



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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REGULATORY COMPLIANCE MANAGER  
PREVOST CAR INC.  
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NVS-215dgl  
11V-135

**SUBJECT: FUEL TANK SUPPORT**

**DEAR MR. BERTRAND:**

This letter serves to acknowledge Prevost Car Inc's notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall campaign which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the vehicles listed below.

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/H3-45/2010-2011  
PREVOST/VIP-45/2011  
PREVOST/X3-45/2011

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 11V-135

**Mfg's Report Date:** February 24, 2011

**Components:** FUEL SYSTEM, OTHER: STORAGE: TANK ASSEMBLY

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 48

**Summary:**

PREVOST IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2010 H3-45, MODEL YEAR 2011 VIP-45 AND X3-45 MOTOR COACHES MANUFACTURED FROM OCTOBER 2010 THROUGH FEBRUARY 2011. THE WELDING ON THE FUEL TANK SUPPORTS IS INSUFFICIENT AND COULD LEADING TO THE METAL SUPPORTS CONTACTING THE GROUND.

**Consequence:**

SHOULD THE METAL SUPPORTS CONTACTING THE GROUND UNDERNEATH THE VEHICLE COULD RESULT IN AN UNDERCARRIAGE FIRE.

**Remedy:**

DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND ADD REDESIGNED SUPPORT BREAKS FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN DURING MARCH 2011. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PREVOST AT 418-883-2888.

**Notes:**

PREVOST RECALL NO. SR11-10. CUSTOMERS MAY 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 chronology of principal events in your defect report does not satisfy the requirements of 49 CFR 573.6. Please provide a chronology that meets the minimum requirements of 573.6(c)(6) including, but not limited to, a summary of the complaints and field information referenced, with dates of receipt, as well as the date when the production process modification was made.

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 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](mailto:Delia.lopez@dot.gov), or through the office email at [RMD.ODI@dot.gov](mailto:RMD.ODI@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer Timian  
Chief, Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation  
Enforcement