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Daniel Smith, Associate Administrator Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NSA-01)
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE,
West Building, Fourth Floor Washington, DC 20590.

Re: DEFECT INFORMATION REPORT

Dear Mr. Smith,

Pursuant to Part 573 of Title 49 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Volvo Cars of North America, LLC (Volvo) submits the following information concerning a safety recall program that it is voluntarily initiating.

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| 1. Vehicle Manufacturer.
Volvo Car Corporation
Gothenburg, Sweden | Designated Agent
Volvo Cars of North America
Rockleigh, N.J. 07647 |
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2. Identification of Vehicles involved
The vehicles involved in this Recall are certain Model Year 2008 V50 Volvo vehicles equipped with roof rails. The assembly plants and inclusive dates of manufacture are listed in the chart below; please note that the vehicle chassis numbers reflect global production and not only vehicles available for sale in the United States.

Model	Model Year	Number of cars involved [Global]	Assembly Plant(s)	Production dates; Start / End	Chassis Numbers; Start / End
V50	2008	3712	22	2008-02-11 / 2008-03-11	0411187 / 0417829

3. Number of Vehicles Potentially Affected.
The number of vehicles potentially affected by this recall in the U.S. is seven [7]
4. Estimated percentage of Vehicles with the Defect.
Unknown

5. Description of the Defect.

On affected vehicles, bolts have been found to be out of specification after a tool change in sub-supplier process. This has caused less tread length on the bolts which in turn has lead to insufficient clamping force in the joint.

In addition, temporary used bolts have been found to achieve insufficient clamping force in the joint due to the washer getting stuck when tightening the bolts.

It is possible that on affected vehicles, when carrying roof cargo, the rails may come loose during heavy braking and/or sudden stop increasing the possibility of a crash.

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6. Chronology of Events.

Volvo Investigation: April 9, 2008
Volvo Decision April 22, 2008
NHTSA Notification April 25, 2008

7. Program for Remedy of Defect.

Roof rail bolts will be replaced by authorized Volvo retailers.

Owner will be instructed to visit an authorized Volvo retailer for installation free of charge.

8. Copies of Notices, Bulletins, etc.

Copies of information are being drafted and will be submitted to the agency shortly.

9. Proposed Owner Notification Letter.

Due to the limited number of vehicles involved, owners of affected vehicles have been contacted via phone and instructed to visit a local Volvo retailer for remedy. A report indicating when the vehicles have been remedied will be sent to the agency shortly.


10. The Manufacturer's Campaign Number.

Volvo has assigned Volvo Campaign Number R196 to this Recall Campaign.

If you have any questions regarding this report please contact me at (201) 768-7300 ext. 7908, email akopstein@volvocars.com

Sincerely yours,

VOLVO CARS OF NORTH AMERICA, LLC.
Customer Service



Adam Kopstein

