition I maintain that:

The 8 year /80,000 mile warranty applies.

The car would not pass a MA inspection with the check engine lamp lit.

The electronic control unit described in the warranty is general and applies to the complete control system and not a specific module. There is no specific component named electronic control unit. (I am an engineer with 30 years experience in control and embedded computer systems, familiar with distributed controller architectures as used by Volvo. With my experience as a technical expert and the evidence I have found in Volvo documentation and my vehicles, I firmly believe that a court of law would agree with my interpretation.

### Request to Honor Warranties

As such, I expect Volvo Cars of North America, Inc. and/or Dalzell Motor Company Inc to consider my reasoning and dissatisfaction and to respond within 7 days of receipt of this letter informing me that the repair as described in the invoice (attachment A) is covered by either or both warranties and that payment will be promptly refunded.

If Volve Cars of North America, Inc. and/or Deizell Motor Company Inc. do not respond or do not agree to the warranty coverage within the 7 day time period, I will have no choice to take actions which may include but not be limited to:

- Legal Action in Stoughton MA Small Claims Court with a claim for triple
  damages and costs under MA Chapter 94A consumer protection laws. I am
  confident that I will win this action especially with the clear evidence of intent to
  mislead. I will ensure that the hearing will be documented and published so as to
  help consumers with a similar plight.
- Legal action for unfair enrichment.
- Help consumers by making every effort to publicize how Volvo and their authorized retailer are dealing with this expensive and dangerous problem
- Offer my personal experience with Volvo and expertise as a controls engineer and embedded software engineer with 30 years experience, to parties who are experiencing similar difficulties with their Volvos.
- Create a web site www voluge-unsafe org or similar, which helps Volvo owners
  who may experience similar problems with Volvo. Use my Internet skills to
  ensure that the web site is easily found.
- Create a blog on my experience with Volvo and Dalzell Motor
- Accurately describe my experiences with Volvo and Daizell in my extensive online networking community as well as my local networking community in Sharon MA and surrounding communities. (These communities have, at present a proportionately high percentage Volvo ownership.)
- Make complaints to various consumer organizations, state organizations, safety organizations and business organizations.

As an owner of 2 Volvo's I am personally extremely disappointed in the response I have received so far from Volvo and your retailer. I bought my cars for safety reasons and now find that Volvo knowingly included a defective module that creates unsafe situations in my cars. Furthermore Volvo is hiding behind misleading information and is not admitting their mistake thereby endangering consumers. Volvo is unfairly enriching themselves and their retailers by taking advantage of ETM failures and allowing only their retailers to replace these units.

Yours sincerely,

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August 29, 2005

Volvo Cars of North America, LLC Attr: Volvo Customer Care Center 7 Volvo Drive Rockleigh, New Jersey 07847

Dear Customer Care Representative:

I really do hate to complain. But this is a case where I do believe I need to tell you my story. I bought my \$50 T6 in April 1999 from Kundert Volvo in Hasbrouck Heights. I lived a few towns over in Saddle Brook at their time before moving to my present address in Warren, NJ.

My history with this can seems to have deteriorated after I moved to Warren and started using the service center at Bridgewater Volve. This can have not been driven hard. In fact, it has berely over 40,000 miles and yet it feets like anything but a Volve. It doesn't seem to matter what they do. I know far less expensive cars that feet better on the road. This is only the start. I neither have the time or the patience to go through my files and detail to you all the repair work I've had to do. Besides, you have access to all those records. The thing that pushed me over the edge was that just a few waste ago in August, my latest repair bit came to \$2,526.32. Included in this bit was a charge of \$457.56 (before Tax) for a Travitie Module. The involce details looked familiar. Only after I got home and looked through my files did I notice that I had just replaced the serns Throttle Module a little over one year earlier for a similar charge. By the way, the oil leak which never seems to stop just keeps going. I just made another accomment today to bring the car in to repair what about have been repaired the last time.

I had no idea that some of the other electronic parts were so unreliable. I've had to pay for such stuff as Steering Wheel Modules, and Computer Chips and not to mention a motion sensor that keeps popping out from the calling, I can go on and on but it is just ridiculous. However, I will tell you one last thing. I purchased an extended warranty policy from Bridgewater Volvo on the four-year anniversary. The policy cost was a little over \$2,400. A deposit of \$249.50 was charged to my credit card. A similar amount was to be charged each morath. The subsequent charges were never made and Volvo just decided to drop my coverage. Furny that the deposit emount was never returned to me.

This speaks volumes about a company. Somehow, I do get the impression that Kundert Volvo would have provided a different experience. As I started saying above, I never complain. However, I feel that you should be made awere of my personal track record with Volvo in case you are in a position to do something about it. Incidentally, this was my first Volvo.

Sincerely.





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CUSTOMER CARE

August 2, 2005

Ms. Ann Belec President Volvo Cars North America 7 Volvo Drive Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647

Dear Ms. Beiec:

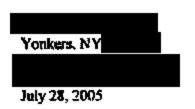
After sending to your office my letter of May 7, 2005 (another copy of which is enclosed) and having had a telephone discussion with a Volvo representative (whose name I do not recall), I received a telephone call from another representative of your office who told me that Volvo had reviewed my situation and decided to reimburse me for one-half of the \$1,127.67 that I had spent at Ken Garff Volvo in Salt Lake City, Utah, to have the faulty throttle unit in my Volvo \$80 diagnosed and replaced. Thus, I have been expecting over the past several months to receive a check from Volvo in the amount of \$563.84, but, alas, I have not yet received anything.

Could you please follow up on this matter for me, and make arrangements for the agreed upon \$363.84 reimbursement payment to be sent to me as soon as possible?

Thank you for your attention to this maker.



Enclosure



RECEIVED CUSTOMER CARE

Volvo Cars of North America, LLC Attn: Volvo Customer Care Center 7 Volvo Drive Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647

Attn: Sophia Young

Dear Ms. Young.

Since March 10, 2003, I have had my 1999 Volvo S70 GLT in the Big Dee repair facility for the following repairs:

March 10th. Electronic throttle module intake (\$820.61)

June 9th Masteir Flow Meter (\$386.79) June 16th, Heated Oxygen (\$221.00)

July 19th, Hested Oxygen (\$304.51)

Both heated oxygen have the same number on the invoice, 9470983. It appears that I have been charged twice for the same repair made on June 16 and July 19. Copies of all invoices have been attached.

Each time I had it serviced I was assured that the needed repair was accomplished. Within weeks the check engine light appeared and I was forced to bring it back for further servicing. Each time I brought it back I was told that the computer indicated a sensor had to be replaced. Since I have never received a computer printout indicating the problem I have had to accept the word of the Volvo personnel. From my admittedly limited knowledge it seems that all the problems have been related. If so, why couldn't the overall problem be taken care of at the same time thereby saving me the time I have spent in bringing the car in and picking it up each time as well as cost of additional labor charges? Is there a basic defect in the 1999 \$70?

The above is but an introduction to my other and more significant problem with the Big Dee service department. I had previously spoken to you concerning the problems I had been having and you were most helpful. Prior to picking up the car on July 19th I phoned you on this latest problem. You informed me that you contacted Big Dee and that the cost would be \$198.00. When I went to pick up the car I was told the cost was \$304,00. The service adviser, Mr. Rafael Fernandez said I needed to speak to David Somma, the service manager. I have had previous problems with Mr. Somma in this long ordeal of repented repairs. On one occasion Mr. Fernandez had asked him to call me but he apparently couldn't be bothered. It seems that in his view it was my responsibility to

track him down. Does he not know the meaning of the word service? It is part of his title, service manager? In my last encounter with him on July 19th the "pay off" came when we discussed the \$198.00 vs. \$304.00 bill. At first he told me he had not spoken to you that day. He claimed he did not know your name. When I informed him that you worked out of the Rockleigh, NJ office he had no idea what I was talking about. Further in our discussion he admitted that he only deals with Rath or Margaret but did not know their telephone number(s). He suddenly recollected the appropriate telephone number but I did not have the number of your extension with me and thus there was no way to contact you. Mr. Somma's most outrageous statement came at the end of our discussion when I was told. "The Rockleigh office does not speak for Volvo, only the dealer does." In his view you can apparently close your customer care center and save your parent company, Ford, some much needed money. At this point I paid the \$304.00 and left.

Having had this experience with Mr. Somes, his lack of concern and inshility to deal with customers. I have lost trust in the Big Dec service department. Mr. Fernandez would most certainly be a better choice for the position of service manager, as he knows how to satisfy Volvo customers. He has been professional, courtexus, pleasant and efficient. During the several times that we have been to the Big Dec lately we have had occasion to speak to other customers who are equally dissatisfied. One gentleman told my wife that his only servicing with his Toyata Camry has been the usual oil changes but he is constantly at Big Dec with repairs on his wife's car. Dissatisfied customers go elsewhere for service and the purchase of their next new car. I traded in a Cadillac for the Volvo because I was dissatisfied with the service department and believed the Volvo image of a wonderful, long lasting automobile.

When my Volvo was still under warranty each servicing was followed by a telephone call to rate the quality of the service and/or repair. Since the warranty has expired there has not been one follow-up call. I do believe that you are concerned about the quality of service for all Volvo owners, not just those under warranty.

I appreciate your assistance in the past and hope you can find a way to keep us in the Volvo family.

Very truly yours.

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Volvo Cars of North America, LLC Attn: Volvo Customer Care Center 7 Valvo Drive Rockleigh, New Jersey 97647

Dear Volvo.

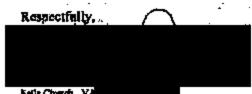
While serving in the military in Europe I purchase a new 1999 Volvo V70 (YVILW55A0X2 because I had always beard about great Volvo quality. Unfortunately I have had many problems with the car and the problems continue. The latest problem with the Throttle Body Sensor has put the lives of my family in Jeopardy. I have a complete maintenance record and as I go over my maintenance records I can see a number of problems:

5 Oct 00	Replaced defective gear shifter light socket
31 Jan 01	Replaced defective driver side window switch (still not working properly)
21 Nov 01	Battery leads malfunction, causing battery to fail
17 Mar 03	Rear window weather pump burned out
18 Feb 05	Driver door check strap broke off car
2 Apr 05	Headlight Recall
27. Jul 05	Throttle body malfunction

Recently my wife was traveling alone with our two small children on a nine-hour trip when the car simply quit. The car lost all power steering at a time she was making a turn, putting her and my children in a very dangerous situation. She called me in tears and I advised her to purchase a new battery (\$131.00). But the problem persisted several more time, again putting her and my children in a dangerous situation. When she returned home I took the car to the mechanic and was told it was a Thrortle Body Sensor costing about \$1,200.

I recently read in the paper where there have been a series of complaints raised with the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration about this same problem (see below article). I intend to make a similar complaint identifying how my family was put at risk.

My hope in writing this letter is that Volvo, a respectable corporation, will do the right thing and issue a voluntary recall of the defective part. I can only hope Volvo will act before lives are lost. I am sad to say that this car is not the car I had hoped to buy and at this time I do not know if I will ourchase another Volvo in the future.



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CORY NITTEA File: Car V70

### Volvos May Stall, Lose Speed

WASHINGTON (AP) — Several models of Volvo sedans and station wagons are under investigation because of complaints that the valueles can loss speed or the engine can stati without warning, the government said Monday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it had received 136 complaints about the engine part that regulates the amount of sir into the vehicle's engine.

The agency has heard of several concerns, including a sudden test of speed and power steering white driving in highway traffic and the stalling of the angine without warning.

NHTSA said about 285,000 Volvos from the 1999 through 2001 model years are covered in the probe, including the C70 and C70 convertible, the 800 sports seden, the 880 knows seden, the V70 station wagon and the V70XC crossover vehicle.

The inquiry, which is in its early stage, also involves the 970 sedan from the 1999-2000 model years.

There have been two injuries connected to the alleged defect, NHTSA said

Dan Johnston, a Volvo Cars of North Americs spokesmen, said the company was cooperating with the government's investigation, which will try to determine the scope, frequency and safety consequences of the slieged defect.

Volvo is part of Ford Motor's Premier Automotive Group.

Vahicle owners who reported the problems told the government that in some cases, their vehicles would restart and in other instances it required the vehicles to be towed.

Some owners said they replaced the engine component but it later failed in a striller manner. The inquiry involves the electronic throttle control module, which the company said regulates air into the engine.

NHTSA investigations sometimes lead to vehicle recalls.

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Re: Complaints that need responses

The enclosed complaints were filed with us by one of your customers. We are forwarding it to you in an effort to help you and your customers resolve it informally and satisfactorily.

You may respond to these complaints by agreeing to comply with your customers' request, by offering a partial settlement, or by presenting reasons you feel these complaints are not justified.

Please reply to these customers, sending copies to us, within seven (7) working days. Your responses to these complaints will be one source of the Information we report to callers who inquire about your company. For fastest service, visit our website at www.labbb.org to respond to these complaints online. You may also respond to complaints by sending us a fax at (909) 825-6246 or by mail to P.O. Box 970, Colton, CA 92324. If you have any questions, call (909) 825-7280.

Thank you for your cooperation,

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Volva Cars of North America ? Premier Place Irvine, CA 92638 Phone: (949) 341-6500

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F I M went had in \$250 milles. Cut surged, engine died at high speed. Many others have had the same problem and there is a class action lawsuit pending in CA. We paid 850 to have this replaced and 13 months litter (13000 talles) the new part also failed. They refused to cover the part because it was 13 months after the repair. They want to charge \$950 this time for the same part that I am fairly certain will fail again in the next 1-2 years. Complaints have been made by others to autosafety.org and NHTSA. There was an article about this very issue in the LA Times 5/03/05 by Myron Levin.

Customer's Desired Settlement

This goes beyond replacing my ETM at no charge. I am going to get sid of this car anyway. This is a national and perhaps global quality and safety issue as the car can lose power at any given time with this problem which appears from my research to be quite common. I would hope this could be resolved before any injules or deaths occur as a result of loss of power driving at highway speeds.

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Date Problem First Occurred:	3/1/2004 12:00 AM
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Please provide the following information if you have not already done so:
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Business Start Date;
From our website, you may view the details of your complaint, including the other party's response, and submit you

August 12, 2003

Volvo Cars of North America Customer Care Service 7 Volvo Drive Rockleigh, N.J. 07647

RECEIVED AUG 17 2005

CUSTOMER CARE

RE: Volvo 1999 870 VIN YVILS55A2X

ETM Failure

### Dear Sir/Madam:

During July, 2005, with 90,000 miles on the above vehicle, I experienced a failure of the electronic throttle control module. A failure of this equipment is most alarming for two reasons; first because of the unsafe situation it creates and second because of the high cost of replacement. It would be reasonable to expect this device to last the lifetime of the vehicle, but it did not and failed, in my opinion, far sooner than a well designed component should last. Of concern to me, as well, is that this component was replaced with one of the same design, and if the original failed prematurely, then it would be expected that the replacement will also fail prematurely.

In response to this failure, I am asking that Volvo consider the following:

- Respond to all of the following concerns:
- Comment on the nature and extent of this failure as it relates to other Volvo vehicles with similar electronic throule modules. I am believing that this is not an isolated failure but, in fact, is one of many.
- Comment on whether or not there is a replacement module that corrects the failure issue
  associated with the one occurring in my vehicle so that there might be reason to believe that the
  replacement module is better designed than the original module.
- Accept some responsibility in the shortened lifetime of this component when compared to what
  would be the life expectancy of throttle control systems in any vehicle.
- Provide some relief to those of us who no longer have warranty coverage, with some compensation to offset the high cost of replacement for a component that should last much longer.

Included with this letter are copies of the bills involved with my repair. Since I did not know of any special "dealer only" programming with this component, my first attempt with the local mechanic was unsuccessful, but he did clean the throttle body area. I have highlighted those costs that are directly attributed to change out of the ETM and they total to \$854.63, no small price for something that should not fail. Since the vehicle does have 90,000 miles on it, it is not new and I am not asking for total reimbursement, but rather only for that portion for which Volvo feels responsible. Thank you for your consideration.





