



Volvo Cars of North America, LLC

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Associate Administrator for Safety Assurance
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NSA-01)
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
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Re: DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

Dear Mr. Weinstein:

Volvo has determined that a possible defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in the MY2003 and MY2004 Volvo S40 and V40 and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with Part 573 of Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations.

1. Vehicle Manufacturer:
Volvo Car Corporation
Gothenburg, Sweden

Designated Agent
Volvo Cars of North America, LLC
Rockleigh, NJ. 07647

2. Identification of Vehicles involved
The vehicles involved in this recall are the MY2003 and MY2004 Volvo S40 and V40.

The assembly plants, chassis numbers and inclusive dates of manufacture are:

Model	Chassis # Start	Production Date Start	Chassis # End	Production Date End	Assembly Plant
S40 MY03-04	0920000	May 07, 2002	1037136	May 05, 2003	Volvo, Born
V40 MY03-04	0920000	May 07, 2002	1037136	May 05, 2003	Volvo, Born

The recalled model population represents 100% of the total population assembled between May 07, 2002 and May 05, 2003 in the US with petrol engines.

3. Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected
Approximately 15,067 MY2003 and MY2004 Volvo S40 and V40's in the U.S. may be affected by this recall.
4. Estimated percentage of Vehicles with the Defect
The number of recalled vehicles with the defect is unknown. This recall remedy will be implemented on 100% of the recalled vehicles. The production start date for this recall (May 7, 2002) was defined by the date the design changed from an aluminum fuel rail to a plastic fuel rail. Every vehicle as of the production end-date for this recall (May 5, 2003) has an improved, validated and approved part which is marked for traceability.

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5. Description of the Defect.

In certain of the S40 and V40's affected by this recall there may be a fuel leak from the fuel rail, service nipple side, due to the welding property of the end cover not keeping the service nipple in place. This is due to insufficient performed welding.

The customer may be warned of this leak by the presence of a fuel odor.

All S40 and V40's built during the time period provided in number 2 above "Identification of Vehicles involved" will be recalled and remedied.

6. Chronology of Events.

February - September 2003	Investigation, Analysis, Design, Tooling and Verification of Solution
October 2003	Volvo Decision to Recall
October 2003	Defect determination

There have been no reports of accidents, injuries, or fatalities in the US related to the recalled item.

7. Program for Remedy of Defect.

All involved vehicles will be subject to the recall. Vehicle owners will receive a letter via first class mail. The letter will request that the owner of the vehicle take their vehicle to a Volvo retailer for remedy. The remedy is for a V-clamp (securing device) to be added to the fuel rail. This will be performed at no charge.

The production remedy was a process change at the supplier assuring a proper welding.

A schedule for notification to the dealers/retailers and customers will be provided to NHTSA at a future date.

8. Copies of Notices, Bulletins, etc.

Formal retailer notices, bulletins and other communications have not been completed. Copies of all such information will be forwarded to NHTSA as soon as they are available.

Volvo is not offering reimbursement to owners for any expenses prior to recall because these vehicles are still covered under the new car warranty program.

9. Proposed Owner Notification Letter.

Volvo's Owner notification letter is not yet drafted. As required, a copy of such letter will be submitted to NHTSA for approval no fewer than five (5) Federal Government Business Days before Volvo intends to begin mailing it to owners.

10. The Manufacturer's Campaign Number.

Volvo has assigned Volvo Campaign Number R128 to this Safety Recall Campaign.

If you have any questions regarding this report please contact:

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Sincerely yours,

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