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Subject: Recall Campaign SR13-08
Drag Link Collars
Preliminary 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. Further information will be sent to you as they become available.

Best regards,



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Defect Report

Recall Campaign Number Prevost SR13-08
Subject: Drag Link turnbuckle

Vehicle Models Involved in the Recall:

- **Manufacturer:** Prevost
- **Models:**
 - Some H3-40, 41 & 45 Coaches
Model Year 1993 up to 2013 incl.
 - Some H3-45 VIP Coach Shells
Model Year & VIN TBC

Dates of Production: December 1993 ending February 12th 2013;

Recall Population

- Recalled vehicles from December 1993 to a determined VIN in MY 2010 may have the defect if they have been modified in service. Recalled vehicle from this determined VIN of MY 2010 to February 12th 2013 all have the defect.
- Estimated number of vehicles potentially affected by the Recall: TBD
- Approximate percentage of the total number of vehicles estimated to actually contain the defect: TBD
- How the recall population was determined: the models recalled are those manufactured during the production dates above and equipped with I beam suspension

Description of the Defect

- **Description:** On the vehicles involved, a bolt of the drag link adjustment collar may come in contact with the pitman arm under certain conditions.
- **Cause of the defective condition:** wrong position of the collar combined with over torqueing of the retaining bolt. An error in the collar installation instructions have made starting on some MY 2010
- **Consequence:** This could lead to a sudden drag link turnbuckle fracture, vehicle control loss and crash.
- **Warning that can precede:** None.

Chronology in determining the Defect

Jan 25 th 2013	1 st incident reported on a 2004 model year coach
Jan 28 th	Investigation started
Feb 7 th 2013	2 nd incident reported on a model year 2010 coach
Feb 11 th 2013	Investigation concluded that the locking collar was not positioned correctly and interference was created in sharp turn. Extreme cold temperature may be a contributing factor of the part failure. Both incidents occurred within 2 weeks in Quebec cold weather. These are the only incidents reported in 19 years.
Feb 12 th 2013	Prevost took the decision to perform a safety recall.

To date, 2 incidents have been reported, but no injuries nor fatalities.

Description of the Remedy

Prevost has voluntarily decided that all suspected vehicles shall have their drag link inspected and if needed, the subject part replaced free of charge. For vehicles produced before the modification to collar positioning, the turnbuckle will be replaced if it has been repositioned in service and interference was possible. For all others, the turnbuckle will be replaced. Also special warning and instructions in maintenance documentation will be distributed to avoid a wrong positioning of the collar.

Differences between the recall condition and the remedy

See Description of the Remedy;

How and when the recall condition was corrected in production.

They were corrected immediately when the cause of the defect was found.

Recall Schedule & Communications

To follow