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**National Highway
Traffic Safety
Administration**

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12V-309

SUBJECT: AUTOMATIC FIRE DETECTION AND SUPPRESSION SYSTEM

DEAR MR. BERTRAND:

This letter serves to acknowledge Prevost Car Inc.'s, (Prevost) 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/H3-45/2008-2010
PREVOST/X3-45/2009-2010
PREVOST/MTH XLII-45E/2009

NHTSA Campaign Number: 12V-309

Mfr's Report Date: June 25, 2012

Components: EQUIPMENT

Potential Number of Units Affected: 98

Summary:

PREVOST IS RECALLING CERTAIN MODEL YEAR 2008-2010 H3-45, MODEL YEAR 2009-2010 X3-45, AND MODEL YEAR 2009 MTH XLII-45E VEHICLES, ALL EQUIPPED WITH VOLVO D13 ENGINES AND AN AUTOMATIC FIRE DETECTION AND SUPPRESSION SYSTEM (AFSS). THE AFSS LINEAR THERMAL DETECTOR MAY COME IN CONTACT OR RUB AGAINST BRACKETS OR CLAMPS.

Consequence:

IF THIS OCCURS, THE AFSS MAY ACTIVATE WITH NO FIRE PRESENT AND THE STOP ENGINE FEATURE WILL BE ACTIVATED, BRINGING THE VEHICLE TO AN UNPLANNED STOP, INCREASING THE RISK OF A CRASH.

Remedy:

PREVOST WILL NOTIFY OWNERS AND DEALERS WILL INSPECT AND SECURE THE LINEAR THERMAL DETECTOR, FREE OF CHARGE. THE SAFETY RECALL IS EXPECTED TO BEGIN IN JULY 2012. OWNERS MAY CONTACT PREVOST CAR INC., SERVICE DEPARTMENT TOLL-FREE AT 1-866-870-2046 OR 1-418-831-2046.

Notes:

THE PREVOST RECALL CAMPAIGN NUMBER IS SR12-20. 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 events leading up to your safety defect decision appears is incomplete. Please provide a chronology of events in accordance with 49 CFR 573.6(c)(6) that, at a minimum, includes a summary of all warranty claims, field or service reports, and other information, with their dates of receipt.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit a draft owner notification letter to this office no less than five days prior to mailing it to the customers. Also, 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 Edison Thompson who may be reached by phone at 1-202-366-9525, or by email at Edison.Thompson@dot.gov, or through the office email at RMD.ODI@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you toward a successful completion of this recall campaign.

Sincerely,



For

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