



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

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Washington, DC 20590

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Mr. Tim Lafon  
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Prevost Cars, Inc.  
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NVS-215KS  
14V-096

**Subject:** Fire Suppression System may Fail

Dear Mr. Lafon:

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/X3/2011-2012  
PREVOST/XLII/2011-2012

**Mfr's Report Date:** February 28, 2014

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 14V-096

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 9

**Problem Description:**

Prevost Cars, Inc. (Prevost) is recalling certain model year 2011-2012 XLII and X3 shell converted coaches manufactured with an Automatic Fire Suppression System (AFSS) pressure tank in the engine compartment. In the affected vehicles, due to engine compartment temperatures, the AFSS pressure relief tank may discharge its fire extinguishing agent.

**Consequence:**

If the AFSS tank discharges and there is a vehicle fire, the Automatic Fire Suppression System will be unavailable to assist in extinguishing the vehicle fire, increasing the risk of injury.

**Remedy:**

Prevost will notify owners, and dealers will relocate the pressure relief tank, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin by early April 2014. Owners may contact Prevost at 1-877-773-8678. Prevost's number associated with this recall is SR14-16.

**Notes:**

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).

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

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. Also, 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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jennifer Timian". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

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