

SAFETY RECALL NOTICE

VOLVO

SAFETY RECALL RVXX1106

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**IMPORTANT SAFETY RECALL RVXX1106
NHTSA RECALL # 11V-460**

DEAR VOLVO TRUCK OWNER:

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

Volvo Trucks North America has decided that a defect, which relates to motor vehicle safety, exists in certain 2011 and 2012 model vehicles manufactured with the Fontaine Ultra LT fifth wheel.

SAFETY DEFECT: According to Fontaine, "during the coupling process with the Ultra LT model fifth wheel it is possible for the driver to partially close the fifth wheel lock, and if solely relying on a tug test (pull test), may think that the fifth wheel lock is properly coupled to the trailer king pin when in fact it is not properly coupled."

SAFETY RISK: If the driver drives away with a trailer that is not properly coupled, the trailer can come loose and potentially result in a vehicle crash.

PRECAUTIONS YOU CAN TAKE: There are no precautions you can take other than having your vehicle repaired by Fontaine.

TIME REQUIRED FOR THE REPAIR: The time required to repair your vehicle is approximately one hour.

WHAT YOU SHOULD DO: You should have been contacted by Fontaine to arrange repair of your vehicle. Your vehicle will be repaired at **no charge** to you. Please notify Regulatory Affairs at vtna.regulatoryaffairs@volvo.com once your vehicle has been repaired. We have supplied a list of vehicles that are affected.

If you have not been contacted by Fontaine, please notify Regulatory Affairs immediately. Please include the full VIN and contact information (Name, Address, Phone # and email address).

NOTICE REGARDING LEASED VEHICLES: If you are a Lessor of vehicles subject to this Notice, you have an obligation under Federal Law to provide a copy of this Notice to all Lessees within 10 days of your receipt of this Notice. Further, you must maintain a record, which identifies the Lessee(s) to whom you send a copy of this letter, the date you send this letter, and the Vehicle Identification Number(s) of the vehicle(s) that you have leased to that lessee. For purposes of this Notice, the term Lessor means: a person or entity that is the owner, as reflected on the vehicle's title, of any five or more leased vehicles (as defined in CFR Section 577.4), as of the date of notification by the manufacturer of the existence of a safety-related defect or non-compliance with a Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard in one or more of the leased motor vehicles.

**OWNER RECALL
RESPONSE CARD:**

The enclosed "Notice of Vehicle Recall" identifies your vehicle. If you no longer own the vehicle, please help us update our records by completing the "Vehicle Disposition Record" portion of the enclosed postage-free Notice of Mandatory Safety Campaign card and mailing it back to us.

**ASSISTANCE/
COMPLAINTS:**

If your vehicle has not been repaired within a reasonable time after being contacted by Fontaine, please contact:

Volvo Trucks North America
Regulatory Affairs Department,
P.O. Box 26115
Greensboro, NC 27402-6115
vtna.regulatoryaffairs@volvo.com

You may also submit complaints to the Administrator of the National Highway Safety Administration (1200 New Jersey Avenue, S.E., Washington DC 20590 or call the toll-free Auto Safety Hot Line at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY: 1-800-424-9153), or go to <http://www.safercar.gov> if you believe that Volvo has failed to remedy the defect without charge, or has failed to remedy the vehicle within 60 days of the owners first tender to obtain repair following the earliest time that parts are available.

**PRE NOTIFICATION
REMEDIES:**

If you have previously paid for repairs as a result of this issue, you may be entitled to recovery of those expenses.

Submit copies of all documentation supporting your claim according to the rules specified in the "General Plan for Reimbursement of Pre-notification Remedies" provided in this mailing.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause to your operation, but hope you will appreciate our sincere efforts to demonstrate Volvo's commitment to provide our customers with the best possible product.

VOLVO TRUCKS NORTH AMERICA