



U.S. Department
of Transportation
**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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TECHNICAL REPRESENTATIVE
PREVOST CAR INC.
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SANTE-CLAIRE QC
C0R 2V0 CANADA

NVS-215paw
08V-448

SUBJECT: ESCAPE HATCH FIXATION

DEAR MS. CÔTÉ:

This letter serves to acknowledge Prevost Car Inc.'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:

PREVOST/H3-41/2008-2009
PREVOST/H3-45/2008-2009
PREVOST/XLII-45/2008-2009
PREVOST/XLII-45E/2008-2009
PREVOST/X3-45/2008-2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 08V-448

Mfg's Report Date: August 29, 2008

Components: STRUCTURE

Potential Number of Units Affected: 189

Summary:

PREVOST IS RECALLING 189 MY 2008-2009 XLII-45, XLII-45E, X3-45 MOTOR HOMES AND MY 2008-2009 H3-41 AND H3-45 COACHES. DUE TO IMPROPER INSTALLATION OF THE ESCAPE HATCH RETAINING BOLTS, THESE BOLTS CAN BREAK.

Consequence:

IF THE BOLTS BREAK, THE ESCAPE HATCH CAN FALL DOWN ON TO THE ROADWAY, INCREASING THE RISK OF PROPERTY DAMAGE OR A CRASH.

Remedy:

PREVOST WILL PROVIDE PARTS AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS TO THE OWNERS OF THE AFFECTED VEHICLES. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING SEPTEMBER 2008. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PREVOST AT 1-418-883-3391.

Notes:

PREVOST RECALL NO. SR08-12. 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 except for the following items:

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).

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", written in a cursive style.

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