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Subject: Recall Campaign SR12-47
Automatic Fire Suppression System (AFSS) Extinguisher Cylinder Relocation
Some Model Year 2011-2012 X3-45 Prevost Coaches
Defect Report

Hi:

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 Defect Report.

Best regards,



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- **Cause of the defective condition:** safety pressure relief valve not withstanding engine compartment temperatures.
- **Consequence:** In case of fire, AFSS system would not work as planned.
- **Warning that can precede:** gauge will indicate zero pressure instead of normal pressure.

Chronology in determining the Defect

April 2011	Supplier (Kidde) requested Prevost to relocate extinguisher cylinder out of engine compartment
August 29 th 2011	Relocation of extinguisher on vehicles newly produced
November 2011	Results of Investigation on defective vehicles in service
February 3 rd 2012	Release of kit for modifying vehicles in service
March 22 2012	Prevost launched Warranty Bulletin WB12-05
November 28th 2012	Following discussions with ODI, Prevost took the decision to perform a safety recall

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

Description of the Remedy

Prevost has voluntarily decided that all suspected vehicles shall have their extinguisher cylinder relocated in the third luggage compartment – street side, free of charge.

Differences between the recall condition and the remedy

Recalled vehicles have their extinguisher cylinder located in the engine compartment;
The remedy will relocate the extinguisher cylinder.

How and when the recall condition was corrected in production.

Vehicles produced after August 29th 2011 are compliant.

Recall Schedule

December 2012: Safety recall is expected to be mail out to customers who have not yet performed wb12-05.

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

Recall Communications

Copies of notice to customers and bulletin will be sent shortly, for your review.