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To whom it may concern:

I am writing this letter to let you know that I along with others have experienced the discomfort of not knowing if and when my car was going to break down:

As if by accident I have recently seen a report on Fox news (CH 5) New York that your product or my car 2000 Volvo C70 as well as other models have a problem with Throttle Module & Air Mass Sensors for which my vehicle was recently serviced at one of the local dealerships. To my disappointment I was also informed that the service protection plan I have on my vehicle did not cover the defective parts. I would like to tell you about the experience that I had just prior to bringing my car in for service. My plan was to visit my elderly parents who live about 4 hours away near Albany, N.Y. traveling from Long Island I only have one way of going I have to get to the New York State Thru-way, as I was traveling on Long Island Expressway the ear was fine since the speed of the vehicle was about 60 mph I did not notice any problems, just as soon as a I crossed Throns Neck Bridge and started on my way via Cross Bronz Expressway and the traffic was heavy and the speed was between 30mph to 40mph the engine began to surge, it was like it wasn't getting enough air and or gas. I was getting a bit apprehensive but since I had to continue some distance before I could either get off the highway or it may just possible clear up I continued on my way when the traffic had come to a complete stop, as I sat there waiting the car started to surge with my foot on the brake even at idle, I put the car in neutral which did nothing, I put it in park with same result, as I sat there waiting for the traffic to start moving again I was contemplating calling the police for a tow truck, it was so obvious at this point that the drivers next to me ware aware of my car trouble. I alone in my car in the middle of heavy traffic, not sure of when or how I was going to limp this car of the highway as we all know even with emergency flashers not averyone is curtoos, and understanding so it took a bit of a risk to get me off the road. Het the engine cool for some time, and nervously started my way back home since there way no way in hell I was going to get to see my parents on this trip. And by the way, on my way back 1 thought that if I could set the cruise control which would have made driving a bit rasier since the engine controls the intake of gas and air the cruise would not set at all. I must say I was never happier to park my car in my driveway than on that day.

Last, this is my only dissapointment with my car and with Volvo USA, I like your product but I fear that the company is not dealing with the Throttle Module situation as well as it should, I was lucky that my car did not quit right there and I did not get into an

accident by being rear- ended which would have made the situation (as it was very uncomfortable) even worse.

I am hopping to hear from someone at Volvo USA only because my car is 5 years old and I have to start thinking about replacing it and it would bring me back to looking at your product in a more positive way than I do at this time, it's too bad it takes the the TV to learn about this problem it should have been done by the company, VOLVO FOR LIFE, only if you stand by your product, otherwise you're just like the rest.

I am enclosing for your convenience and review copies of invoices from Hassel Volvo which shows all details including the vehicle I. D. # and millage so you can see this car is barely broken in, and a copy of my service contract denial letter.





05/18/05

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GLEN COVE, NY

TO: DANA MORRIS

5 KENT PLACE DIX HILLS, NY 11746

Re: Service Contract Holder:

Service Contract Number: Date of Loss:

Our Claim Number: Dealer's Policy Number: Repair Facility:

Repair Order Number:

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We have reviewed the Mechanical Breakdown Claim submitted for the following parts or reported failures: THROTTLE MODULE & MASS AIR FLOW SENSOR.

In accordance with the provisions of the Volvo Increased Protection Plan, coverage was denied for the following reasons:

The Service Contract does not cover any part that is not listed as a COVERED PART.

In accordance with the above, it appears that coverage is not applicable. However, if you have any additional information or wish to discuss the matter further, please contact us at the number below.

Very truly yours,

VOLVO INCREASED PROTECTION PLAN ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

By: WAYNE GUTELL EXT. 174

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The following is statement on ETM.

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A class action iswault has been filed related to the California Adjustment to Warranty Statute related to the cleaning of the electronic throttle module (ETM). Volvo is actively defending the case and believes it has compiled with the applicable California law,...in that this is a pending court matter, no further comment is appropriate at this time. It should be noted that this is not a product flability matter. Volvo is working with the California Air Resources Board relative to ETM and we are fully cooperating with them.

The following article that appeared in the Los Angeles Times is being provided for peckground on the latue:

# Pressure increases on Volvo to Pay to Replace Faulty Throttles

Air quality officials press for a warranty extension. The firm also faces a class-action suit

By Myron Levin Times Staff Writer

May 3, 2005

Defective throttles in 1999-2001 Volvos have been falling at unusually high rates, causing cars to stall, relating air emissions and sticking owners with costly regains.

State and federal air quality officials are pressing Volvo for a commitment to spend millions of dollars to replace the devices as they fell, and to reimburse owners who have paid for the work themselves.

The faulty components are electronic threttle modules, or ETMs, which Volvo began substituting for traditional mechanical throttles in its '99 models. Although designed for a useful life of 100,000 miles, an estimated 21% to 94% will fail within that time, depending on vehicle model, according to reports by Volvo to the California Air Resources Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The state air board, backed by the EPA, wants Volvo to extend the warranty on the throttles to 10 years and unlimited miles and reimburse owners who have already paid as much as \$1,000 to reptace them. The basic warranty on the cars is four years or 50,000 miles, though in California emissions-related components by law are covered for seven years or 70,000 miles.

The faulty throttles also are the subject of a class-action suit charging that Volvo violated California law by issuing a so-called secret warranty to assist some but not all owners with delective throttles.

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Volvo executives refused to be interviewed or to answer written questions but said in a prepared statement that it "is working with the California Air Resources Board relative to the ETM, and we are fully cooperating with them."

Although pressure on Volvo is coming mainly from California, any warranty extensions and reimbursements would signly nationwide. Volvo would not say how many vehicles are involved. But beset on U.S. sales of affected vehicles, including C70, S70, V70, S60 and S80 Series Volves, the number appears to be 200,000 to 300,000 cars.

"We're in the gray area between consumer protection and emissions control," said John Litkov, a branch chief with the Air Resources Board. Volvo is "going to have to spend some money to do what we feel is the minimum necessary to get out of this situation."

At a meeting with company representatives Feb. 23, air board officials rejected arguments that Volvo had aiready taken all reasonable steps and was not responsible past the warranty period. The automaker is expected to respond early next month to the request for a warranty extension, Urkov said.

For the Swedish carmaker, a **Ford Motor** Co. unit known for advanced safety and technological sophistication, the problem has been an emberrassing and expensive headache.

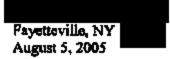
"ETM leaves are currently a major source of warranty cost and customer dissatisfaction in the U.S. market," said a June 29, 2004, internal document produced in the lawsuit against Volvo.

Customers have completed of dangerous stalling episodes on major thoroughtees and have accused Volvo representatives of trying to shift blame by telling owners they had bought bad gazotine or did not follow the recommended maintenance schedule.

"I feel the representatives of Volvo midded me," said Christine Norlega of Mar Vista, who said she recently paid about \$200 to service the throttle in her Volvo sedan after a dealer inaccurately told her that her warranty had expired.

The June 2004 Volvo document said that in just over a year, the company had paid more than \$13.5 million to replace or clean 27,200 throttles and to buy back care as a goodwill gesture.

# RECEIVED AUG 18 2005 CUSTOMER CARE



Customer Relations 7 Volvo Drive Rockleigh, NJ 07647

To Whom It May Concern:

On August 4, I spent \$798 on a throttle repair to my 1999 Volvo \$80 at Alan Byer Auto Sales in Syracuse, New York. My car stailed and the computer alerted me to a problem on the very day that an article appeared in our local newspaper about the NTSA investigation. I immediately took the car to the dealer's service department.

I had also asked the service department on several occasions about a recall that my daughter alcred me to, but was told on each occasion that my car was not involved. After calling your customer service yesterday, I asked again and found out that my car does have a recall on the electric cooling fan (R21077). I was never notified about the recall and don't understand why there was confusion at the dealer's service department.

My experience with this car has been positive until recently, when I had to replace an ignition coil, battery, and now the throttle. Although it is a 1999, it has approximately 73,000 miles. Unfortunately the latest problems came just after my husband bought a 2004 Volvo SUV. Had the timing boon different, we might have reconsidered that purchase.

It is my hope that I will receive restitution for the money spent on the throttle, since my understanding is that the problem is extremely widespread. My 1999 Volvo was our first Volvo, in fact our first foreign car. I have enjoyed the car until recently, and my hope is to drive it for many more miles. After all, that's why I bought a Volvo.

I look forward to hearing from you about restitution for the throttle repair.

Sincerely,

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#### To Whom It May Concern:

I leased my first Volvo in 2000 before we had our first child a V40 wagon. The car performance was ok it seemed to have a lot of warranty repairs. When the lease was up we were apprehensive about buying or leasing a Volvo due to the consistent visits to the service department. After looking around we decided on a Cross Country Wagon. We found a 2001 with only 13,000 miles on it in December of 2004. We thought the car would be reliable and safe. We have done all the service to the car to date, but at 24,000 miles the front brakes went out which seemed early I don't do a lot of city driving, We've had a lot of light bulb changes and a problem with the back seatbelt jamming when the seat is reclined, then at 27,0000 miles the throttle control unit had to be replaced at only 60 days of the car being out of warranty at a astronomical amount of \$1075.01 plus the fee of a rental car.

I find this completely unacceptable due to the fact the car was only 60 day's out warranty and with extremely low mileage. I've also heald by info I obtained off a Volvo chat site this has happened to other XC70 owners and the issue is in court. I've also found from WCCO a local news station that there is currently an investigation by the National Highway and Traffic Safety Administration who I did report this to. I would like someone to contact me about this issue. My hasband and I are very concerned about reliability if this happens at 27,000 miles what's next? It's also a safety issue from the report it sounds like in some cases the problem was fixed but occurred again. We're considering selling the car or trading it for a non-Volvo product. Which we hate to do but who wants the service department to know you by name since we've been there so often. I would like to stick with Volvo for Life but can't afford the safety of my family and the high cost of re-occurring repairs.

Please contact me with a resolve to this issue.

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# **Volvos Eyed For Possible Engine Problem**

(AP) WASHINGTON Several models of Volvo sedans and station wagons are under investigation because of complaints that the vehicles can lose speed or the engine can stall without warning, the government said Monday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it had received 136 complaints about the unit that regulates the amount of air into the vehicle's engine.

The agency has heard of several concerns, including a sudden loss of speed and power steering while driving in highway traffic and the stalling of the engine without warning.

NHTSA said an estimated 266,000 Volvos from the 1999 through 2001 model years are covered in the probe. It includes the C70 and C70 convertible, the S60 sports sedan, the S80 lucury sedan, the V70 station wagon and the V70XC crossover vehicle.

The inquiry, which is in its early stage, also involves the \$70 sedan from the 1999-2000 model years. There have been two injuries connected to the alleged defect, NHTSA said.

Dan Johnston, a Volvo Cars of North America spokesman, said the company was cooperating with the government's investigation, which will try to determine the scope, frequency and safety consequences of the alleged defect.

Volvo is part of Ford Motor Co.'s Premier Automotive Group.

Vehicle owners who reported the problems told the government that in some cases, their vehicles

would restart and in other instances it required the vehicles to be towed.

Some owners said they replaced the engine component but it later falled in a similar manner. The inquiry involves the electronic throttle control module, which the company said regulates air into the engine.

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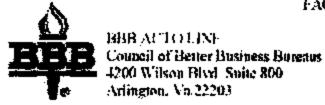
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#### To Whom It May Concern:

I wanted to share my experience with you regarding my Volvo 2001 Cross Country vehicle. I have phoned in my concerns to the 800 number, and their recommendation was to forward a letter to the above address.

On August 24, 2004 I was driving to work on Interstate 55. I was in rush hour traffic in the left hand lane at a speed of 50mph. Suddenly my car lost speed, without any prior notice, and rapidly descended to 10mph. I veered from the left hand lane, over to shoulder lane to avoid a rear end collision. Luckily, an Illinois state trooper witnessed this incident. He immediately responded and asked me what had happened. I told him that my car lost speed and then power. The displayed message on my dashboard stated POWER FAILURE! Once on the shoulder, I tried to restart my vehicle, and it would not start. I phoned Volvo Roadside Service and began the long wait for towing service. Approximately 15 minutes later, I tried to start my vehicle and it started. The state trooper followed me with his stashing lights off the expressway to a safer area to wait for roadside service.

During my long wait, I began the task of contacting my regular Volvo Service Center to arrange for an appointment to complete the pending repair. The service agent told me that it sounded like it was electrical repair. The throttle needed to be replaced on my vehicle, and they couldn't complete the repair until the next day. My car had mileage at that time. The part that was so troubling to me was the volume of cars seen at this dealership alone, just this week for throttle replacements. The service manager said that the dealership can do nothing more other complete the repair, since Volvo Corporation did not implement a recall status for the part and repair to be covered. They conveyed that the throttle was defective. I continued my investigation by contacting two other dealership service centers, and they concurred with my findings. What I find so alarming is that Volvo is a company who prides itself in safety, and that is the only reason I drive a Volvo. Unfortunately, you have lost a repeat customer.

# Page Two throttle repair

It is close to one year from the initial service on August 25, 2004. Despite the amount of time that has passed, I continue to no longer feel safe in my vehicle. I need to know if my original throttle was replaced with another defective throttle. I would like documentation either way. My insurance agent has agreed to search for which organizations would benefit by receipt of this information. The state trooper also agreed that I should report this experience to the appropriate organizations, but will wait for your response, prior to proceeding.

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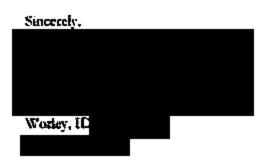
Volvo Cars of North America, LLC Arm: Volvo Gustomer Care Center 7 Volvo Drive Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647

Dear Sirs,

Some very disappointing news has been brought to my attention. It seems that Volvo, who has always boasted a commitment to reliability, dumbility and the highest of safety standards has installed shockly engine throttle parts on some of its models.

I own a 1999 Volvo v70vr and have not had any significant problems with it before now. When the ETC light and check engine light appeared I took it in to the shop immediately, because I had driven through a dust storm. Testing determined the throate body was defective and was causing the engine to run improperty. Then I was told that the throatle body would have to be replaced. When I asked if this might have been caused by driving through the dust storm, I was assured by my muchanic that would have nothing to do with this kind of failure. I then learned that I was not the only one with this year, make, and model Volvo with this exact same problem.

I am shocked and disappointed that Volvo would install defective engine threates in any of their cars, and I am shocked to find that they expect everyone that bought these particular cars to pay for the repair. I bought a Volvo because of the reliability, durability and safety standards. By installing faulty parts in your vehicles, you undermined that nation without my knowledge. I have attached a copy of work performed and the cost to me to its what is proving to be your mistake. Please bonor this bill and reimburse me for this repair.





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The check angine is on please, please test for fault codesand report the codes only at the time so that we can report the needed diagnostic procedences to the oustoner.

Figure note that the check engine light is a communication device that indicates faults that detected by several different sensors in the empire management system.

We can only test and repair for codes that are present when testing the system.

Found that codes present ware:

- 1-30M-943C
- 2-20K-91A7
- 3-8CH-903C

Indicates that the throttle Body bad a defective internally in the unit. To repair will require replacing the Throttle Body Unit.

There is no way to know in advance of components that may trigger the check engine to some on.







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of throttle body, road tested vehicle and confirmed groper operation of throttle control.

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Volvo Cars of North America Customer Relations P. O. Box 914 Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647-0914

Date: 8-24-2005

Re: Throttle Body VIN: YV1SW53D612

I recently needed the throttle body replaced on my Volvo. I have talked with other Volvo owners who have had similar failures on their Volvos. This is quite an exception to my 1988 Volvo with 176,000 miles and has had no major work requiring quite the same expense, which prompted me to buy another Volvo.

Since I have found out that I am not the only one with this type of problem, I am interested in knowing if Volvo has an extended warranty program or a customer goodwill program regarding this failure? Or, is there is an on going program with the manufacturer of the throttle body which I can participate in to help with the replacement cost of this item?

I would also be interested in knowing if the replacement throttle body is any better than the original or are the odds that this unit will fail also? Is the replacement throttle body manufactured by the same company?

Thank you for trying to make this Voivo as good and reliable as my last.



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Volvo Cars of North America, Inc. Customer Service P.O. Box 914 Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647-0914

Re:

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Purchased 12/02/99 from Ventura Volvo, Ventura, CA

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the owner of a 2000 Volvo S80 writing to you with serious concerns about my car's safety and reliability. I have attached an article from <u>The Los Angeles Times</u> which describes problems with faulty electronic throttle modules installed in Volvos of my year and the sudden stalling and loss of power caused by this defective part. This is exactly what was happening to me.

Beginning in the spring of 2004, my car began frequently dying as I drove it — not when stopped, but as it was moving. This instant loss of power (including steering), which required rapid shifting and restarting to avoid being hit from behind, usually happened in the city of San Francisco, where I live. Once, however, my car died while I was driving across the Bay Bridge. I wonder if you can imagine what a terrifying experience this is and understand my resulting complete lack of confidence in the Volvo.

Of course I took it in for service repeatedly and was told each time that the car tested fine. Usually, some other service or repair was performed, but my big problem remained unfixed. Afraid to drive the car, but knowing I could never sell my potentially deadly problem to someone else, I decided to take it to the local Volvo dealer, Royal Motors. They identified and fixed the problem, charged me \$570, and told me I had used bad gas and failed to follow the maintenance schedule (exactly as the attached reports). About a month later, my father sent me the article which I now bring to your attention.

