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NVS-215  
06V-243

Subject: SPRING BRAKE MODULATING VALVES/BENDIX

Dear MS. CÔTÉ:

This letter is to acknowledge your recent defect information report. Please review the following information to ensure that it conforms to your records as this information is being made available to the public. If the information does not agree with your records, please contact us immediately to discuss your concerns.

**Makes/Models/Model Years:**

PREVOST/H45/2006  
PREVOST/X3/2006

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 06V-243

**Mfg's Report Date:** July 4, 2006

**Components:** PARKING BRAKE: CONVENTIONAL: AIR

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 9

**Summary:**

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS EQUIPPED WITH BENDIX SR-7 BRAKE VALVES, THE CHECK VALVE INSIDE THE VALVE CAVITY MAY NOT PROPERLY SET, CAUSING INTERNAL AIR LEAKAGE. IF THE CHECK VALVE DOES NOT PROPERLY SEAT, THE RESULTING LEAKAGE CAN CAUSE A DELAY IN THE APPLICATION OF THE SPRING BRAKES TO PARK THE VEHICLE AFTER THE OPERATOR PULLS THE DASH VALVE BUTTON.

**Consequence:**

THE DELAYED PARKING BRAKE APPLICATION CAN OCCUR WITHOUT WARNING, LEADING TO UNINTENDED VEHICLE ROLLAWAY INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE VALVES AND REPLACE IT FREE OF CHARGE. THE MANUFACTURER HAS NOT YET PROVIDED AN OWNER NOTIFICATION SCHEDULE. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PREVOST AT 418-831-2046.

**Notes:**

CUSTOMERS CAN ALSO CONTACT THE NATIONAL HIGHWAY TRAFFIC SAFETY ADMINISTRATION'S VEHICLE SAFETY HOTLINE AT 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), OR GO TO [HTTP://WWW.SAFERCAR.GOV](http://www.safercar.gov).

Prevost should handle this campaign as it would any other recall. The owners need to be contacted by Prevost informing them of the recall and how to have their vehicles remedied free of charge. Therefore, you are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Prevost will also be required to provide the agency with quarterly reports for this campaign.

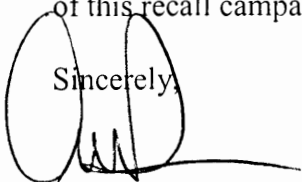
Please provide the following additional information and be reminded of the following requirements:

Please provide us with the beginning and ending manufacturing dates and an estimated dealer notification date as well as an owner notification date (month/day/year),

Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are originally sent (if they are sent to more than one manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or purchaser/owner).

Your contacts for this recall will be Pat Wallace or Delia Lopez, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-5232 or 202-366-9525 or by email at [patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov](mailto:patricia.wallace@nhtsa.dot.gov) or [delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov](mailto:delia.lopez@NHTSA.dot.gov). We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



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Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement