



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

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NVS-215KS  
13V-021

**Subject:** Missing Side Reflectors/FMVSS 108

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/H3-45/2013  
PREVOST/X3-45/2013  
PREVOST/XLII-45 ENTERTAINER/2013

**Mfr's Report Date:** January 15, 2013

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 13V-021

**Components:**

EXTERIOR LIGHTING

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 23

**Problem Description:**

Prevost is recalling certain model year 2013 X3-45, H3-45, and XLII-45 Entertainer coach buses and coach bus shells manufactured September 25, 2012, through November 29, 2012 for failing to conform to the requirements of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) number 108, "Lamps, Reflective Devices, and Associated Equipment." The buses may have missing side reflectors.

**Consequence:**

The absence of reflectors could reduce the ability for others to see the bus, increasing the risk that another vehicle may crash into the bus.

**Remedy:**

Prevost will notify owners, and dealers will add side reflectors, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin during February 2013. Owners may contact Prevost at 1-418-883-2888 x 6558.

**Notes:**

Prevost's campaign recall number is SR13-05. 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).

The information in your report suggests that Prevest became aware of the noncompliance on or around November 28, 2012. Please explain why Prevest did not make a noncompliance decision immediately after the lack of functionality was identified.

Under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a), it is illegal for anyone, including a manufacturer, distributor, dealer, or retailer to sell an item of equipment or vehicle that fails to comply with all applicable Federal motor vehicle safety standards.

We have received Prevest'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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