I find it very disturbing that a company like Volvo, whose excellent reputation has been built on "advanced safety and technological sophistication," would operate so irresponsibly. I certainly cannot feel completely safe driving my car when the faulty part was only cleaned — rather than replaced — and may fail again once the carbon deposits build back up.

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I have also attached copies of invoices which represent trips made to Volvo service specialists specifically to address this problem. I can assure you I have faithfully followed the service maintenance schedule and used only high quality fuel of the octane recommended in Volvo's Owacr's Manual. At the very least, I would expect Volvo to reimburse me for the cost of cleaning the faulty throttle and then install a reliable replacement at no cost to me.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you need further information.

Very truly yours.



## Pressure Impreases on Volvo to Pay to Replace Faulty Throttles

Air quality officials press for a warranty extension. The firm also faces a class action suit.

By Michon Layes

Defactive injection is 1996 2001 Volume have been failing a suremaily high release country cars to stall relating six could be and sticking owners with could repairs.

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## **Volvo Sued on Throttles**

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We're in the gray area between covarious protection and emissions control," said John Upkey, a branch chief with the Air Resources Board, Volvo is "goba; to have to spend some money to do what we find in the priminates paccessary to get out of this altustion."

At a needing with company representatives Pat. 22, air board officials rejected arguments that Velvo had already taken all responsible stape and was not responsible past the warranty period. The eulomakes is expended to respond early next month to the request for a warranty extension, Orlean said.

For the Swedish carmaier, a Ford Motor Co. unit known for advanced antidy and technological suphistication, the problem has been no embarrassing and expensive hasdeatre.

"ETM immes are currently a major source of warrastly cont and customer dissatisfaction in the U.R. market," said a June 38, 2004, internal document produced in the investit against

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"I feel the representatives of Voivo misted me," said Christian Rorlege of Mar Vista, who said the recently paid short \$200 to service the Struttle in her Vivo sedon after a desire inaccurately told her that her warranty had expired.

The June 2004 Voice document said that in just over a year, the emphay had paid more than \$12.5 million to replace or clean \$7,000 throttles and to buy back care as a goodwill gesture.

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The claim-action and concorns a July 2001 Volvo notice to desire agreeing to pay for one 2734 electing per customer. California is one of a laineful of states that her secret warranties, in which vehicle realizes exhaus the loudest but full to tell all owners.

The lawsuit, filed in Sacramento County Superior Court by San Mateo, Celif., low first Pasio & Micheletti, slieges that the Volvo notice amounted to a segret warranty.

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Volvo said it "is actively defunding the case and believes it, has complied with the applicable California law."

When Vising introduced it, the BTM was considered an advange over the machanical throttles used in virtually all other cars and tracks. Like the mechanical version, it's a valve that lips open and shut to control similar to the fund system said, this makely, the output of power from the engine.

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Volvo documents show that the problem reared its head in the factory even before '99 modsis hit the showroom.

According to a Volvo memo in March 2000, "we have had problems with findly throttles in the car plants . . . since SOP 90920" — a reference to the start of production in the 20th week of 1996.

Volvo acrapped the original design and switched suppliers early in the '02 model year, a change that is believed to have reduced the problem.

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That argument "makeity fell on deef sets," he mid, because Yolvo hact certified the device as maketonance-free when the cushalans system was approved. "We want Yolvo to . . . step up to the pinie," Urbov said.

Through Internet that rooms and e-mail networks, Volvo owners have been calling for action to

One unitappy mistomer. Denuta Wilson of Sephenia, Md., was traveling with her family in Jamuary when their 2000 Volvo V78 AC station wagon suddenly stalled and would not start.

The whilele had only 42,000 miles on it but was more than 4 years old, so Wiscon had to spend energy \$1,000 to replace the ETM. She said a Volto dealer told her it was her first — that "if happening at 42,000 miles, that must mean the cor has been shaud or you've been putting wrong gat in the car."

When said she was thankful, however, that the car had died in daylight on a region street, rather than at highs on a freeway, when the matilt could have been much

She wrote to Volvo to request a recell on easing grounds. In reply, Volvo suggested that experiences like here were rare.

"Barnetinnes individual vehicles superiones isolated abustions," the Volvo letter said.

According to When, Valvo "was lying that this was an unusual occurrence, whurses it is not."

Noringa last month took her Volvo to a dealer after it began stalling. She said she was told that her wairanty had expired and was charged for an ETM cleaning.

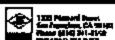
Unknown to Horiego, whose 300 Volvo 360 serien had about 56,000 miles on it, the warranty was still in effect because of California's longer coverage on emissions-related parts.

When a varning light went on a few days later, Moriega returned, and in a contisting turn of events, the dealer this time replaced the ETM without charge — though she said the \$200 site had apart on the cleaning was not refunded.

The dealer had been "very vocal in confirming or reiterating to me that I'm not under warranty," Norlega said, "I got information that was ... not necessarily true."

Times staff writer John O'Dell contributed to this report.

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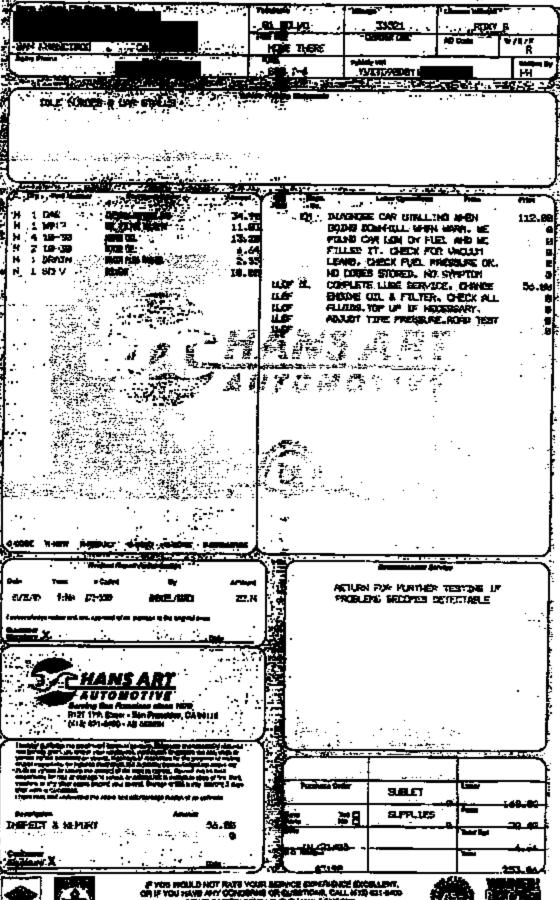
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CUSTOMER OF THE

Volvo Cars of North America 7 Volvo Drive Rockleigh, NJ 07647

Attn: Customer Care

Dear Sir/Madame:

The enclosed billing is being sent to you at the advise of your customer service people at Volvo. It is in regard to a \$133.73 payment made for an ETM on our 2000Volvo S-70.

(See invoice and work order enclosed)

We were originally quoted over \$800.00 for the repair but after we found our extended warranty, not all of the labor was covered and we were left with a balance due.

This repair took place the same day I discovered about the class action lawsuit in regards to this model and component. I called your customer service desk on Tues. 8/9/05 at I 800-458-1552. I spoke with Margaret at extention #1975. She said if I send this abort note to this address with a copy of the bill that you would get back to us with a check in return- since it was "just a small amount".

I want to thank you for your assistance in this matter. It helps us out a great deal and also, plainly put, keeps us as loyal Volvo customers.

Thanks again,

Lawrenceville, GA

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September 5, 2005

Ms. Anne Belec, President & CEO Volvo Cars of North America, Inc. Volvo Drive Rocleigh, NJ 07647

Dear Ms Belec:

I am the owner of 2000 S80 Volvo with 43559 mileage. I have recently experienced a very uncomfortable problem when the car would lurch forward at a stop sign or traffic light. This problem presents a safety hazard because it is unexpected and unpredictable. Your Volvo dealer, Paul's Sales and Service in Huwthome, New Jersey, checked the car and reported that it needs air mass meter - throttle body unit (see attached) at a cost of \$1168.00 plus tax. This is a serious safety hazard and justly a recall matter and Volvo cannot ignore its responsibility and obligation to the public. Whether this is a limited occurrence or widespread, Volvo. must assume full responsibility for the proper and immediate repair.

Since Volvo credits itself with high marks for safety and reliability of its cars, I trust you will react promptly on a problem where an accident can occur and public safety is at stake.

Very truly yours,

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VOLVO CARS OF NORTH AMERICA, INC. Customer Service Manager P.O. Bas: 924 Reshleigh, NJ 07647-0914 RECEIVED

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CUSTOMER CARE

Re.: Voivo S80 2.9 A SR - VIN YVITS94D1Y1 Bought 8-12-99 from Red Bank Voivo, Dealer Code 3466. Present Milage: 79,569. - Throttle Problems

Dear Sir or Madam:

Even though we have experienced numerous problems with our S80 over the years, we did enjoy the handling, the comfort and the safety features of the car.

However our recent repair problem occurred far away from home and the cost of it upset us and consequently made as check our maintenance records. Since we bought the car in 1999 we have spent at least \$7,234.00 for which we still have receipts. The required maintenance was the smaller expense (see encl. copies). Our receipts show clearly that the largest repair expenses were the replacement of modules, parts of the electrical system. Several times earlier there were problems related to the throttle module. It was now replaced for the second time, this time at the cost of \$1,020.30! We will not dwell on the extra two days spent in hetels, waiting for the completion of the repair, or the extra money spent during the waiting period.

We heard the same complaints from others, which means that you must be aware of the ongoing failure of this module and it is extremely unfair to keep charging the customers these very high replacement costs. Since we are bearing the financial burden of replacing those costly faulty parts we feel a recompensation is due.

Please review our repair bistory and give us your comments on this problem.

A copy of the recent repair bill is also enclosed.

In view of the evidently upcoming additional repairs we must ask ourselves: Is it wise to keep on maintaining this vehicle or are we compelled to trade it for a different model?

Thank you for giving this matter your attention.

Sincerely,

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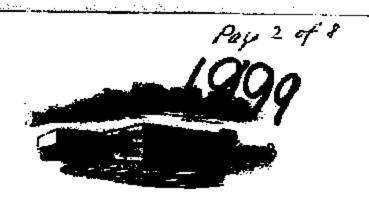
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Date	Mileoge	Maintenance/Repair	Maint Charge	Repair Charge
08-21-99	290	Throttle Module Problem-Replacement	\$ 0.00	50.00
01-14-00	7,738	Maint.	\$156.39	
05-26-00	12,057	Recall	\$0.00	
08-15-00	15,215	ISK Maint.	\$276.77	Warranty
10-11-00	17,492	Rocali	\$0.00	-
03-12-01	22,041	22.5K Maint.	\$193.66	
07-18-01	29,920	30K Maint/Brake Joh	\$430.65	\$151.84
09-12-01	<i>32,305</i>	Throttle related problem/Ropl. Sensor		Warranty
01-09-02	39,689	37.5K Maint./Repair	\$193.92	Warranty
02-16-02	41,204	Repair		Warranty
07-17-02	46,464	45K Maint,/Repairis BS problem	\$249.57	\$151.93
08-22-02	47,630	Repair		Warranty
06-20-03	55,711	52.5K Maint. /RpairF Throttle related	\$212,92	Warranty
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08-30-03	58,376	Repair/AC		\$141.24
11-06-03	60,260	Repair/Fan/Battery		\$686.69
12-05-03	61,090	60K Mains./Repair/	\$565.05	\$448.09
08-07-04	67,689	67.5K Malus/Rapair/Ball Joints	\$221.10	\$432.17
10-15-04	70,034	Repair/Shock Abs.		\$1,092.03
04-08-05	74,297	Repair/Timottle related		\$363.39
05-18-05	75,281	75K Maint.	\$266.78	
08-29-05	78,836	Repair/Throttle Replacement		\$1,020.30
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Volvo of America Corporation warrants to the retail purchaser of each new genuine Volvo part or accessory that such part or accessory will be free from defects in material and workmenship for 12 months from the date of purchase. Any such defective part or accessory will be exchanged or repaired without charge during the warranty period.

IF, AND ONLY IF, such part or accessory was originally installed by a Volvo dealer, the labor for removal and replacement will also be covered by this warranty

Parts replaced free of charge under the terms of another Volvo warranty are not subject to the warranty coverage of the Parts and Accessories warranty. Those parts will be warranted for 90 days or for the remainder of the original warranty, whichever is greater.

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Volvo Cars of Moth America Customer Service P.O. Box 915 7 Volvo Orive, Building A Rockleigh, NJ 07647-0815 ATTN: Anna Belec

September 7, 2005

Dear President Salec,

I implore you to issue a recall for all Volvoe built behivers 1999 and 2001 for the Electronic Throttie. Module fellures. The NHTSA has been investigating numerous complaints as you are probably aware; I am one of those people whose life was put is jacquarty twice by the failure of the ETM in my 2001 S80 2.4T.

I bought my very first Volvo in 2001 because of the stellar safety reputation and performance history accounts i found both online and in speeking to numerous friends who always raved about their Volvos. I always fall safe and in control driving in my 860, but that all changed on February 9, 2005.

While traveling on the Gerden State Parkway at 85mph, my ETM suddenly failed on an incline in Ratiway. I feed no power eleating and no acceleration even though the angine was still running. With other vehicles whizzing post me, I managed to guide my car to an emell opening in the between jersey berriers. How I was not struck from behind still cludes me. Prior to, and many times after this date, my car displayed the error message "Performance Raduced". I found it an annoyance more than anything else because I did not notice any change in how the car handled. The advice I received was to pull over, shut the engine off, and restent after a few minutes. This "bx" worked although a vehicle of this stature should not have this type of annoying problem.

For the second time on August 20, 2005, my ETM completely failed on an interstate highway. I again lost power steering and acceleration in heavy traffic. Fortunately this knierately had large breakdown lanes that I imped towards. I was tucky once again not to be struck from behind. I have been so distillusioned by the ETM problems I've had with my car, I swore I would never buy enginer Volvo.

The one piece of good news I have for you is the service I received from Mitchell Volvo in Simplury, CT yesterday. I was so pleased with their kindness and generality that I want you to know I am reconsidering the decision to never own enother Volvo. The personnel in the service department were kind, fair and honest, and even though the decisionable is seroes the state from where I five, I highly recommend them to everyone. I ask that you personally commend the employee whose name is Doug (I don't know his isst name) at Mitchell Volvo.

Thank you for your time in reading my letter. I hope you consider tasking a recell for all Volvos built between 1989 and 2001 for the Electronic Throttle Module failures.

Sincerely.

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Ms. Anne Be'lec President & CEO VOLVO Cars of North America, LLC 7 Volvo Drive Rockleigh, NJ 07647

Dear Ms Be'lec,

Several weeks ago, we received a letter from the Service Manager of Carolina Volvo in Bluffton, South Carolina thanking us for our patronage and asking us if our last service visit with them was NOT excellent or if they did not exceed our expectations. We felt the Dealer's service has always been excellent.

However, our response to Volvo, NA is that the required replacement of an electronic throttle module intake in May, that cost \$1,100 for our 2001 Volvo V70 2.4 Turbo, should have been covered by warranty. As a time-honored Volvo owner, we have followed all service and maintenance recommendations, and quite frankly, were astonished that the long and well-recognized reputation of quality of Volvo did not accept this as their responsibility.



cc: Mr. Ralph Tolman
President & CEO
Carolina Volvo
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September 7, 2005

Volvo Cars of North America Customers Relations PO. Box 914 Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647-0914

#### Dear Sir or Madam:

I am the owner of a 2000 S70 GLT SE with 45,000 miles. Until recently, I have been singing the praises of the car and of Volvo. However, two weeks ago the throttle body failed and had to be replaced at a cost of \$1000. I searched the internet and found that failed throttle bodies is a common occurrence with the S70. A \$1000 repair on a car with only 45,000 should not happen, especially on expensive cars with the reputation of Volvo. Unfortunately, I can no longer tell people about the quality of Volvo.

Please respond.

Northbrook, IL

I have enclosed a copy of the repair invoice.



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Volvo Cars of North America Attn: Volvo Customer Care Center 7 Volvo Drive Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647

August 31, 2005

To Whom It May Concern,

My name is a second and I have been a Volvo owner for 6 years. I am writing to you as a result of my complete dissatisfied with the functionality of my vehicle. Volvo claims to be "Committed to Excellence" and have "100% Customer Satisfaction", but I have not experienced either one of those claimed guarantees. Perhaps Volvo should consider changing their marketing campaign or providing their customers with the service they advertise.

Below you will find a list of the problems I have had to deal with in the last 5 years. Please keep in mind, I purchased the car in Sept 1999;

January 2000- The shifter gets stuck in park mode every time the car is put in park. I complained about this 3 times and nothing was done to fix this problem until February 2001.

