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Subject: Recall Campaign SR11-10  
Fuel Tank Support  
Year Model 2010-2011 Prevost vehicles  
Initial Report

Dear Mrs Schuler:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act and 49 CFR Part 573.

Prevost has decided to conduct this safety action. Details of this action are included in the attached Preliminary Defect Report.

Further information will be provided to NHTSA as it becomes available.

Best regards,

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## Preliminary Defect Report

**Recall Campaign Number**                      Prevost SR11-10  
**Subject:**    Fuel Tank Support

### Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall:

- **Manufacturer:** Prevost
- **Models:**
  - VIP-45, year model 2011  
VIN: 2PCV33491BC711709 and 2PCVS3491BC711714
  - H3-45, year model 2010:  
From 2PCH33494AC711716 up to 2PCH3349XAC711719 incl;  
And year model 2011:  
From 2PCH33496BC711721 up to 2PCH33493BC711773
  - X3-45 year model 2011:  
2PCG33491BC735002 only.
- **Dates of Production:**                      Begin October 2010 , ending February 16<sup>th</sup> 2011

### Recall Population

- 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%
- Estimated number of vehicles potentially affected by the Recall: 48
- Approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect: 100%
- How the recall population was determined: the models recalled are those that were equipped with suspected p/n 032631 and 032904, from the time they began to be produced by the supplier;

### Description of the Defect

- **Description:** On some vehicles, it is possible that the welding on the fuel support breaks.
- **Cause of the defective condition:** Welding made by external supplier were not per requirements;
- **Consequence:** Loose metallic support could touch the ground underneath the vehicle which may create a risk of fire;
- **Warning that can precede:** The failure may occur without warning.

### Chronology in determining the Defect

February 15<sup>th</sup> 2011: Results of destructive tests on suspected production parts;  
February 21<sup>st</sup> 2011: Prevost took the decision to conduct a safety action, due to test findings;

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

## **Description of the Remedy**

Prevost has voluntarily decided that all suspected vehicles shall be inspected and supports shall be reinforced, free of charges.

## **Differences between the recall condition and the remedy**

TBC

## **How and when the recall condition was corrected in production.**

New supports are being redesigned and tested at the moment. Introduction date in production to be confirmed.

## **Recall Schedule**

March 2011: Parts expected to be available

March 2011: Safety recall expected to be mail out to customers.

As of now, no problems are foreseen with implementing the recall.

## **Recall Communications**

Preliminary and final copies of notice to customers will be sent shortly.