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Attn: Patricia Wallace (Patricia.Wallace@NHTSA.dot.gov)
(For assignment of recall number)

Re: PART 573 Defect and Noncompliance Report
Prevost Safety Recall SR09-04: Front Suspension fixation.

On February 12th 2009, Prevost decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exits in the motor vehicles listed below, and is furnishing notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 Defect and Noncompliance Reports.

This report was prepared February 16, 2009

1. Corporate Name of the fabricating manufacturer of the vehicles being recalled.

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Signed:

I. Vehicle Models

The recall population was determined as follows:

The defective assembly affects VIP-45 MTH Shells, XLII-45 MTH Shells, XLII-45E MTH Shells and X3-45 Coaches with independent suspension

with following production start dates: Beginning: 2008-01-28; Ending: 2008-03-21

- Vehicles potentially affected is as follows:

Model	VIN	
VIP-45 MTH Shells Model Year: 2008	2PCV334948C - 2PCV334918C - 2PCV334968C 2PCV334938C - 2PCV334978C - 2PCV334998C 2PCV334968C - 2PCV334928C - 2PCV334998C 2PCV334978C - 2PCV334968C	
XLII-45 MTH Shells Model Year: 2008	2PCW334968C 4 - 2PCW334978C	
XLII-45E MTH Shells Model Year: 2008	2PCY334908C - 2PCY334948C - 2PCY334928C 2PCY334978C 8 - 2PCY334998C - 2PCY334928C 2PCY334988C - 2PCY334928C - 2PCY334928C	
X3-45 Coaches Model Year: 2009	2PCG334939C	

- Approximate percentage of the production of all the recalled models manufactured by Prevost between the inclusive dates of manufacture provided above, that the recalled model population represents.
 - 100%

II. Recall Population

Total number of vehicles potentially affected by the Recall:

VIP-45 MTH Shells	11
XLII-45 MTH Shells	2
XLII-45E MTH Shells	9
<u>X3-45 coach:</u>	<u>1</u>
Total	23

- Approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect:
 - 85%
- All models that could potentially have one defective bolt were included in this recall.

III. Description of the Defect

- **Description:** On some vehicles, bolts fixing the independent front suspension lower a-arm might be defective.
- **Cause of the defective condition:** The defect has been caused by material not up-to-the specifications.
- **Consequence:** Potential loss of control of the vehicle and crash.
- **Warning that can precede:** The failure may occur without warning

IV. Chronology of the Defect Determination

May 2008 one broken bolt found on production line

May 2008 Investigation and testing concluded to possible defective bolt from a new supplier.

May 2008 All suspected bolt fabrication removed from stock and production units.

May 2008 Retrofit was planned for units sent to converters (final stage manufacturing)

February 2009 Retrofit at converters facility was determined not feasible and a safety recall was decided.

To date, no accidents, injuries nor fatalities have been reported.

V. Description of the Remedy

- The potentially defective bolts are clearly marked and easily identified. They will all be replaced by certified ones.
- The same remedy was performed in production.

VI. Recall Schedule

February 13th 2009	Decision from Management to proceed with a recall
February 13th 2009	Letter to converters requiring that shells involved be not delivered to end-customers before this recall is being completed.
February 19th 2009	Safety Recall to be mailed to customers

VII. Recall Communications

Final copy of bulletin will be sent to you shortly. Meanwhile, please find enclosed a draft copy of documents, for your review prior to mailing.

Please let us know the NHTSA notification campaign number assigned to this matter.
Best regards,

February 16th 2008

DEFECT NOTIFICATION


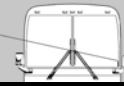
Dear Customer:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of U.S.A.

Prevost Car US (Inc) has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain 2008 VIP-45 MTH Shells, XLII-45 MTH Shells, XLII-45E MTH Shells and 2009 X3-45 Coaches with independent suspension.

Prevost Car US (Inc), as coach distributor, has recently noticed that:

On the vehicles listed below, bolts fixing the independent front suspension lower A-arm might be defective. This could cause potential loss of control and crash. If you are the owner or operator of such vehicle, it is of the utmost importance to have the bolts inspected and/or replaced per enclosed instructions. For more information or help on how to perform this safety recall, contact your service manager or the nearest service center.

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VIP-45 MTH Shells Model Year: 2008	2PCV334948C 2PCV334938C 2PCV334968C 2PCV334978C	- 2PCV334918C - 2PCV334978C - 2PCV334928C - 2PCV334968C	- 2PCV334968C - 2PCV334998C - 2PCV334998C
XLII-45 MTH Shells Model Year: 2008	2PCW334968C	- 2PCW334978C	
XLII-45E MTH Shells Model Year: 2008	2PCY334908C 2PCY334978C 2PCY334988C	- 2PCY334948C - 2PCY334998C - 2PCY334928C	- 2PCY334928C - 2PCY334928C
X3-45 Coaches Model Year: 2009	2PCG334939C		

CORRECTIVE ACTIONS:

You must refer to the enclosed Safety Recall no. 09-04 and perform the stated procedure. Federal regulation requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

REPORTING REQUIREMENT:

In order to verify and document the corrective action taken on your vehicle(s) pursuant to the requirements of the Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Regulations, we are enclosing a "**SAFETY RECALL CERTIFICATION**" sheet. When the vehicle(s) is (are) repaired, this (these) sheet(s) must be completed and returned to PRÉVOST CAR INC. head office.

LABOR & PARTS REIMBURSEMENT:

Prevost Car US (Inc) will reimburse you parts and labor incurred.

Federal laws require that you be informed of your right to notify the Department of Transportation if you are unable to have the defect remedied without charge. The address for this purpose is:

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
Washington, DC 20590
USA
Auto Safety Hotline: 1-888-327-4236.

If any assistance is required, please contact your local distributor or Prevost Car US (Inc) service department.

We regret any inconvenience which this situation may cause you. However, we are concerned about your safety; rest assured that PRÉVOST CAR INC. is making all efforts to remedy the defect as quickly as possible in the interest of motor vehicle safety.

Truly yours,



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