February 2000- "Check engine" light comes on periodically. I took it to the dealership, they said nothing was wrong with the engine and the Check Engine indicator was turned off. At this point, this was a brand new car, why was my check engine indicator turning on for no reason?

October 2000- Volvo recall- replaced both lower ball joints.

January 2001- Once again the shifter repeatedly gets stuck in park. I took it to the dealership and they claim to have fixed the problem

February 2001- Shifter, once again, stuck in park gear. I took it in to the dealership again; they claim to have fixed the problem.

February 2001- There is a problem with the parking brake and the light in the door falls out.

May 2001 - Problem with the rotor plates.

February 2002- Brake Pedal Sensor fault.

August 2002- Noise in front suspension, Steering stops dry. Lower spoiler guard loose and falling off.

October 2002- Replaced both front headlight bulbs. Please note, I have had to do this every year that I have owned this car.

November 2002- Replaced tail light bulb. Again, please note, I have had to do this every year that I have owned this car.

January 2003- There was a noise in left / front suspension and the brake light bulb burnt out.

July 2003- Noise in brake area, steering stops defective and front arruts defective. Replaced left and right front struts and upper spring seats. Air conditioning is leaking.

Found leak at evaporator O-rings.

September 2003- 12V adaptor does not work. Air conditioning is leaking again. There is also a leak at evaporator O-rings.

June / July 2004- The car overheated on the highway. The cooling fan needed to be replaced. I paid \$375.00 out of pocket. In March 2005, Volvo had a recall with this problem and I received a refund.

September 2004- I had to replace the Throttle body, Gasket, ETM reload. I paid-\$833.87

PLEASE NOTE IN REGARD TO THE THROTTLE CONTROL MODULE: I complained about this last problem to the dealership 3 times. Each time they could not seem to find a problem. However, the 3<sup>rd</sup> time that I came in to have this looked at, they finally found what the problem was. My issue with this situation is that the first 2 times I complained about this problem, my car was still under warranty. However, the 3<sup>rd</sup> time Volvo found what the problem was, but my car was no longer under warranty, so I ended up paying \$833.87 out of pocket. This seemed to be quite the coincidence: when this was covered under warranty, Volvo could not find the problem. However, as soon as paying to fix the problem was the oustomer's responsibility, the malfunction was found. This seemed to be very convenient for Volvo.

Additionally, I recently read this article (please see attached) about how Volvos have been having trouble with the same malfunction that I have been complaining about to Volvo for several months. Apparently, this is not just a problem with my Volvo, but with the Volvos in general. This is a cost that I should not have had to pay out of pocket. Especially because I had complained about it several times while my car was still under warranty.

I am asking that Volvo finally show the customer satisfaction they advertise and refund my \$833.87 as this malfunction should have been fixed while the car was still under warranty and this seems to be a problem with Volvos in general and not just my vehicle.

Now I have new problem. I have display message: "Brake failure, stop ASAP" and after that next message "STC service required". Again problem, problem, problem.

Please feel free to contact me for more information, at 9am-5pm. After 7pm, you can reach me at home at

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Regards,



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Aug 1, 2006 3:51 pm US/Eactorn (1016 WINE) (WASHINGTON) Several models of Volvo sedans and station vacons are under investigation because of complaints that the vehicles can lose acese or the engine can stall without weming, the government said Monday.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said it had received 136 complaints about the unit that regulates the amount of sir into the vehicle's engine.

The agency has heard of several concerns, including a sudden loss of

speed and power steering while driving in highway traffic and the stalling of the engine without warning.

NHTSA said an estimated 266,000 Volvos from the 1999 through 2001 model years are covered in the probe. It includes the C70 and C70 convertible, the S60 sports sedan, the S80 luxury sedan, the V70 station wagon and the ¥70XC crossover vehicle.

The inquiry, which is in its early stage, also involves the S70 sedan from the 1999-2000 model years. There have been two injuries connected to the alleged defect, NHTSA said.

Den Johnston, a Volvo Cars of North America spokesman, said the company was cooperating with the government's investigation, which will try to determine the scope, frequency and safety consequences of the alleged defect.

Volvo is part of Ford Motor Co.'s Premier Automotive Group.

Vehicle owners who reported the problems told the government that in some cases, their vehicles would restart and in other instances it required the vehicles to be tewed.

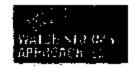






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Some owners said they replaced the engine component but it later falled in a similar manner. The inquiry involves the electronic throttle control module, which the company said regulates air into the engine.

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Ms. Anne E. Belec President Volvo Cara North America 7 Volvo Dr. Rockleigh, NJ 07647

September 15, 2005

Ref: NHTSA Action Number: PE05041

Dear Ms. Belec.

With reference to the above NHTSA investigation on the sudden loss of power and control on 2000 Volvos, this happened to me five times with my S80/T6 from September 15, 2004 to October 30, 2004. In one situation it happened as I was turning left across traffic; the car lost power and glided into oncoming vehicles without control. I can certainly understand why so many people are furious about this problem and scared to drive the car.

Due to this fear, my mechanic friend and I spent six weeks beginning last November to solve the problem. And I can tell you from our investigation and from the ultimate solution, the fix is not your thruttle module. It is a much less expensive part.

Nonetheless, I am still fed up with your car and plan to sell it in mid-October. I am selling the car because I now understand the poor design which has caused the failure. I also have a 15 year old boy who is learning to drive and I can't imagine putting him in a situation where this failure could happen again.

I am aware that NHTSA is investigating this problem and that there have been many hundreds of people complaining about this same failure on their Volvos. Should you be interested in learning the fix, I will sell you my car and the research which explains how we got to the answer for \$25,000. This is the value that the car should have been worth if it were not for the many problems that I and others have been having with it.

Please let me know right away if you interested. I am sure that this information will save you millions of dollars with respect to the likely mandated recall.

Sincerely.

Palo Alto, CA

Cc Mr. Stephen McHenry, Investigator, NHTSA

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Volvo Cars of North America, Inc. Customer Service Department P. O. Bex 914 Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647-0914 1(800) 458-1552

RE: VIN YV1LZ56D2X2

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Since my our is no longer under warranty, why wouldn't they replace what should have been recalled? It would not cost Volvo anything unless they finally own up to the problem and issue a recall.

I asked the Service person bow they could send me out after spending almost \$800 with an unsafe car? He could not even look me in the eye. I asked him what warning signs to look for if or when the ETM fails. He said there were none; that it happens suddenly, without warning. He said it could happen anytime or never. So essentially, I am driving a ticking time bomb. I am sure after what I read on the internet, it is also worthless as far as resale.

Please be advised that I am submitting this information to the Volvo ETM Class Action lawsuit and Eliot Spitzer, Attorney general of New York State. I am very disappointed with Volvo's response to this potentially dangerous safety defect.

Sincerely,

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Eliot Spitzer, Attorney General, New York State Fazio/Micheletti LLP

### September 11, 2005



Volvo Cars of North America, Inc. Customer Service Department P. O. Box 914 Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647-0914 1(800) 458-1552.

RE: VIN YVILZ56D2X

Date of Purchase:

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Odometer reading:

15515 miles

Current Mileage:

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Retailer's Name:

Volvo of Westport 556 Post Road East Westport, CT 06880

I purchased this car from my son new at the above retailer in 1999.

in September 2001. He purchased it

Description of problem: On a recent trip to Botton, I noticed a problem with the techometer; it fluctuated back & forth as though the needle was loose or disconnected. There was also a low level but inconsistent noise at the same time which did not last long. When I returned to Western New York I went right to the Yolvo dealer and before I could fully describe the problem he said it sounds like the 'throttle module'. I asked him to describe it and approximately how much it would cost to repair. When he mentioned 'electrical' I said I had noted in Consumer's Report that 1991-2000 Volvo's had electrical problems so I wondered if it was known to have problems why I had not been notified. As it turns out, it is more than a minor electrical problem; I subsequently learned it is a safety-related defect.

When I got home I checked on the internet and learned there is a MAJOR problem with the 1999 model year (as well as others) with the Electronic Throttle Module (ETM) and that it causes the engine to <u>stall suddenly without warning</u> at any speed. It also appears that Volvo has known about the problem for several years and that it is not an isolated incident but has occurred frequently.

Volvo Cars of North America, Inc.

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September 11, 2005

I consider this a <u>yeary dangerous situation</u> and would have expected a reliable company to take responsibility for a safety-related defect. Additionally, a malfunctioning ETM can increase the amount of pollutants a vehicle generates, causing significant environmental problems. I drive back and forth to Boston several times a year on the thruway and now learn I have been driving an unsafe car.

I transferred ownership legally and notified Volvo of the change of ownership. Why wasn't I notified of a safety-related defect? I took the car in as soon as I noticed a problem with the tachometer, because I thought the dial or needle was loose. What if I had ignored it? I cannot understand why Volvo has not recalled this model to repair the ETM.

I made an appointment for tomorrow morning at Jim Culligan Auto Place, the only Volvo dealer in Western New York They estimated the cost to be around \$900,00. I will expect Volvo to reimburse me because:

- 1. this is a safety-related defect and
- Volvo has known "about the nature and scope of the ETM defect well before it sold the vast majority of the affected vehicles to unsuspecting consumers."

Also, I have been having problems intermittently removing the key and now cannot remove it at all. So I called to add that to the list of items to investigate tomorrow. I have been anable to drive the car because I cannot leave it with the key in the ignition.

Sincerely,

# Stephen P. Ryan



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Your Global Customer Relations File Number is 72756.

Dear

Thank you for your enail dated lath September, 2005, which has been redirected to us. Thank you for informing us of the problems you have experienced with your Volvo 270. We understand the concern this has caused. Volvo Car Corporation is represented in the United States by Volvo Cars of Morth America, who are, according to policy, responsible for all metters related to our products there. For this reason, we have forwarded your comments to our market representatives.

In order to facilitate the bandling of your dencers, you are welcome to contact our representatives directly as follows:

Velvo Care of Morth America Inc 7 Volvo Drive, Rockleigh, NJ 67647

Phone: +1 800 458 15 52 Fax: +1 800 992 39 70

Email: customeroure@volvotorlife.com

We would like to thank you for taking the time to bring this matter to our attention.

Yours sincerely,

Hanne Jönsson
Global Customer Relations Advisor
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Website: www.volvocars.com/gcr

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Louisville, KY September 14, 2005

AB Volvo Brand Management 62-405 00 Gothenburg **aveden** 

Attention: Customer Service

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please contact either of us by cell phone number (502) 551-1083 or (502) 551-0702.

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Sincerely,

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#### Ryan, Pam

From; Sent: customercare@volvoforlife.com Friday, Septuraber 23, 2005 4:22 Pt4

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RE: volve 979 [INTR:027695]

Bear Velvo Customer.

Thank you for contacting Volvo.

We have received your e-mail but are not able to read your mensage because it was repeived as an attachment.

Volvo will not open any attachments in our effort to prevent the harmful effects of viruses. Flexus fax a copy of the letter to 1-800-992-3970 or call our Customer Care Center at 1-800-459-1552.

You may also write to us at the following address:

Volvo Cars of Sorth America ? Volvo Drive Rockleigh, NJ 67647

Drive Safely, Volvo Cars of North America

---- Original Message ----

> From ; '
> To ; customercaresvolvocars.com

> Subject : Volvo #70 [INTE:027698]

> Date : Fri, 23 Sep 2005, 01:56:31 PM EDT

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it is > my understanding it was forwarded elsewhere for resolution. Please advise.

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September 14, 2005

AB Volve Brand Management SE-405 06 Gothenburg Sweden

#### Attention: Customer Service

Over the last week, we have had our 1999 S70 Volvo serviced for the Check Engine Light and the ETS at the Volvo Service Center, J.R. Vovo in Louisville, Kentucky (See attached). It does come to our attention that the piece that we are now (after three trips to the service center) in need of a Throttle Module.

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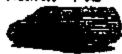


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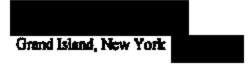
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Since my car is no longer under warranty, why wouldn't they replace what should have been recalled? It would not cost Volvo anything unless they finally own up to the problem and issue a recall.

I asked the Service person how they could send me out after spending almost \$800 with an unsafe car? He could not even look me in the eye. I asked him what warning signs to look for if or when the ETM fails. He said there were none; that it happens suddenly, without warning. He said it could happen anytime or never. So essentially, I am driving a ticking time, bomb. I am sure after what I read on the internet, it is also worthless as far as resale.

Please be advised that I am submitting this information to the Volvo ETM Class Action lawsuit and Eliot Spitzer, Attorney general of New York State. I am very disappointed with Volvo's response to this potentially dangerous safety defect.

Sincerely.

Copy to: Jim Culligan Volvo
Eliot Spitzer, Attorney General, New York State
Fazio/Micheletti LLP

#### September 11, 2005



Volvo Cars of North America, Inc. Customer Service Department P. O. Box 914 Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647-0914 1(800) 458-1552

RE: VIN YVILZ56D2X

Date of Purchase:

09.07.01

Odometer reading:

15515 miles

Current Mileage:

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Rotailer's Name:

Volvo of Westport 556 Post Road East Westport, CT 06880

I purchased this car from my son my son and the September 2001. He purchased it now at the above retailer in 1999.

<u>Description of problem</u>: On a recent trip to Boston, I noticed a problem with the tachometer, it fluctuated back & forth as though the needle was loose or disconnected. There was also a low level but inconsistent noise at the same time which did not last long. When I returned to Western New York I went right to the Volvo dealer and before I could fully describe the problem be said it sounds like the 'throttle module'. I asked him to describe it and approximately how much it would cost to repair. When he mentioned 'electrical' I said I had noted in Consumer's Report that 1991-2000 Volvo's had electrical problems so I wondered if it was known to have problems why I had not been notified. As it turns out, it is more than a minor electrical problem; I subsequently learned it is a safety-related defect.

When I got home I checked on the internet and learned there is a MAJOR problem with the 1999 model year (as well as others) with the Electronic Throttle Module (ETM) and that it causes the engine to <u>stall suddenly without warning</u> at any speed. It also appears that Volvo has known about the problem for several years and that it is not an isolated incident but has occurred frequently.

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I consider this a <u>very dangerous situation</u> and would have expected a reliable company to take responsibility for a safety-related defect. Additionally, a malfunctioning ETM can increase the amount of pollutants a vehicle generates, causing significant environmental problems. I drive back and forth to Boston several times a year on the thruway and now learn I have been driving an unsafe car.

I transferred ownership legally and notified Volvo of the change of ownership. Why wasn't I notified of a safety-related defect? I took the car in as soon as I noticed a problem with the tachometer, because I thought the dial or needle was loose. What if I had ignored it? I cannot understand why Volvo has not recalled this model to repair the ETM.

I made an appointment for tomorrow morning at Jim Culligan Auto Place, the only Volvo dealer in Western New York They estimated the cost to be around \$900.00. I will expect Volvo to reimburso me because:

- 1. this is a safety-related defect and
- Volvo has known "about the nature and scope of the ETM defect well before it sold the vast majority of the affected vehicles to unsuspecting consumers."

Also, I have been having problems intermittently removing the key and now cannot remove it at all. So I called to add that to the list of items to investigate tomorrow. I have been unable to drive the car because I cannot leave it with the key in the ignition.

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September 19, 2005

Volvo Cars of North America Attn: Volvo Customer Service 7 Volvo Drive / P.O. Box 914 Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647 SESEP 2 6 2005
COSTSTOMER CARE

#### Dear Volvo Customer Service.

This letter is to inform you of our recent problems with our 2001 Volvo S80T. The first problem was when I called Torn Wood Volvo in Indianapolis, Indiana on July 27,2005 to schedule my Volvo for service with car trouble. They said, the first available appointment would be in two weeks. I said that was unacceptable and would call another dealership. I called Royal Volvo in Bioomington, Indiana and they were quite willing to schedule me in as soon as it fit my schedule.

After giving me a loaner car, diagnosing the problem they determined the following parts needed to be replaced:

- 1) 1351 CV 5.50
- 2) Throttle Body 8644347
- 3) Gasket 8636753
- 4) ETM Reload 8845425
- 5) Mess Air Flow 8870263

And throttle unit, gasket, & hardware also replaced air mass.

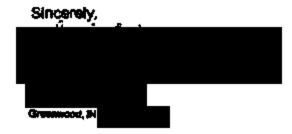
After replacing these parts on our 2001 S80T with only 54,514 miles, the car was only aix months and 4,500 miles out of warranty, with a cost of \$995.18.

We have saved our defective - parts and understand that this problem is occurring at a significantly higher rate than what would be considered normal.

We just ask that you look into matter and let us know of your findings. Prior to this incident we were "Happy Volvo For Life Customers" and told everyone how much we LOVED our VOLVO. In fact we were looking at buying another Volvo, but now are reconsidering.

We feel that we shouldn't have such a large problem on a Volvo with only 54,000 miles. Enclosed is a copy of the receipt and we would gladly earld you the defective parts for analysis.

