



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

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NVS-215dgl
09V-190

SUBJECT: STEERING DRAG LINK TIE ROD END/DANA

DEAR MR. GERTRAND:

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 Federal law.

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/H3-41/2010
PREVOST/H3-45/2010
PREVOST/X3-45/2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 09V-190

Mfg's Report Date: May 20, 2009

Components: STEERING: LINKAGES: TIE ROD ASSEMBLY

Potential Number of Units Affected: 47

Summary:

PREVOST IS RECALLING 47 MY 2009 X3-45 AND MY 2010 H3-41, AND H3-45 COACHES EQUIPPED WITH DANA I-BEAM AXLE FRONT SUSPENSION. THE DIMENSION OF THE STEERING DRAG LINK TIE ROD END DOES NOT MEET THE MANUFACTURER'S REQUIREMENTS.

Consequence:

THE TIE ROD END COULD BREAK AND CREATE LOSS OF STEERING CONTROL, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

DEALERS WILL INSPECT THE DRAG LINK TIE ROD END AND REPLACE THE PART FREE OF CHARGE. THE RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING JUNE 2009. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PREVOST AT 418-883-2888.

Notes:

PREVOST RECALL NO. SR09-09. 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 contact for this recall will be Delia Lopez who may be reached by phone at 202-366-9525, or by email at 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 be 'G. Person', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

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