

Sainte-Claire, March 30th, 2005

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 DEFECTS INVESTIGATION

SUBJECT: SAFETY RECALL NOTIFICATION

Dear Mr. Weinstein,

As a coach manufacturer, Prévost Car Inc. advises you in accordance with your safety law, Part 573.6, that we have found a defect on some of our vehicles that does not meet the US Federal Motor Vehicle Standards and Regulations part 573.5.

The vehicles potentially affected by the defect are as follows:

MAKE: PRÉVOST

Model	VIN's		Manufacturing Dates
XLII-45 Entertainer Model Year : 2001 - 2005	From <u>2PCY3349311027428</u>	to <u>2PCY3349X51028369</u>	Between October 2000 and March 2004
XLII-45 Coaches Model Year : 2001 - 2005	From <u>2PCX3349911027493</u>	to <u>2PCX3349851028513</u>	Between November 2000 and October 2004
H3-41 & H3-45 Coaches Model Year : 2002 - 2005	From <u>2PCH3349821014403</u>	to <u>2PCH3349X51010094</u>	Between December 2001 and October 2004
H3-45 VIP Entertainer Model Year : 2003 - 2004	2PCV3349131014442 - 2PCV3349431014449 - 2PCV3349431014452 2PCV3349131014456 - 2PCV3349531014458 - 2PCV3349331014460 2PCV3349931014463 - 2PCV3349231014465 - 2PCV3349231014479 2PCV3349031014481 - 2PCV3349631014484 - 2PCV3349X31014486 2PCV3349331014491 - 2PCV3349431014497 - 2PCV3349631014503 2PCV3349X31014505 - 2PCV3349X31014519 - 2PCV3349031014531 2PCV3349831014535 - 2PCV3349331014541 - 2PCV3349031014545 2PCV3349331014555 - 2PCV3349031014559 - 2PCV3349231014563 2PCV3349631014565 - 2PCV3349331014572 - 2PCV3349831014583 2PCV3349031014593 - 2PCV3349131014604 - 2PCV3349831014616 2PCV3349031014643 - 2PCV3349231014644 - 2PCV3349131014683 2PCV3349031014688 - 2PCV3349031014691 - 2PCV3349831014695 2PCV3349731014719 - 2PCV3349731014722 - 2PCV3349631014727 2PCV3349231014742 - 2PCV3349431014743 - 2PCV3349X31014746 2PCV3349531014749 - 2PCV3349331014751 - 2PCV3349441014758 2PCV3349541014767 - 2PCV3349041014787 - 2PCV3349441014789 2PCV3349841014794 - 2PCV3349741014804 - 2PCV3349041014806 2PCV3349241014807 - 2PCV3349641014809 - 2PCV3349041014823 2PCV3349141014829		Between March 2002 and November 2003

The total number of vehicles potentially affected by the defect is estimated to be 721 in the U.S. and 222 in Canada, and the total number of the potentially affected vehicles in North America manufactured between 2001 and December 2005 is 943.

The estimated percentage of the potentially affected vehicles that contain the defect is 2 % of the total manufactured quantity.

THE DEFECT MAY BE DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

It has come to the attention of Prevost Car Inc. that on the previously mentioned vehicles, premature power steering hose wear located in the engine compartment, baggage compartments and in the front service compartment might occur and thus in the long term cause power steering break down. Inspect the hoses mentioned below and replace them if there is evidence of wear. For more information or help on how to perform this safety recall, contact your service manager or the nearest service center.

THE EVENTS THAT WERE THE BASIS FOR THE DETERMINATION OF THE EXISTENCE OF A SAFETY DEFECT ARE:

The reason why we decided to do a Warranty Bulletin is at the end of 2004 and early 2005 we receive many complaints from local operators about finding hoses rubbing in the engine compartment, and in the spare tire compartments. In many of the cases, the problem was found before having the failure because oil leaking out of the hoses and was cut up during the inspection process

The amount of failures in respect to the amount of coaches in the field is very minimal

The failure will give warning that can be caught up in fairly simple routine inspection

The failure mode is mostly to happen at reduce speed in tight maneuver situations because this is where the pressure is at It's highest in the system and the fail safe mode is reverting to non assist steering.

The rate at which a failure can occur is directly proportional with the climate and the type of operation the coach is put in.

No accidents were reported.

We are now converting the warranty Bulletin in a Safety Recall after discussion with ODI.

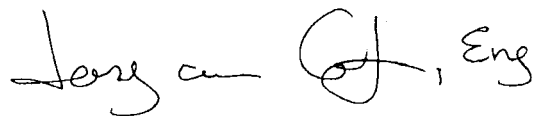
MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO REPAIR THE DEFECT:

Safety recall no. 05-07 explains the complete procedure required.

As requested in paragraph 573.2 (8), three (3) copies of the letter that our customers (Defect Notification) will receive on that matter, and three (3) copies of Safety recall no. 05-07 are enclosed for your perusal.

If you require any information on that campaign, do not hesitate to contact us.

Truly yours,



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