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Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.

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**Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
400 Seventh Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20590**

The following information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.6 as it applies to a non-compliance to a motor vehicle safety standard.

**573.6(c)(1)
Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.
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Greensboro, NC 27402-6115**

**573.6(c)(2)
Volvo VHD, model, heavy-duty class 8 ~~vehicles~~ ~~containing~~ Isringhausen Bench Seats that were assembled by Volvo Trucks North America, Inc. between January 2003, and October 2003.**

The vehicles affected by this notification were selected using the part number of the seat. This part number is unique to the installation. All vehicles manufactured with this seat will be included in the recall.

**573.6(c)(3)
One hundred twenty six (126) vehicles contain the non-compliance.**

**573.6(c)(4)
100% percent of vehicles contain the non-compliance.**

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573.6(c)(5)

Istringhausen two man bench seat as installed in Volvo's VHD Model does not meet the requirements of 49 CFR Part 571.207 S4 (a) and (c), Seating Systems.

573.6 (c)(6)

Not applicable.

573.6(c)(7)

- 9-15-03 Test results suggested that the Istringhausen two man bench seat might not be suitable for installation in the VHD model vehicle.
- 10-9-03 Confirmed that the Istringhausen two man bench seat installation does not withstand forces required by the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard for seating systems as identified in 49 CFR Part 571.207-S4(a) and (c).
- 10-27-03 Status update: Engineering is in the final stages of installation review and implementing the National two man bench seat into production in place of the Istringhausen two man bench seat.
- 11-06-03 National seat introduced into production replacing the Istringhausen seat.
- 8-06-04 As of this date, no reported accidents or injuries have resulted from the non-compliance.
- 8-06-04 Volvo Trucks North America, Inc. decided that the condition described in this notification constitutes a non-compliance to a Federal Safety Standard.

Test results were the sole basis for making this determination.

573.6(o)(8)

Volvo Trucks North America, Inc. will initiate a voluntary owner notification, and recall all 126 vehicles.

The recall repair will consist of replacing the Istringhausen seat with a National seat.

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The number, which has been assigned to this recall by Volvo Trucks North America, Inc., is RVXX0405.

The recall is tentatively scheduled to commence within 30 working days from the date of this notification.

Very Truly Yours

Handwritten signature of Timothy L. LaFon in black ink, written over the printed name and date.

Timothy L. LaFon
Regulatory Compliance Manager