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**National Highway
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Administration**

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NVS-215dgl
09V-061

SUBJECT: FRONT SUSPENSION LOWER A-ARM

DEAR MS. GAGNON:

This letter serves to acknowledge Prevost'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/VIP-45 MTH/2008
PREVOST/X3-45/2008
PREVOST/XLII-45 MTH/2008
PREVOST/XLII-45E MTH/2008

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-061

Mfg's Report Date: February 16, 2009

Components: SUSPENSION: FRONT: CONTROL ARM: LOWER ARM

Potential Number of Units Affected: 23

Summary:

PREVOST IS RECALLING 23 MY 2008 VIP-45 MTH, XLII-45 MTH, XLII-45E MTH AND X3-45 COACHES AND SHELLS. THE BOLTS ATTACHING THE INDEPENDENT FRONT SUSPENSION LOWER A-ARM MIGHT BE DEFECTIVE. THE DEFECT HAS BEEN CAUSED BY MATERIAL NOT UP-TO-THE SPECIFICATIONS.

Consequence:

THIS COULD CAUSE POTENTIAL LOSS OF CONTROL OF THE VEHICLE AND A CRASH COULD OCCUR WITHOUT WARNING.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL REPLACE THE BOLTS WITH CERTIFIED ONES FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING FEBRUARY 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PREVOST AT 418-831-5432.

Notes:

PREVOST RECALL NO. SR09-04. 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).

We have reviewed your proposed owner notification letter and it meets the requirements of Part 577.

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:

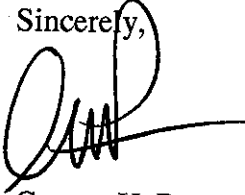
Copies of all notices, bulletins, dealer notifications, and other communications that relate to this recall, including a copy of the final owner notification letter and any subsequent owner follow-up notification letter(s), are required to be submitted to this office no later than 5 days after they are 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 Delia Lopez or Kelly Schuler, who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525 or 202-366-5227, or by email at Delia.lopez@dot.gov, or Kelly.Schuler@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', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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