



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. DENY BETRAND  
REGULATORY COMPLIANCE MANAGER  
PREVOST CARS, INC.  
35 BOULEVARD GAGNON  
STE-CLAIRE, QUÉBEC -CANADA, 00 G0R 2V0

NVS-215ET  
12V-435

**Subject:** Automatic Fire Detection and Suppression System

Dear Mr. BETRAND:

This letter serves to acknowledge PREVOST CARS, INC.'s notification to the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA) of a safety recall which will be conducted pursuant to Federal law for the product(s) 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/X3-45/2013  
PREVOST/XLII-45 ENTERTAINER/2013

**Mfr's Report Date:** September 4, 2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-435

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 15

**Problem Description:**

Prevost is recalling certain model year 2013 X3-45 and MTH XLII-45E vehicles, all equipped with Volvo D13 engines and an automatic fire detection and suppression system (AFSS). The AFSS linear thermal detector wire may come in contact with or chafe against its supporting tie cables.

**Consequence:**

If the detector wire chafes it may cause the AFSS to activate with no fire present and, as a result, the stop engine feature will be activated, bringing the vehicle to an unplanned stop and increasing the risk of a crash.

**Remedy:**

Prevost will notify owners, and dealers will add a protection cloth to the linear thermal detector wire at the location of tie cable, free of charge. The safety recall is expected to begin during September 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 SR12-29. 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>.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to provide an estimated date including month, day, and year, when you will send notifications to owners, dealers, and distributors as soon as it becomes available. Please be reminded that it is expected owners will be notified of a safety defect in their vehicles within 60 days of a manufacturer's notification to NHTSA of a safety defect in those vehicles. 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.

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 202-366-9525, or by email at [edison.thompson@dot.gov](mailto:edison.thompson@dot.gov) or through the office email at [rmd.odi@dot.gov](mailto:rmd.odi@dot.gov). We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

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