I must also say the customer service manager and staff at Royal Volvo were very accommodating unlike the treatment I received from Tom Wood Volvo.



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September 23, 2005 Volvo Cara of N.A. LLC 1 Volvo Drive Rockleigh, NJ 07647 Attention: Warrenty Department

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Dear Size:

We recently had our 2000 Volvo XC serviced after it stalled, with loss of power steering and brakes, during busy rush hour traffic on US 6 a busy highway here in the Denver area. The vehicle was towed as it would not restart. As you can see from the attached repair statement we have less than 43,000 miles on the vehicle and we would like to point out that this vehicle is used mostly for longer distance drives and is not a commuter vehicle subject to constant starting and stopping.

In discussions with the designing - Rickenbaugh Volvo, they told us that the "root cause" of the "throttle-body-control failure" was due to prolonged intervals between oil charges. We have been faithfully changing the oil at no more than 5,000 mile intervals, even though the manual recommends 7,500 miles for "normal" driving which describes our usage. In addition we have met all scheduled services which were preformed by Volvo designings, and recently had the MAF sensor replaced (December 2004 & 35,000 miles) only to have this sensor replaced again in conjunction with the throttle-body-control service (August 29, 2005).

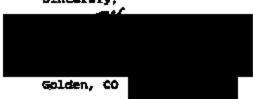
We enjoy our Volvo and been very satisfied up to now, as the dealership has us personed about the future performance of this vehicle and our fear that the loss of engine function and power controls in a future scenario may be dangerous.

We would like to have you respond to two questions:

- 1. Is it normal for the throttle-body-control to fail at less than 43,000 miles, and is it normal for the MAF sensor to fail twice on a vehicle with less than 43,000 miles; and would this replacement be covered under any werranty consideration even though the warranty term, not miles has been exceeded? As you can see from the repair statement, this was an expensive service.
- 2. Does Volvo recommend a higher frequency of oil changes contrary to the owner's manual for usage that typically averages 100 miles per trip?

Thank you for your prompt response,

Sincerely,



Enclosed: service statement 8-29-05; service statement 12-04.

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September 25, 2005

Volvo Cars of North America, I.I.C Atta: Volvo Customer Care Center 7 Volvo Drove Rockleigh, NJ 07647

Dear Sir/Madang

At 45,000 miles. I had to replace the throttle unit on my 2000 Volvo S 70. This was very disoppointing to me, as I had maintained the car as per your maintenance schedule since its purchase as a brand new vehicle

My understanding is that it is very unusual for a throttle unit to be replaced during the life of a car, no less at 45,000 miles. I believe that the throttle unit installed in my car was defective in materials and/or workmanship. Consequently, I am requesting a reimbursement of \$1062.05 from you. This was my cost for replacing the throttle unit (see enclosed invoice)

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I read with a girst does of interest the attached article which appeared in our local severpaper within a week of baving service does on my car for loss of power while driving. I took the article lute the dealership where the service was done and they confirmed that the services provided was exactly for the problem stated in the article.

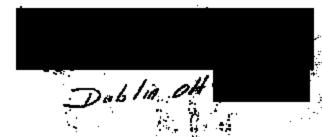
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Volvo Cars of North America Inc. Customer Service P.O.Box 914 Rockleigh, N.J. 07647-0914

CUSTOMER CARE

Dear Volvo.

I am writing to you in reference to our 2000 Volvo V70XC VIN. # YV1LZ56D2Y2

We purchased this car hoping to experience many years and long miles of safe and care free driving. (If i can get 2-300,000 miles out of my Chevy company cars i should expect a whole lot more of our Volvo). While regizing that any car is subject to problems we neve expected the number of problems nor the large costs associated with them.

Now, we have run into two major problems and we are looking to Volvo to rectify them.

#f According to Myron Levin of the Los Angeles Times dated May 3,2005 and in conjunction with acquaintances and our meditenics, we are by far not alone. I can sum this in one sentence, "Defective Throttie" or ETM.

We know that in California there is a class action suit. We know that people have already been reimbursed and we know that Volvo has been very aware of this problem since SOP 1999.

This problem nearly caused an accident for my wife when the car lost power and died on a dark hilly back road while on her way home from work. Driving along with a car behind her when suddenly this happens and the car behind almost runs into her. Now, while we recognize a problem such as this can occur vite do not in the least appreciate Volvo knowle about the defect without issuing recalls to all of us (only a select few via secret recall).

#2 We also are experiencing leakage between the block and the crank shaft area which I understand will mean removing the engine in order to fix at a cost of around \$1500.00. We have only 80,000 miles on this car and it has been faithfully serviced and only fed premium gas as per Volvo specs.

Since the throttle problem is a wide spread problem, and since we would expect an eventual recall and you have already reimbursed others, we are asking you for full reimbursement for this major issue. I am enclosing the invoices for the cleaning and for the replacement of the throttle unit.

I also hope that this problem has been fixed as we are thinking about the 2005 Volvo S-60AWD as our next car.

We are also very upset to find that we have this leakage problem, with so few miles. Surely this is not what we would expect of a Volvo. We hope that Volvo will work with us and our Volvo Cartifled mechanic or a Volvo disalership near us to fix this leak before it causes major problems.

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# Rockport Automotive LLC

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# Volvo is facing pressure over faulty throttles

By Myron Levin I Los Asgeles Yines

Defective throates in 1999-2001 Volves have been failing at mercually high rares. counting cars to stall, raising air emissions and sticking owners with costly repairs.

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State and fedoral air quality officials are pressing Volvo for a commitment to spend millions of dallars rescaptace the devices as they fail. and to minimum owners who have anid fait the work themselves.

The faulty components are electronic throttle modules -- or ETMs -which Volvo began substituting for traditional machinical throttles in its '99 models. Though designed for a useful life of 100,000 miles, an estimated 21 percent to 94 percent will fall-within that time, depending on vehicle grodul, according to reports by Volvo as the California Air. Resource: Board and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The state air board, backed by the EPA, wants Volvo to extend the warranty on the directles to 30 years and unlimited miles and rainthurse remems who have already paid as much as \$1,000 to replace them. The hadic warranty on the cars is four years or 50,000 miles, though in California emissions-related components by law are covered for seven years or 70,000 miles.

The faulty fluctules are also the subject of a class-action suit charging that Yoku violated Chlifornia terr by issuing a so-called "secret warranty" to assist some but not all owners with defective throughts.

Volvo executives refused to be interviewed or to enswer written questions, but said in a propered statement that it "is working with the California Air Resources Board relative to the ETM, and we are fully cooperating with them."

Although pressure on Volve is coming aminly from California, any warranty extensions and reinfoursements would apply nationwide. Volvo would not say how many vehicles are involved, but based on U.S. sales of affected vehicles, including C. S and V-70, 8 60 and S 80 series Volvos. the number appears to be 200,000 to 300,000 cars.

"We're in the gray area between consumer protection and unisalons control," read John Urkov, a branch chief with the Air Resources Board. Valvo is "going to have to spend some manay to do what we feel is the minimum accessary to get out of this situation."

At a meeting with company representatives Feb. 23, air board officials cuiected preumerus that Volvo had already taken all reasonable steps and was not responsible past the warranty period. The automaker is expected to respond early next month to the request for a warrancy extension, Union sald.

For the Swedish carreaker, a Ford Motor Co. unit known for advanced safety and rechnological sophistication, the problem has been unembarrussing and expensive handache.

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dissellisfaction in the U.S. nurket," said a June 29, 2004, internal document produced in the lawsuit against Volvo.

Thousands of irste customers have complained of dangerous stailing opiniodes on major thoroughthres, and of Volvo representatives trying to shift bisme by tailing owners they had bought bed gasoline or did not follow the recommended maintenance schedule.

"I feel the representatives of Volvo misled me," said Christine Noriega of Los Angèles, who said she recently paid about \$200 to service the shroute in her Volvo after a dealer inaccurately told her that her warrancy had explored:

The Jane 2004 Volvo document said that in just over a year, the company had shelled out more than \$13.5 million to replace or clear 27,200 throttles and to buy back cars as a goodwill genure.

In many cases, however, owners have paid for the work because their warranties had expired or they did not know the throttle was covered.

The class-action still concerns a July 2001 Volvo notice to dealers agreeing to pay for one ETM classific per customer. California is one of a hapdful of states that for "secret warranties," in which vehicle makers extend service to owners who squark the fouriest without telling all owners.

The lowsuit, filed in Sacramento County Superior Court by Sto Malco law firm Facio & Micheletti, alleges that the Volvo potice amounted to a secret warranty.

Ding Michelett, a partner in the firm, said the action was suspect for another reason, too: Volvo has acknowledged in Internal documents that cleaning a fastly throatic to remove only deposits that caused the malifunction can keep the device going only-for a while. Thus, the procedure can get Volvo beyond the warranty period, with owners getting stack later on with the higher cost of throatic replacement.

Valvo said it "is actively defending the case and believes it has complicat with the applicable California law."

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When Volvo introduced it, the ETM was considered an advance over the mechanical throaties used in virtually all other cars and tracks. Like the mechanical version, it's a valve that flaps open and shot to control air flow to the fuel system and, uttimately, the output of power from the engine.

But in at least the first three model years, the electronic throates were easily fouted by carbon deposits, causing rough idle, increased emissions and frequently loss of power and statts. Migheletti said warranty claims date produced in the lawsuit reflect close to 1,000 reports of stalking from California Volvo owners above.

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Volvo documents show that the problem graned its head in the factory even before '99 models hit the showroom,

According to a Volvo memo in March 2000, "we have had problems with faulty throttles in the car plants ..., since SOP 98w20" — a reference to the start of production in the 20th week of 1998.

Valva scrapped the original design and switched apppliers early in the 192 anodel year, which is believed to have reduced the problem.

Unitor said through staffunctions caused ears to pollute more than they otherwise would. But he said the Air Resources Board had not ordered a recall because it couldn't prove the extra emissions exceeded legal standards.

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Through Internet chart rooms and e-mail networks. Velvo owners have been calling for action too.

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The vehicle had only 42,000 miles on it but was more than four years old, sometime had to spend nearly \$1,000 to explace the ETM. She said a Volvo douber told her it was her fault — that "it's impressing at 42,000 miles that must recan the our has been abased or you've been putting wrong gas in the car."

said she was thankful, however, that the car had died in daylight on a major street, nutter than at night on a freeway when the result could have been much worse.

She wrote to Volvo to request a recuit on safety grounds. In repty, Volvo suggested that experiences like hers were sare.

"Screetimes individual vehicles experience isolated situations," said the Volvo letter.

According to Wifson, Volvo "was lying that this was an unusual necurrence, whereas it is not."

Times staff writer John O'Dell contributed to this report

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Belmont, MA
Tel:

October 12, 2005

Volvo Cars of North America 7 Volvo Drive Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647

ATTEN: Volvo Customer Care Center

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am enclosing a copy of the complaint I submitted to NHTSA relative to the failure of the Electronic Throttle System in my 2000 Volvo S70 at only 62,000 miles.

I had called in a complaint several weeks ago and never received the promised written confirmation of receipt of my complaint.

I have been a Volvo consumer for over twenty years and am extremely distressed about having been left stranded on a major highway with my 94-year-old mother in the car, in addition to incurring outrageous expense.

I expect to be reimbursed for the expenses incurred. I look forward to hearing from you promptly.

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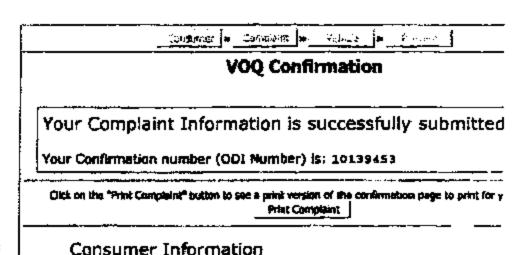
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Dear Volvo.

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I am writing this letter because of a concern I have about my 2001 Volvo V70XC and concerns I have about Volvo in general. I have owned several Volvos in the past and I have always touted the quality of the vehicles, until recently.

My current Volvo has 78,500 miles on it with an extended warranty that covered the vehicle to just over 74,000 miles. For at least the tast 30,000 miles! have been having intermittent problems with the car repeatedly hesitating and at times with the engine surging as if the car were about to take off. I reported this on 10/03/2003 at 48,526 miles as recorded on my service record when I took the car to my local dealer for a variety of complaints. The service department rep noted this as "a jerk or shudder" which were their words, not mine. In any case they could not duplicate the problem and no fault codes could be found in the computer. I tried to just forget about it since they couldn't find anything wrong.

In May 2005 at 72,498 miles the car died completely while my husband was driving it. The fuel sensor had failed resulting in the fuel pump burning up. This was replaced under warranty. I thought maybe the hesitation and occasional engine surges were over, but they were not. The car continued to experience minor but definite hesitation during driving. During the last week in September 2005 the "check engine" light came on for the better part of 24 hours, then went off. During the ensuing 48 hours the hesitation worsened and a warning light appeared on the dash indicating "reduced engine performance". I took my car to the Volvo dealer the next day, only to find that my electronic throttle module (ETM) had failed. It was replaced for an out of pocket cost of \$1,192.36 plus tax.

Needless to say I was disappointed in the failure of such a vital and expensive piece of equipment. I would have expected more from Volvo of years past though recent literature seems to validate higher maintenance requirements and poorer quality amongst recent Volvo models. I was then appealed to find that failure of the ETM is and has been an everyday and seemingly expected occurrence among certain Volvo model years, my 2001 V70XC being one of them. I have since read countless accounts of other Volvo owners with similar experiences, some outright dangerous. I have seen a recent TV news depiction of the problem and I understand there is a class action suit being filed in California.

I feel that Volvo as a company, or I guess that would be FORD, should remedy this problem by recalling this defective ETM, replacing it with a reliable module and reimbursing those of us who have shelled out the money to have our cars repaired. I can assure you if this does not happen that I and many other Volvo owners will never purchase another Volvo again. My bushand's Subaru wagon which has just about the same mileage as my Volvo has never had a major problem! Sad but true.

I do expect to receive a response to this letter.

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VEXED stands for Volvo Enthusiasts exposing Egregious Design. This is a website that is dedicated with providing Volvo owners and people looking to acquire a used Volvo with information regarding the defective electronic throttle modules used in Series, 60, 70, and 80 gas engine Volvo cars manufactured from 1999 through 2001.

See the Denver Channel Investigative Report on this problem

#### Electronic Throttle Module

The 1998 Volvo cars we're the last to have a true mechanical linkage between the accelerator and the throttle. In 1999 VOLVO introduced the electronic or fly-by-wire throttle. This was used for 3 model years, 1999, 2000 and 2001 on the 60, 70 and 80 series Volvo cars with the gasoline engine. Production figures indicate 445,840 of the subject vehicles were manufactured world wide with the US getting 285,872.

#### Thumbs Down for Volvo Reliability

Despite a long history of Voivo reliability, with many of the older models still around with over 200,000 miles, the newer cars with fly-by-wire technology have an egregiously designed electronic throttle module (ETM). The design of the ETM is defective and will full from 40,000 to over 100,000 miles. This part is not a maintenance part like tires, belts, brakes or bulbs that, while built to the best available technology, will wast out. The maintenance of the part can have safety threatening consequences; like dangarous stalling on a highway with decreased steering and braking control, sudden acceleration and going into a limp-home mode. Despite these facts the only solution is to replace the part with another part of the same egregious design. If not covered within the 4-year 50,000 mile warranty the cost ranges from \$800 to \$1200.

Early VOLVO Internal documents predict that 94% will fail before 100,000 miles. My personal opinion is the failure rate will be above 100% within this mileage, as enough will have multiple failures to more than offset those that do not experience a failure within 100,000 miles. ALL WILL FAIL as the throttle position sensor has a mechanical wearing type interface in the same way that brake pads wear out by rubbing agains the metal brake disks.

#### Attention Current Volvo Owners

The models affected by the problem include the 1999 to 2001, 560, C70, 570, V70, V70XC and the 580. Some suggistions include the ET5 light being on, stalling, unexplained acceleration, surgational the problem temporarily, but it will get worse. Get your car inspected and repaired at the first sign of these problems to avoid a potentially dangerous situation. During this initial problem stage the internal computer probably will



Wednesday, October 5, 2005

Consumer Affeirs
Volvo Group North America
570 Lexington Ave.
20th Floor
New York, NY 10022

Dear Sira:

Excuse me if I have sent this letter to the wrong place. I would ask kindly that you pass it along to the appropriate party, or contact me with the appropriate contact information (your web site does not contain aams).

I would like your company to reiniburse me for the sum of \$1,442.99 (see attached invoice), as the repairs necessary to the vehicle had nothing to do with either the vehicle's maintenance or treatment. The repairs necessary have to do with faulty equipment and design. However, if you pull the car's records you will see that the car had had dealer maintenance since purchased new.

