

**Volvo Trucks North America**

January 24, 2011

**Subject: New Safety Recall
RVXX1101, Engine Harness Ground Feedback****Attention:**

Associate Administrator for Enforcement
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E.
Washington, DC 20590

Submitted via Email to Delia Lopez

The following information is submitted in accordance with the requirements of 49 CFR Part 573.6 as it applies to a defect relating to motor vehicle safety.

573.6(c)(1)

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573.6(c)(2)

Certain 2011 VNL model vehicles manufactured from March 23, 2010 through December 22, 2010.

The selection of vehicles was based on part number.

573.6(c)(3)

There are approximately one thousand eight hundred forty seven vehicles affected.

573.6(c)(4)

The percentage of the vehicles expected to contain the defect is one hundred percent.

573.6(c)(5)

There exists the potential for the vehicle to start without warning because of an unintended path to ground that exists. This can occur when either the negative battery cable is disconnected at the battery/fusible link or if the fusible link opens as a result of a short circuit. This presents a risk of injury with nonoperational conditions such as when the vehicle is being serviced.



573.6 (c)(6)

Chronology of principle events that were the basis for the determination:

- 12/13/10 Investigation opened after receiving a field report.
- 12/17/10 Corrective action taken at manufacturing facility, affected vehicles placed on hold
- 1/17/11 Submitted to Product Safety Committee for recommendation.
- 1/18/11 Volvo determines that a safety related defect exists.
- 1/24/11 NHTSA notified that Volvo will initiate a voluntary safety recall

573.6(c)(7)

Not applicable

573.6(c)(8)

Volvo will initiate a voluntary owner notification, and recall all affected vehicles. The recall repair will consist of replacement of a wiring harness. The number, which has been assigned to this recall by Volvo, is **RVXX1101**.

Reimbursement for cost incurred by the owner for "prenotification remedies" will be addressed on a case-by-case basis according to the "General Plan for Reimbursement of Pre-notification Remedies" which was published December 8th, 2004.

A Safety Recall Alert will be released to dealers on or before January 26, 2011, which informs the dealers of the recall. Owner letters are tentatively scheduled to be mailed on or before March 18, 2011. An advance copy of the owner letter will be submitted to NHTSA for review and approval prior to release to the owners.

If there are any questions regarding this information, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tim L. LaFon", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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