



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

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NVS-215KS  
12V-564

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

Dear Mr. Bertrand:

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/X3-45/2011-2012

**Mfr's Report Date:** December 3, 2012

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 12V-564

**Components:**  
EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 87

**Problem Description:**

Prevost is recalling certain model year 2011-2012 X3-45 coach buses manufactured June 3, 2010, through August 25, 2011 and equipped with an Automatic Fire Detection and Suppression System (AFSS). As built, the affected vehicles have the AFSS storage tank in the engine compartment. High temperatures in the engine compartment area may cause the pressure relief valve to release the contents of the AFSS storage tank.

**Consequence:**

If the event of a fire, the AFSS may not operate as designed, increasing the risk of injury to the coach occupants.

**Remedy:**

Prevost will notify owners, and dealers will relocate the extinguisher storage tank, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin in late December 2012. Owners may contact Prevost at 1-418-883-2888 x 6558.

**Notes:**

Prevost's campaign recall number is SR12-47. Owners may also contact the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236 (TTY 1-800-424-9153), or go to [www.safercar.gov](http://www.safercar.gov).

We have received Prevo's proposed owner notification letter and it is currently under review. You will be notified of any changes or concerns once our review is complete.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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 Kelly Schuler who may be reached by phone at (202) 366-5227, or by email at [kelly.schuler@dot.gov](mailto:kelly.schuler@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,



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