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Please contect me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Richard Hannah General Manager

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TO:

Velvo Cazz of North America, LLC Attn.: Velvo Customer Care Center 7 Volvo Drive Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647

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October 10, 2005

Dear Volvo.

Please reliablisse me: \$802.65 for replacement of the Electronic Throttle Module of my 1999 Volvo V70 T5. This throttle module was closured in September 2003 by Sill-Terbar Volvo dealership and was replaced in May 2005 by Hoshi Motors. The decimentation verifying these facts is exclosed.

I, and apparently a great number of other loyal Volvo enstormers, are extremely disappointed by how Volvo has handled this manner stoce 1998. Volvo seriously cirks losing the extreme loyalty of function canonics galand from a long history of ethically producing outstanding vehicles. In addition, I am extremely concerned about the sufery laser of this ETBé falling while driving.

Honestly, I have already considered poschasing Volvo vehicles over a lifetime for myself and my finne wife, and I am not even married yet! Volvo risks leading significant business due to the handling of this ETM issue. How much greater assume of money is Velvo going to loss by attempting to save the amount moded to address this issue? In my case, Volvo may last well over \$250,000 in current dollars (at least 8-10 vehicles x \$3.5-40,000) over my and my future with a lifetimes.

Places afford me the opportunity to give Volvo significant sums of money as a lifetime purchaser of your wonderful vehicles ("Volvo for Life"); please send a check for \$802.65 at reimbursoment of this ETM replacement expense.

Thank you very much,

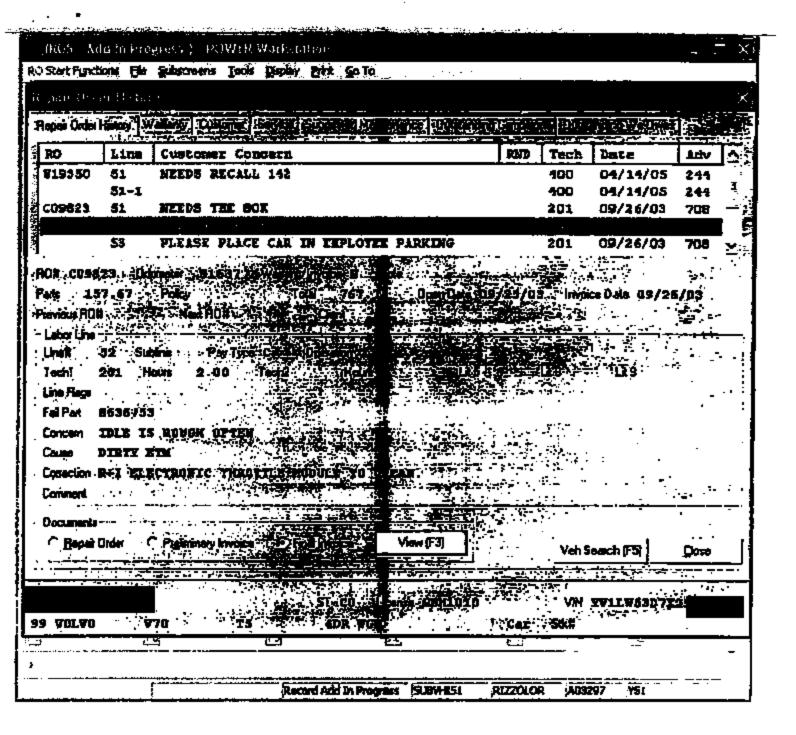
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October 17, 2005

To: Eunice Stem

From:

Re: V70XC AWD 2001 Valvo

V.I.N. YVISZSBD111

For our conventation back in June of 2005 I am forwarding the information regarding the costs incurred as a result of the EMT.

Job #1 on 11/26/04

Total costs \$1673.72

Job #3 on 4/14/05

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I would also like to take a minute and explain the frustration and expense I have had in being the owner of the above mentioned cor.

Due to circumstances I wan't go into, I become a single Mother of three children back In July of 2001. The only asset I was left with was my Volvo. I had four years left on a lease to a car I quite frankly could no longer afford. The positive was that Volvo was known for being a reliable, dependable and safe car. Instead I have had nothing but problems from the beginning which finally grew to an almost unbelievable level in the post 10 months. There seemed to be a never ending list of minor problems that could never be completely resolved or even diagnosed. There were issues with the oil early on and after several service calls it was finally ettributed to a faulty seal on the all pan which they replaced. However as a result of that issue the car ended up with "sludge" for lack of a better term that has been extremely expensive to repair. Volvo's answer was to blame me for not changing the oil enough or not using the correct oil. Both are not true. Than there has been the issue of car performance which again has been an on and off problem. Volvo knew about the ETM issues but it took several visits to address the problem and even than I was never informed that this was a recall issue. I had to do the research myself and than bring it to Valva's attention. I had the car in several times as a result of faulty performance. It was when I started to pull out into a busy road, got part way and than lost all power, that they finally fixed the EMT problem. For almost seven months I described a problem in the front right of the car. I asked them to do a complete check on everything and specifically mentioned checking the control arm bushings. As we now know, there were issues with the control arm bushings, the result? My tire and part of the control arm fell off. When I think what could have happened as a result of this issue. I had two teenogers with parmits who were using this car to learn how to drive. Every day we make the trip up and down a road that has a drop off on one side. Needless to say, I still have a difficult time feeling.

safe in this car. And the list of problems doesn't and there. They really can't figure out why this car has so many issues but three of the top men at Volvo finally admitted that this car is a lemon and they will not resell it to another owner. To address one of the issues they had to bypass the computer. I have put \$9,465.32 into this car in the last 10 months. All I asked of Volvo, after being told this car was a lemon and that they couldn't guarantee it's safety, was to be let out of my lease six months early. How could you in good conscious not support that?

I am finally at the end of my lease and am ready to turn the cor over therefore per our agreement I am faxing the information regarding the parts and labor expenses surrounding the EMT issues to you. As you can see the total comes to \$1986.22.

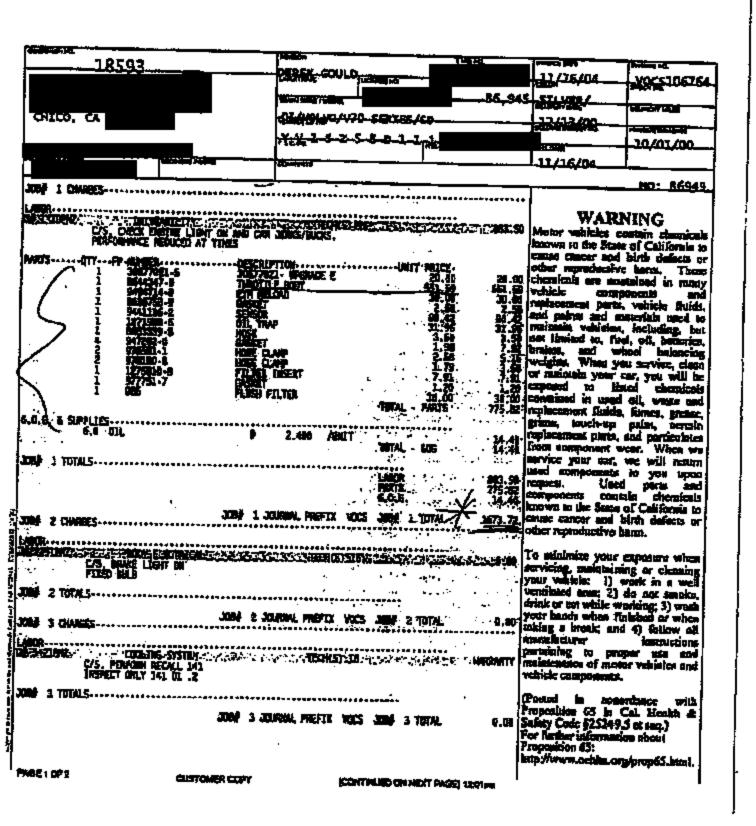
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Volvo Cars of North America, LLC Attn: Volvo Customer Care Center 7 Volvo Drive Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647 RECEIVED OCT 2 8 2005 CUSTOMER CARE

Dear Str.

I am writing to inform you of a serious equipment defect in 2001 Volvos. My V70 Cross-Country wagon was exhibiting slight hesitation and surging speed control in typical highway driving. I tried fuel injector dean-out additives, air filter cleaning and higher grade gasoline thinking there was some fuel combustion problem. Finally just as I was accelerating on a ramp to the NJ Tumpike, three or four cylinders just cut out and I suddenly lost most engine power. I just barely got out of the way of trucks and care at the highway merge lane.

The dealer where I get my Volvo serviced knew very quickly that the problem was with the throttle box. While they were very courteous and helpful in replacing this, I feel the potential fallure of this mechanism is a very serious problem and drivers of this car should be informed. I've told a few co-workers to watch out for this problem in similar Volvos.

I think a carmaker that promotes safety in their brand should be more informative about a potential shut-down of a critical spised control device. I had no warning that what seemed like an annoying hasitation problem was going to cause me to lose almost all engine power at a dangerous point in highway driving where car dependability is essential.

You should note that people who buy your cars understand there will be problems over extended use, but they need to be warned of potential failure of critical systems such as this so corrections can be made quickly.



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Roebuck, South Carolina October 9, 2005

CEO Volvo Group North America, Inc. 570 Lexington Avenue, 20<sup>th</sup> floor New York, N. Y. 10022 OCT 1 9 2005

## Dear Sir/Madam:

I am writing to you because I am having major problems with my 2000 Volvo. I bought the Volvo – October 31, 2000. The first of January 2004 the throttle body had to be replaced. Now the air condition and fan are not working. I have been told that they are very expensive to repair. I am wondering why these parts are failing to function properly. I take good care of the car, having it serviced properly and on time. I do all the things necessary to take good care of it.

Is there a factory warranty to cover major problems, the throttle body-less than 62,500 miles. The air condition stopped functioning August 20, 2005.

Sincerely,

# RECEIVED OCT 24 2005 CUSTOMER CARE

#### Dear Volva:

I am expressing my disappointment in the recent events related to the servicing of my 1999 S-80 Volvo. The vehicle was purchased new in 1999 in Des Moines, lowa. In 2003 we moved to Bettendorf, lowa and have performed all service maintenances to date and currently have 115, 341 miles on this vehicle.

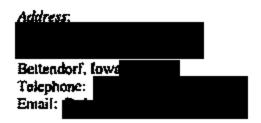
#### Vehicle Events:

- On September 24, 2005 my vehicle started showing the ABS light and the
  triangular STC stability traction control system light at the same time. This
  also prevents the cruise control from working. After stopping the vehicle and
  restarting, the triangular STC light went out. After reaching 15-25 miles per
  hour, the ABS light went out also. This is the procedure listed in the manual on
  page 17. Cruise control did not reengage for another 10-20 minutes of driving.
- This transpired three times between the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> of September. The third time, the emission control message came on. Again stopping the car and restarting it and driving it up to 15-25 miles per hour all messages disappeared.
- 3. On September 25, 2005 I drove to Louisville. Kentucky, for business. Twice on the drive there, the ABS and STC light came on with cruise control lost. Each time after finding a location to stop, the triangular STC light went off and after reaching 15-25 miles per hour so did the ABS light. Cruise came back at approximately the same time factor as noted previously.
- 4. Parking on the night of the 25th no warning lights existed.
- On September 27, 2005 again the ABS and STC light displayed, soon the
  emissions control light, and shortly after that the Service Urgent light came on
  and remained. Roadside service provided me with the Louisville Volvo service
  department, (Courteously and nicely done.)
- 6. Sam Swoope, the Louisville dealer, advised me to proceed to their dealership for inspect. Melissa Hare handled my call and was very helpful with directions. The Volvo dealer was excellent with transportation service to my hotel and back.
- Melissa was informed of the vehicle problems. This service resulted in the attached bill for \$789.32 for parts and labor to replace a throttle body.

- 8. Upon my return trip home, the vehicle continued to have the exact same problems that existed prior to the Louisville servicing: ABS light and STC light with the cruise becoming ineperable. This transpired twice between Louisville, Kentucky and Bettendorf, Iowa. I called Melissa to express my disappointment and to tell her that I would get it to the Moline, Iowa, Volvo dealer to inspect.
- With the same symptoms, the Moline Volvo dealer replaced the ABS unit at a
  cost of \$842.93. I also phoned Melissa to have her talk to Dick Burton. Moline
  Service Manger. Each maintains the computer codes found indicated their
  associated findings.

The cost of \$1632.25 in a two-day period for a problem with the exact same symptom. I find it very difficult to believe that the vehicle was repaired correctly in Louisville. Additionally both dealers told me about a potential recall/replacement of the throttle body part replaced by the Louisville dealer. I am requesting reimbursement of 50% of the total amount spent on this repair for a total reimbursement of \$816.12. At a minimum I am expecting reimbursement for the throttle body at a cost of \$619.32.

This is totally unacceptable customer service and an extremely frustrating experience that should not have occurred. Please inform me of your decision in this matter as soon as possible.





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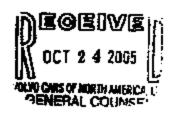
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October 19, 2005

Volvo Cars of North America, LLC c/o CT Corporation System Kentucky Home Life Building Louisville, KY 40202

Dear Sir or Madem:

Please be advised that I have been retained by **Manual Manual** concerning a defective throttle in their 1999 Volvo automobile. I have reviewed several documents relating to the car's service history and have determined that the electronic throttle module was recently replaced for the second time at 90,000 miles (after having first been replaced at approximately 52,000 miles).

We believe that such a history indicates an underlying problem with the part, a fact which apparently is well known to Volvo. My clients incurred a cost of \$817.56 (see attached). We formally demand reimbursement for said amount no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, November 4, 2005. Should payment not be received, we are prepared to immediately file suit in Jefferson District Court.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter. Please call with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely.

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October 26, 2005

Ms. Anne Belec, President & CEO Volvo Cars of North America, Inc. Volvo Drive Rockleigh, N.J. 07647

Dear Ms. Belec:

In our letter of October 24, 2005 we informed you that on October 21, 2005 our 2000 S80 Volvo had to be towed to Paul's Volvo of Hawthorns. That was the second time the car stalled and lost power leaving us in an extremely dangerous situation. The second failure was only a few weeks after the original throttle body unit had been replaced. Paul's Volvo said the replacement unit was also defective and again required a new unit. They replaced the unit without delay, but I now drive the car with great trapidation. I believe the car has a chronic problem, even after the dealer has made the recommended correction, not once but twice. Volvo must assume full responsibility in this matter since it concerns public safety. If this is not a guaranteed correctable problem Volvo has the obligation to inform us accordingly. Is this part replacement enough of a correction to insure safety and security? When a replacement part has to be replaced, what is the reliability of the correction? We must provail on Volvo to provide us with reliable direction and information in this matter.

Very truly yours,

cc: John Sestonovich, Volvo Cars of North America Mr. Paul, Paul's Volvo, Hawthorne, N.J.

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US Department of Transportation National Highway Safety Administration Office of Defects Investigation NVS 210, 400 7th Street, SW Washington, DC 20590 001 27 2005

Re: Defect in Volvo Electronic Throttle Module ( ETM)

To Whom It May Concern:

I am submitting a report of a defect in the electronic throttle module in the Volvo Cross Country. There is no doubt that this (apparently already documented) defect will ultimately be the cause of a fatality or more realistically, multiple fatalities. As chilling as that is, it is more chilling to realize that the Department of Transportation has been aware of this hazard for at least FIVE years and has received incident reports of the safety risks involved- and for whatever reason has chosen to ignore them.

It is obvious why Volvo is ignoring the facts. The replacement cost is \$1145.00 per vehicle. But why are you? Is the criterion for a recall that a death has to have occurred? Is it not until a family but buried a loved one that the government issues a parts recall? Does the auto industry have such a grip on the Safety Administration that they can convince you to stall a costly recall? Who are you protesting- Volvo or the consumer?

Last Wednesday morning in 8:30 commuter traffic I was traveling on Route 80 castbound toward New York. The average speed is 60MPH. Vehicles consist of cars, SUV's and trucks. With absolutely NO warning my speed PLUMMETED to at best 10MPH. This happened within seconds. I put my window down and tried to wave the driver behind me to slow down. He realized immediately that I was in trouble and did the same thing to the driver behind him. If we had not all acted quickly and prudently, we would all be dead. We were all targets. At the exact moment that I lost acceleration control a message appeared that "Driver Performance Reduced".

When I finally got to a safe location off the road, I called the Volvo dealership and they said to let the car rest and bring it to the service department. I waited half an hour to give the car- and me- a long rest.

