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of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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NVS-215paw
08V-028

Subject: DIESEL PARTICULATE FILTER INHIBIT SWITCH

Dear MR. LAFON:

This letter serves to acknowledge Volvo Trucks North America's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety defect in the products described below for which a safety recall campaign shall be conducted pursuant to 49 U.S.C. § 30119.

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:
VOLVO/VNL/2008
VOLVO/VT/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-028

Mfg's Report Date: January 14, 2008

Components: ENGINE AND ENGINE COOLING: ENGINE: DIESEL

Potential Number of Units Affected: 798

Summary:

ON CERTAIN TRUCKS, AN INCORRECT SOFTWARE PARAMETER WAS LOADED WHICH RESULTED IN THE DIESEL PARTICULATE FILTER (DPF) 'INHIBIT' FUNCTION BEING DISABLED. THE 'INHIBIT' FUNCTION IS A MEANS FOR THE DRIVER TO STOP A DPF REGENERATION FROM OCCURRING IF A VEHICLE IS IN A LOCATION THAT MAY PRESENT A HAZARDOUS SITUATION.

Consequence:

IF THE DRIVER BELIEVES THAT REGENERATION HAS BEEN STOPPED WHEN IT HAS NOT, IT COULD RESULT IN A FIRE.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL CHANGE THE CONTROL PARAMETERS. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN ON OR ABOUT FEBRUARY 15, 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT VOLVO TRUCKS AT 1-800-528-6586.

Notes:

VOLVO TRUCKS RECALL NO. RVXX0708. CUSTOMERS MAY 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).

The information in your defect report appears to satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6.

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

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. Also, 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).

As stated in Part 573.7, submission of the first of six consecutive quarterly status reports is required within one month after the close of the calendar quarter in which notification to purchasers occurs. Therefore, the first quarterly report will be due on or before 30 days after the close of the calendar quarter.

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@dot.gov, Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you for successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Person". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "G" and "P".

George H. Person
Chief, Recall Management Division
Office of Defects Investigation
Enforcement