

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

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OFFICE OF SAFETY RECALL RVXX0403
DEFECTS INVESTIGATION AUGUST 2004

Dear Volvo Truck Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Volvo Trucks North America, Inc. has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain VN model vehicles built between January 13, 2003 and March 18, 2004.

SAFETY DEFECT: A malfunction in the solenoid valve may allow air to be released to the fifth wheel latch.

POTENTIAL RISK: This condition could cause the fifth wheel latch to release inadvertently which may result in loss of the trailer.

PRECAUTION YOU CAN TAKE: The 3/8 inch air line (the larger of the two airlines going to the fifth wheel) can be disconnected. This will disable the fifth wheel air release function until the vehicle can be repaired. The standard manual fifth wheel latch will still be available to unlatch the trailer. Tape should be applied to the end of the airline to reduce the chance of contaminants being introduced into the air system. Note: This repair should only be done with the trailer disconnected from the truck-tractor.

REPAIR: At no charge to you regardless of your vehicle's age or mileage, a Volvo truck dealer will install an additional valve in the pneumatic circuit for the fifth wheel air release (commonly referred to as "Touch-Lock").

TIME REQUIRED FOR THE REPAIR: The labor time required to repair your vehicle is about 1 hour.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO: Volvo Trucks North America, Inc. urges you to immediately contact a Volvo truck dealer for a service appointment to have your vehicle repaired. Parts are currently available for shipment to the dealer scheduling your service appointment. To locate the closest Volvo truck dealer you can go on line to www.volvotrucks.us.com and select Dealer Locator.

PRE-NOTIFICATION

If you have previously paid for repairs to the fifth wheel air release system due to this failure, you may be entitled to recovery of those expenses. Submit a copy of all documentation supporting your claim to Volvo Trucks at the address identified in this notice in the section "Assistance".

**NOTICE REGARDING
LEASED VEHICLES:**

If you are a Lessor of vehicles subject to this Notice, you have an obligation under Federal Law to provide a copy of this Notice to all Lessees within 10 days of your receipt of this Notice. Further, you must maintain a record, which identifies the Lessee(s) to whom you send a copy of this letter, the date you send this letter, and the Vehicle Identification Number(s) of the vehicle(s) that you have leased to that Lessee. For purposes of this Notice, the term Lessor means: a person or entity that is the owner, as reflected on the vehicle's title, of any five or more leased vehicles (as defined in 49 CFR Section 577.4), as of the date of notification by the manufacturer of the existence of a safety-related defect or non-compliance with a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard in one or more of the leased motor vehicles.

**OWNER RECALL
RESPONSE CARD:**

The enclosed "Owner Recall Response Card" identifies your vehicle. Presentation of this card to any authorized full-service Volvo truck dealer will assist in the processing of your vehicle in the shortest time possible. If you do not own, have sold or have traded the vehicle identified, please let us know by completing and signing the postage-paid card and returning it to Volvo Trucks North America, Inc. so we can update our records.

ASSISTANCE:

If your vehicle has not been modified within a reasonable time after delivering it to the dealer on the agreed-upon date, please contact:

Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.
Recall Department
P.O. Box 26115
Greensboro, NC 27402-6115

or call our toll-free number: 1-800-528-6586.

You may also submit a complaint to the Administrator, National Highway Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street, S.W., Washington DC 20590 or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hot Line at 1-800-424-9393 (Washington DC residents may call 1-202-366-0123).

We regret any inconvenience this recall may cause, but hope you will share in our concern for your safety and satisfaction with your vehicle.

Sincerely,
Volvo Trucks North America, Inc.