When I finally arrived at Volvo, they serviced the car. It took almost 4 hours and they replaced the electronic throttle module. The service representative said that sometimes the car will display a warning that this is about to occur but sometimes it does not as in my case, he said. The charge was \$1145.00. He said it would have been covered if my car had less than 50,000 miles but it had 62,000. I know now that Volvo knew this was gong to happen back when I had less than 50,000 miles but did not replace it then, I was disturbed at the charge but much more so at the fact that this was DANGEROUS. I had specifically purchased a Volvo for its safety claims. I had no warning of the imminence of this hazard. I maintain service on my vehicle. My most recent "all-over" service cost \$700.00 and I'm not due again until December And yet I was apparently driving a car that Volvo knew – and you knew- was almost certainly going to present a potentially fatal situation. And neither one of you did anything about it.

I was surprised when I researched Volvo Electronic Throttle Module and read all the documented incidents that were identical to mine - drivers who found themselves, their passengers and those cars within their range, in a life-threatening situation—with no warning. But I was shocked when I realized these complaints have been reported for years—complaints from 24 states and 12 countries. The defect exists in the 1999-2001 Volvo 60, 70, and 80 series.

I have a lot of friends who drive Volvos. I'm worried about them. They bought a Volvo for the same reasons I did. They have children and grandchildren and they want them in a safe car. We all believed Volvo's claim of commitment to safety. If you're waiting for one of them to be killed, you are no different than a murderer with intent, motive, and a means to carry out a capital crime. And you deserve the same punishment.

Please respond immediately and let me know what your course of action will be. I want to know if you choose to alert Volvo drivers of the safety risk they are facing. I want to know if you choose to demand that Volvo recall every defective vehicle. I want to know if you choose to act responsibly. I want to know if you're going to do your job.....and if not, why not?



October 21, 2005

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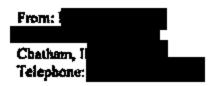
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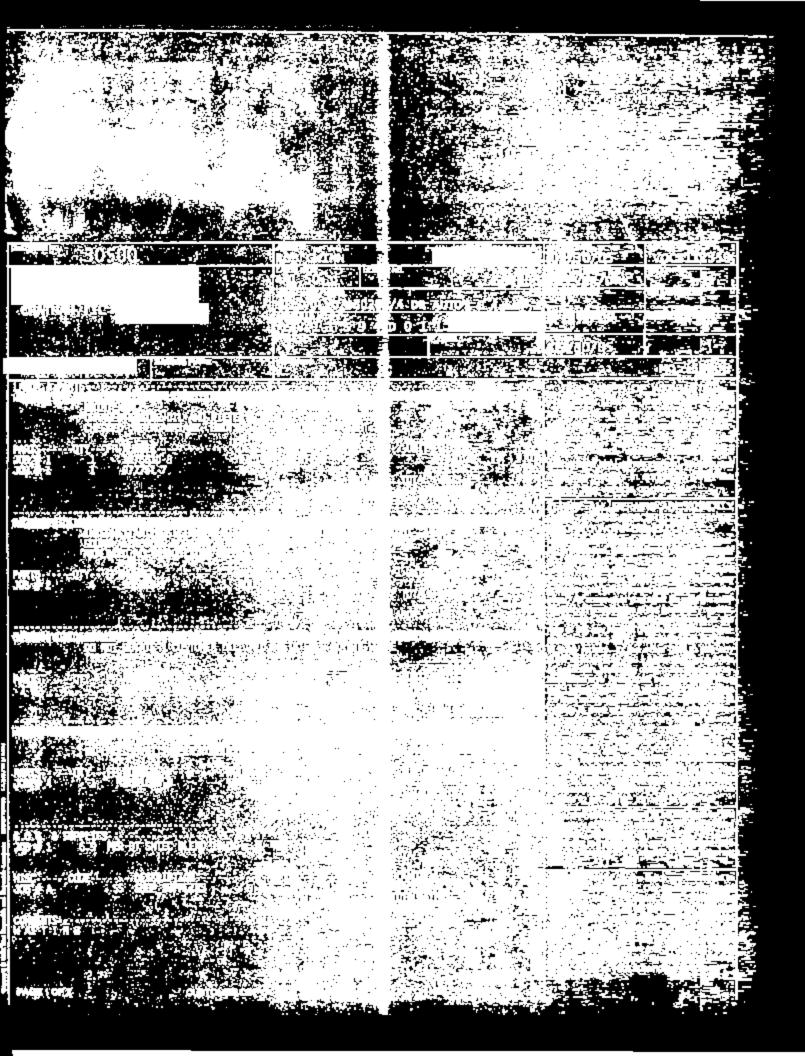
To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to express my dissatisfaction and disappointment with my 2001 Voivo S80. I was so excited when I first purchased this car. But the repairs required have been too numerous. Since December 2004, I have spent approximately \$2700 in repairs. After having it repaired 2 weeks ago, this week I have a bulb failure notice in the message center. Not only is this very frustrating in terms of cost but also in terms of time. It seems us if every time I turn around, there is another needed repair.

I love the fact that this vehicle is safe - that's why I purchased it - but what good is a safe vehicle if you can't drive it because it is always being repaired?!

I have enclosed a list of repairs since September 2004 and would appreciate a response from your company. Thank you







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October 17, 2005

CUSTOMER CARE

Mit: Antis Belie, President Velyp of North America 7 Velyp Drive Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647

Dear Mr. Belee

In the newspaper industry, we have customer purvice policies that are pretty standard around the world: If we make a mistake in a liferite advarisament, we run the next ad free of charge. If we make a mistake in our copy we run a retraction or, in some cases, reprint the entire article.

Volvo needs to have a policy that says, "If weinske a defective product that endangers your life, we will fix it free of charge."

Case in point: the threttle module.

My bushand and I laugh at the television commercials tenting Volvo as a safe vehicle. Sure, it's one of the safest if it's hit band on or breadsided, but who wants to find that out? That's why we plunked down over a thousand dollars to fix the throttle madule on our 2000 S-80 because it was stalling out while we were driving.

We have slace tourned that this it a recurring problem, one that Valvo has acknowledged and refused to recall. Perhaps some customers have to die first before the recall is implemented. We thank our lucky stars that we had the money to repair our car before it stalled out on a busy freeway and got rammed from highling.

We no longer think well of Volvo, and we do not recommend this vehicle to our friends and loved ones. Our next car will be a Moreodes, like it should have been back in 2000.

The future of your company depends on trust, and trust is an attribute that's almost impossible to care back once it's been broken:

But it's not too late, Ms. Belee. We urge you to enforce a mind the fore velocity in an attended in further tainfed.

Regards,

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October 29, 2005

CUSTOMER CARE

Customer Relations Department 7 Volvo Drive Rockleigh, NJ 07647

Gentlemen:

I realize that waterables have line limits and that normally expenses incurred after the expiration are the responsibility of the customer. However, I believe that there are definitely circumstances that should override such constraints.

I own a 2000 Volvo S-80/T-6 that I purchased from Volvoville in Massapequa, NY, I took delivery at the factory in Gothenburg on September 10, 1999. There were several reasons for my choosing a Volvo, but the most important was Volvo's reputation for safety and reliability. The current mileage on the vehicle is considerably below average. We only have driven 42,000 miles in the six years we have owned the car, which in Volvo years makes it practically a new car. Several months ago an incident occurred which challenged both the safety and the reliability of the car.

While my wife was driving the engine suddenly and without warning shut off. Fortunately at the time there was no vehicle directly behind her and she was able to coast to the road's edge. After less than a minute she was able to restart the ear. Obviously this could have been a disastrous situation. We were unable to replicate the incident at the time. Two works ago the same condition occurred again and 10 days later it repeated itself. Each of these occurrences could have been disastrous and we brought the ear to Volvoville on October 28 with instructions that we did not want the ear back until the problem was identified and corrected.

The service department was solicitous and efficient. They called us back later in the day and informed us that the problem was a "faulty electronic throttle housing" which they would replace with my approval. The cost to me was \$855.21. We picked up the car this morning and I assume that this will not happen again. However I don't believe that a "top of the line" Volvo should have a part that is so unreliable after only 42,00 miles as to require replacement. I feel very strongly that I should not be charged for this repair even though the car is beyond the warranty period. We were very lucky not to be involved in a serious accident due to a defective expensive part and I believe that this should be the responsibility of Volvo not of me.

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November 7, 2005

RECEIVED NOV [3 285 CUSTOMER CARE

Volvo Cars of North America Customer Service Department P.O. Box 914 Rockleigh, NJ 07647-0914

To Whom It May Concern:

I have a 2000 V70 Cross Country, which has been intermittently suffering from surging and hesitation issues over the least 2 years. Variations of this problem have forced me to spend well over \$4,000 in repairs related to the computer/throatle/fuel systems.

At this point, I am extremely dissatisfied and have to believe that Volvo is aware of this quality flaw. Please accept this letter as a formal complaint. Here's a brief history:

Initially I brought the car to Volvo of Bridgewater, NJ dealership in April 2004, where I had bought the car new. At that time, they said it was not the throttle body and charged me a fair amount of money for other tune-up and diagnostic type work. I literally broke down on the way home from the dealer with the exact problem I brought the car in for!!! They towed the car back and had to replace the Throttle Body. Less then a year later. I had very similar problems. Since I had such a bad experience with Bridgewater, this time I chose to go the Smyth Volvo in Summit, NJ. They did a fair amount of work on the car and when I picked it up, the exact problem came back within 50 miles!! After bringing back the car again, they had to replace the mass airflow sensors and clean the throttle body.

In all cases. I feel your dealership network was shooting in the dark and misrepresented this problem to me.

Continuing this story, please find the copy of my most recent bill. The problem started again a few weeks ago and I went to Smyth Volvo thinking that surely, they would cut me some break. Instead they told me that the throttle body (and now the oxygen sensors) had to be replaced. I told them that the throttle body was replace by Bridgewater in April, 2004. They called and verified this, but told me that it was outside its 12 months warranty. When I said this is ridiculous, they said there is nothing they can do and to contact you.

Please understand that this is not acceptable to me, nor should it be acceptable to Volvo. Again, I believe that Volvo is aware of these defects and have not done enough for people like me who have stretched financially to get into a Volvo because of its safety reputation. Why would I need a third throttle on a car when this type of part should last a lifetime? And why have I had this in the shop 5 times over the last two years, costing me areatly in time and expense?

Also of note is I have an extremely good Volvo mechanic in my town of Long Valley, NJ Garage). Most of my high cost issues with the Volvo are computer systems and software related. From what I understand, Volvo has rendered local mechanics unable to service such issues. For that, I have to rely on your dealership network, whom I have grown extremely leary of.

What can you do to keep me a loyal Volvo customer in light of this very unacceptable customer satisfaction issue? I thank you in advance for your help!!

Long Valley, NJ

## SMYTHE VOLVO INC.

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GUSTOMER CARE

Volvo Cars of North America 7 Volvo Drive P. O. Box 914 Rockleigh, N. J. 07647-0914

Att: Volvo Customer Care Center

Re: Defective Throttle Module and MAF Sensor

Per the attached expenses incurred by me on May 27, 2004 relative to the defective durottle mechanism on my 2001 Volvo V70 Vin # YV1SW53D51 [ 1 am requesting reimbursement in full.

Volvo of Las Vegas invoice for referenced repairs - \$1,401.54

 Agrowhead Services towing charges from Mesquite, NV to Voivo of Las Venes - \$298.23

 Palace Station Hotel recommended by Volvo of Las Vegas for one night's accommodation while car is required - \$48.54

Note that partial payment was received by me from Volvo in 2004 for parts only. I am now requesting full reimbursement as this problem put my family at great safety risk not to mention the related expenses associated with the defect. As a current loyal owner of three Volvo cars, 1995 850 T, 2001 V70 T5 and 2004 XC90 T6, my expectation is that Volvo "will be fair and prompt with these reimbursements" as indicated in the agreement with the California Air Resources Board.

Claremont, CA

ce: David A. Buxbaum, Esq.

Attachments: Volvo of Las Vegas charges

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Volvo Cars of North America, Inc. Customer Service Department P. O. Box 914 Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647-0914 1(800) 458-1552

RE: VIN YVILZ56D2X1

Date of Purchase:

09.07.01

Odometer reading:

15515 miles

Current Mileage:

73110 miles

Retailer's Name:

Volvo of Westport 556 Post Road East Westport, CT 06880

I purchased this car from my son new at the above retailer in 1999.

in September 2001. He purchased it

The following is in response to two messages left at my office from Margaret in Volvo Customer Service regarding this problem. I have not spoken to her personally as I was out of the office. I am dissatisfied with Volvo's response that the dealer did not replace the ETM because it did not need it. It does need it, it is a known safety defect. The fact that it has not failed yet does not make it less of a problem. As the service person told me it could happen at any time, there are no warning signs. How is that not a problem? Do I have to wait until the car stalls on a highway and the cars behind me plow into me before Volvo will do something?

When I stopped at the service center initially, he immediately said it sounds like the ETM. I made an appointment to have it replaced for an estimated cost of \$900.00. As I said before in my letter of September 20th my-cur is not under warranty. I was not asking Volvo to pay for the ETM. Instead, I was charged \$797.00 for 'cleaning' the PVC breather system. That did NOT address the ETM safety defect. How can Volvo say I don't need the ETM replaced? It is defective and a potential hazard. As I said, I am very disappointed because I am still driving a ticking time bomb. I cannot in good conscience self this car with a known safety defect even if I could. Who would buy such a car?

I have an additional problem that I did not mention originally because it seemed so minor by comparison. Occasionally, I cannot remove the key from the ignition. I was told I spilled a drink in it and it had gooey black stuff in it. At no time did I spill a drink in the car. If I had, it would have been impossible to spill it sideways with enough force to enter the ignition to cause that kind of problem. I find it reprehensible to blame the car owner when Volvo cannot explain a problem. It still is not fixed. It still occurs intermittently but not as often.

Additionally, just prior to taking my car in on October 26th for the annual inspection, the battery warning light was coming on during the first few minutes each time I drove the car. They replaced the battery after a battery and alternator test showed the battery was "weak". The battery light still comes on. Whatever the problem is, it was NOT fixed.

My final complaint is very awkward to say the least. My husband took the car in for the inspection because I work. He dropped it off at my office and picked up his car. When I got in the car after work I discovered a wrapped Depends Guards for Men just to the left of the gearshift. I can only surmise this was some kind of reprisal for complaining to Volvo. I am appalled at the crassness of such a tactic. If Volvo is trying to send me a message, I got it; you do not value or respect your customers.

Sincerely.

Copy to: Jim Culligan Volvo

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November 21, 2005

Vic Doolan President, Volvo of North America 7 Volvo Dr Rockleigh, NJ 07647

Subject: ETM Failure Reimbursement

Now that Volvo has agreed to extend the warranty for subject failover and pay for replacement, please reimburse me for the work I had down in this manner on 10/01/03 at Lovering Volvo. The amount is \$ 814.10 and the receipt is attached.

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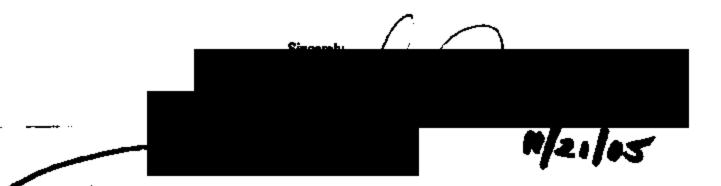
I am writing this letter to let you know that I along with others have experienced the discomfort of not knowing if and when my car was going to break down:

As if by accident I have recently seen a report on Fex news (CH 5) New York that your product or my car 2000 Volvo C70 as well as other models have a problem with Throttle Module & Air Mass Sensors for which my vehicle was recently serviced at one of the local dealerships. To my disappointment I was also informed that the service protection plan I have on my vehicle did not cover the defective parts. I would like to tell you about the experience that I had just prior to bringing my car in for service. My plan was to visit my elderly parents who live about 4 hours away near Albany, N.Y. traveling from Long Island I only have one way of going I have to get to the New York State Thru-way, as I was traveling on Long Island Expressway the car was fine since the speed of the vehicle was about 60 mph I did not notice any problems, just as soon as a I crossed Throgs Neck Bridge and started on my way via Cross Broux Expressway and the traffic was heavy and the speed was between 30mph to 40mph the engine began to surge, it was like it wasn't getting enough air and or gas. I was getting a bit apprehensive but since I had to continue some distance before I could either get off the highway or it may just possible clear up I continued on my way when the traffic had come to a complete stop, as I sat there waiting the our started to surge with my foot on the brake even at idle. I put the car in neutral which did nothing, I put it in park with same result, as I sat there waiting for the traffic to start moving again I was contemplating calling the police for a tow truck, it was so obvious at this point that the drivers next to me ware aware of my car trouble, I alone in my car in the middle of heavy traffic, not sure of when or how I was going to limp this car of the highway as we all know even with emergency flashers not everyone is curteos. and understanding so it took a bit of a risk to get me off the road. I let the engine cool for some time, and nervously started my way back home since there way no way in hell I was going to get to see my parents on this trip. And by the way, on my way back I thought that if I could set the cruise control which would have made driving a bit easter since the engine controls the intake of gas and air the cruise would not set at ail. I must say I was never happier to park my car in my driveway than on that day.

Last, this is my only dissapointment with my car and with Volvo USA, I like your product but I fear that the company is not dealing with the Throttle Module situation as well as it should, I was lucky that my car did not quit right there and I did not get into an

accident by being rear- ended which would have made the situation (as it was very unconstantable) even worse.

I am hopping to hear from someone at Volvo USA only because my car is 5 years old and I have to start thinking about replacing it and it would bring me back to looking at your product in a more positive way than I do at this time, it's too bad it takes the the TV to learn about this problem it should have been done by the company, VOLVO FOR LIFE, only if you stand by your product, otherwise you're just like the rest. I am enclosing for your convenience and seview copies of invoices from Hassel Volvo which shows all details including the vehicle I. D. # and miliage so you can see this car is barely broken in, and a copy of my service contract denial letter.



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 Volvo Car Corporation and the California Air Resources Board have made an agreement that results in the extension of the ETM warranty for many 1999-2002 Volvos sold in North America.

The warranty is extended to 10 years/200,000 miles (whichever occurs
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 We believe that this initiative will benefit customer satisfaction and loyalty to the Volvo brand.

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Re: 1969 Volvo 870 Sedan

Gentleman:

My wile and I are the owners of a 1999 Volko \$70 Sedan — our second Volvo. We are pleased with the car, and are considering the purchase of the new retractable hard top convertible when that model becomes available. We deal with Bill Gray Volvo, Inc., here in Pittsburgh, and have always been very satisfied with their service and courteey.

We do however have a complaint regarding the need to replace a faulty electronic throttle unit on this very low mileage car. We made Volvo aware of this by correspondence dated October 27, 2005, a copy of which is enclosed. We subsequently received a telephone response from a Volvo service representative, who advised that Volvo was indeed aware of this problem, and would probably be issuing a recall for this model, in which case we would be reimbursed for the expense.

We have not as yet received the recall notice. However, I am enclosing the copy of our October 5, 2005 invoice from Bill Gray, indicating an expense of \$880.79 for the faulty electronic throfile unit and relay. Clearly, Volvo has acknowledged this situation; and it is a very obvious safety hazard. We would appreciate your promotly forwarding to us a check in the amount of \$880.79 to reimburge us for this expense. We are loval Volvo customers for many years, and are likely to remain such. But this situation needs to be resolved promptly.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Dear Sir or Madam:

My wife was and I are the owners of a 2000 Volvo V70 XC wagon, VIN YV1LZ56D3Y2 We purchased this previously owned car in October 2003. At that time, our daughter was 8 months old, and we were looking for a car that would be safe and reliable, and that would last for years. We had heard so many good things about Volvos for years, particularly in the areas of safety and reliability, and were excited about the opportunity to buy this car. The monthly payment was a bit of a stretch for us, but we felt that the quality of Volvo automobiles was worth it.

For over 1% years, we were extremely happy with this car. During that time, we had another baby, and we felt very secure driving our growing family around. Unfortunately, since April of this year, our experience with this car has been an increasingly disappointing, frustrating, and costly one. In a six month period, we spent over \$5000 in service costs, and we are still experiencing problems that will probably be costly to repair. This has been an extreme financial burden to our family, and it has occurred in a year when we were already saddled with large medical bills after my wife was hospitalized for five weeks after beginning pre-term labor, in addition, our service experience has been less than expected, with several problems re-occurring after trips to our local Volvo desier (Volvo of Charleston.)

In mid-April, we had to replace the throttle unit and an engine belt, replace a seal for the bevel gear to fix an oil leak, and replace the coolant reservoir. Within 10 days, we had to bring the car back in to replace a hose to the coolant reservoir, which had split due to over-tightening. In early June, another coolant leak resulted in another trip to the dealer to re-tighten a hose. At the same time, we had the air conditioner serviced.

Less than three weeks later, we had to replace the evaporator (due to a leak) and the compressor (due to an electrical short) in the air conditioner. During this visit, we also had our front brake pads and rotors replaced. Also at this time, our Check Engine light was steadily glowing. The technicians told us that this was due to the anti-lock brake controller module, which needed to be replaced. Since our service and repair bills had already passed \$4000, we had to decline replacing this module. This job was quoted to us at nearly \$1000. When thiving away from the dealer after these repairs, I heard a very toud noise coming from the wheel area; the mechanic had left a cotter pin that should have been removed during the brake repairs.

In mid-August, we were returning from a trip to North Carolina when our car broke down near Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. Our alternator needed to be replaced. This work had to be done at a local mechanic in North Myrtle Beach.

Finally, we brought the car to the dealer again in early October with a shifting problem and the shift light flashing. The dealer's technicians cleaned and lubed the shifter assembly and cleaned the mode switch. Immediately after we got the car back, the

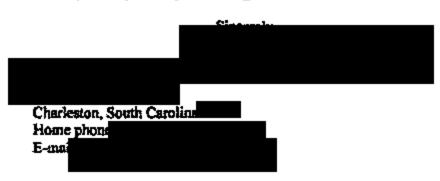
shifting problems occurred again. When coming to a stop, the car will not downshift from high gear into low gear unless the stop is made gradually, with the brake being released occasionally. Otherwise, the car will pull away from the stop sluggishly since it is still in high gear.

In summary, after spending over \$5000 on service and repairs since April, we still have an ABS control module that needs to be replaced and a possible transmission problem. Also, nearly bulf of the time, the spendometer reads zero and the odometer and trip odometer show nothing but dashes. In addition, there seems to be a problem with the heater; it blows cold air long after the car starts up in the morning.

We understand that Volvo manufactures thousands of cars each year which need minimal maintenance and last for many years and hundreds of thousands of miles. Unfortunately, it appears that this car has multiple problems, particularly in the electrical and computer-controlled areas. I am also not sure whether some of these problems have in turn caused others, such as whether the contant leak could have led to some of our other electrical problems, or whether the short to the compressor could be a cause of the faults in the ABS modulo, the speedometer, etc. It is interesting that we never had a problem with this car until we first brought it to the dealer in April; problems snowballed after that.

In twenty years of driving prior to owning this car, I have never had service and repair expenses that are even close to the amount that we have spent on this car just since April. In addition to the expense, I am also disappointed that my wife no longer feels secure driving our children in the Volvo. She would rather drive them in our other car, a 1995 Honda Civic, than in the Volvo.

Currently, we are unsure as to how to proceed. After spending as much as we have to repair this car, it is hard to give up on it and sell it. However, we have nearly lost all confidence in the car, and we do not know how many more huge repair expenses are lurking around the corner. I know that the large majority of Volvos are terrific, dependable cars, and I wish that all of the issues with this car could be cleared up so that we can feel confident driving it again. However, this car has caused a huge financial strain on our family this year, especially on top of our medical bills. As pleased as we were with this car during the first year and a half of owning it, combined with all of the positive experiences that friends and family members have had with Volvos, it has been such a shock to go through all of these problems. We would love to continue driving Volvos in the future, but the past year has tested our faith in the brand. We would appreciate it if your corporation could do something to help us feel safe, secure, and confident about this car again. We would appreciate hearing a reply by December 23. Thank you for your help addressing our concerns.



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Volvo Cars of North America, LLC. Ann: Customer Care Center 7 Volvo Drive Rockleigh, NJ 07647 PROFILEM

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Dear Customer Care:

I own a 1999 S80 T6. I purchased it from Volvo of Las Vegas as a certified pre owned in October 2003. The VIN # is YVITS90DXX West Control of the car in the beginning of our purchase. It has only 52.500 miles as of today. However, this year we have had our share of problems with the car right after the warranty ended. There were a host of problems. The car had stalled several times. Whenever, I take it to either Volvo of Las Vegas or my focal mechanic they always say something is wrong and charge me at least \$250 a trip. The latest problem I had was dealing with the vehicle surges when it is in idle. I was not aware that 99 Volvos have history of problems with the ETM throttle.

Not being aware of the problem that 99 Volvos have ETM throute problem, I took my car to my tocal mechanic on 11/19/05 (Raymend's Auto in Las Vegas; With more than 40 years of experience; 702-257-8827) to fix the idle surges in S 80 Volvo. The mechanic supposedly did a lot of stuff and he billed me \$890.79 and told me that the idle surge has been fixed. When I drove the car off the parking lot, the idle surge had not gone. I took the car back to the mechanic to fix the problem. He gave a story about throttle body stuff and I had no idea what he was talking about. I was getting suspicious of the story he was trying to tell me. Now I know that he did not diagnose the problem correctly and he worked on charged me a whole beach on unrelated stuff but still did not fix the problem.

After getting suspicious, I started doing research on the Internet and I found out that 99 Volvos have had ETM throatie problem for a long time and Volvo was not furtheoming in acknowledging the problem and not being protective to its customers in fixing the problem. I am really disappointed about this issue. I always had high esteem for the Volvo cars and the company and staff.

After doing more research, I have also learned that Volvo had settled with CARB and EPA to fix the ETM throate and had extended the warranty on the 99 Volvos. I wish I had been notified by Volvo about the ETM throatle problem before settling with the government agencies and I definitely would NOT had to take it to my mechanic and spend \$890.79 to fix a problem that would have been fixed by the Volvo of Las Vegas under warranty. I had already spent more that \$2000.00 on repairs alone on this vehicle in last three months. I was so disappointed in the vehicle that, I was also shopping for a new luxtary car because of all the car problems.

I always wanted to get a second Volvo but I was very healtant to get one because of all the troubles I had with this 1999 Volvo S80. I had visited Volvo of Las Vegas Dealership several times to purchase a second Volvo but I was very healtant to get one because of all the problems I had with the S80 Volvo. I looked at other cars and was so close to purchasing one. However, I still like my Volvo and that's the reason why I still have it.

Now the mechanic took my car to Volvo of Las Vegas dealer ship and they eventually fixed the problem under warranty. Again, if I had been contacted by Volvo about ETM throttle problem I would NOT had to take my car to Raymond's Auto and spend a lot of money on my car. I am asking that \$890.79 be reimbursed since I was NOT notified of the problem in the first place. I am attaching all the receipts.

I like to be customer with Volvo like you have on your logo that says "Volvo for Life" if I am treated fairly in this issue. Please connect me at 702-280-7837 if you have any questions.

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Volvo Cars of North American, LLC ATTN: Volvo Customers Care Center 7 Volvo Dr. Rockleigh, New Jersey 07647 . LIVED

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To Whom It May Concern;

As a satisfied Pre-Certified owner of a 2000 \$80 Volvo, I have come across a major concern. Over the past 18 months I have had to replace my Throttle body twice. Once in June 2004 and November 2005. For some unknown reason the June 2004 was not under warranty and November 2005 my warranty was up. I have had very good customer service at Gerald Jones Volvo Martinez, GA, but no one can answer why I had to replace my Throttle body twice. If you have any suggestions or any recalls will you please let me know?

Thanking you in advance.

A concerned Pre-Certified owner.

Augusta, GA

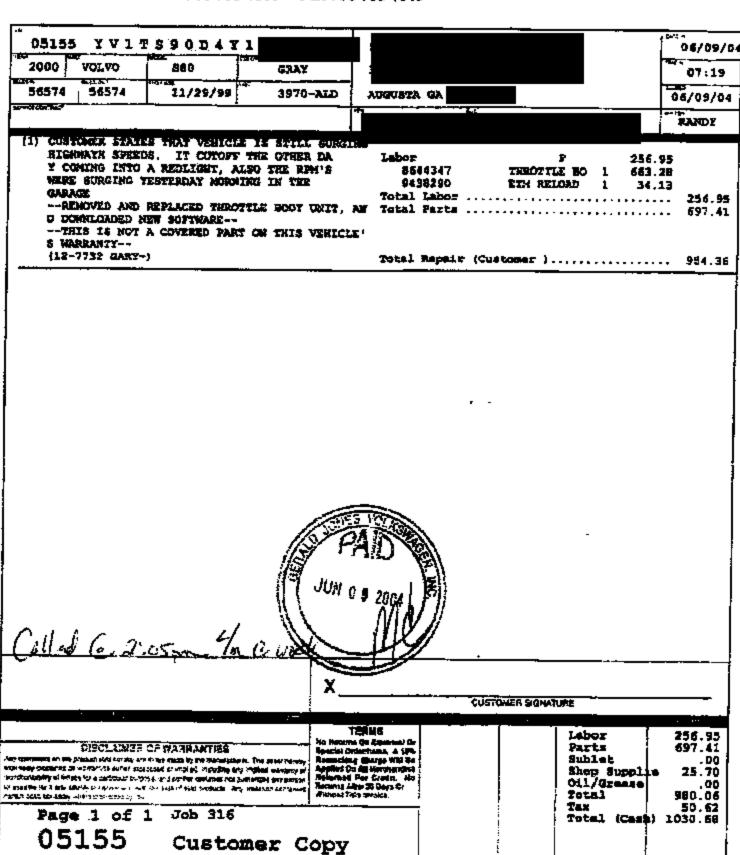
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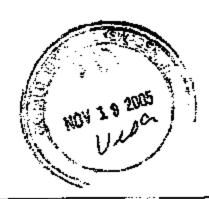
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Volvo Cars of North America, LLC Volvo Drive Rockleigh, NJ 07647

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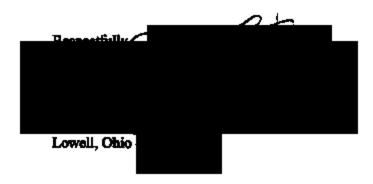
#### Gentlemen:

Early this year, I received your recall notice. Due to my geographic location, I was unable to coordinate a dealer inspection until July. Prior to this service work, my vehicle began regular stalling without warning thus creating some anxious driving maneuvers.

I immediately visited Kempthorn Automali in Canton, Ohio this July.

This service cell resulted in replacement of the throttle module. Shortly thereafter, I find articles of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration exploring issues with my similar problem.

I am therefore requesting reimbursement for my expense incurred at Kempthorn Automail.



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# Volvo being probed for potential problems

The Appropriated Proper Updated: 2:12 p.m. ET Aug. 1, 2006

WASHINGTON - Several models of Volvo sedans and station wagons are under investigation because of complaints that the vehicles can lose speed or the engine can stall midious warning, the government said Monday.

The National Highway Truffic Safety Administration said it had received 136 complaints about the unit that requistes the agrount of sir into the vehicle's engine.

The agency has beard of several concurrs, including a sudden loss of speed and power steering while driving in highway traffic and the stalling of the engine without wirning.

MHTSA said an estimated 266,000 Volvos from the 1999 through 2001 model years are covered in the probe. It includes the C70 and C70 convertible, the S60 sports sedan, the S60 locary sedan, the V70 station wegon and the V70XC crossover vahide.

The inquiry, which is in its early stage, also involves the 570 sedan from the 1999-2000 model years. There have been two injuries connected to the alleged defect, MITSA said.

Dan Johnston, a Valvo Cars of Horth America application, said the company was exoperating with the government's investigation, which will try to determine the acope, frequency and safety consequences of the alleged defect.

Valvo is part of Ford Motor Co.'s Premier Automotive Group.

Vehicle owners who reported the problems told the government that in some chose, their vehicles would restart and in other historics it required the vehicles to be towed.

Some owners said they replaced the engine component but it later falled in a similar manner. The inquiry involves the electronic throttle control modulu, which the company said regulates air into the engine.

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JULIE CARE

Volvo Cars of North America Volvo Drive Rockleigh, NJ 07647

RE: VIN# YVISW53D011023271

To Whom It May Concern:

Recently I encountered problems with my 2001 V70 T hesitating during acceleration and when a warning light appeared on the dash, I headed directly for my local mechanic who is a certified Volvo repair technician. From my description of the problem he was able to advise me that the problem was the throttle module. He advised that Volvo had extended the warranty on this part to 7,000 miles, and since the car had 7,600 miles he recommended that I call Volvo to discuss the warranty. He also advised that he would be able to repair the car that day. I called and spoke with Volvo customer service, who advised me to take it to a dealer for analysis of the problem. I then spoke with the closest dealer who would not comment of the possible solution to the problem, but said I could bring in the car and they could take a look at it, but could not guarantee a time that repairs could be made.

Since I did not feel confident driving the distance to the dealer and since they could not offer prompt attention to the car. I decided to have the repair made with the local mechanic. The car no longer has the acceleration problems which brought me to the repair shop, so I conclude the mechanic made the proper diagnosis and repair.

I am now writing to you to request reimbursement of this repair, since the part failed just after Volvo's warranty period. I have enclosed a copy of the bill.

I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,