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Subject: Recall Campaign **SR14_16**
AFSS Relocation

Dear Jennifer,

On behalf of Prevost, I want to inform you that we have determined that a safety related defect exists on certain Prevost vehicles equipped with an Automatic Fire Suppression System (AFSS). Therefore, Prevost will release a voluntary safety recall to address the vehicles that may have been manufactured with an AFSS pressure tank located in the engine compartment. The details are provided in the pages that follow.

Owner notification letters will be sent no later than 60 days from the time of this notice.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

Best regards,



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Defect Report

Recall Campaign Number Prevost SR14-16
Subject: AFSS Relocation

Manufacturer:

Prevost a division of Volvo Group Canada, Inc. (“Prevost”)

Models/ Model Years:

Model Year 2011 and 2012 XLII Shell and X3 Shell Converted Coaches, manufactured with an AFSS pressure tank in the engine compartment.

Recall Population:

The total number of vehicles affected by the recall that were imported in the United States is nine (9). The percentage of the population containing the defect is one hundred percent.

Description of the Defect

The cylinder’s pressure relief valve may not withstand engine compartment temperatures, which can result in loss of the extinguishing agent (i.e. nitrogen).

If a fire occurs, the system would not be available to assist with extinguishing the fire, which may increase the risk of personal injury.

There have been no reports of injuries associated with this defect; therefore, Prevost considers this as a proactive measure to protect the public and Prevost’s customers from risk of personal injury.

Chronology:

- 11/27/13 NHTSA requests information on Prevost field report
- 11/27/13 Prevost notifies Volvo Group Regulatory Affairs department of inquiry.
Volvo Group Regulatory Affairs opens an investigation
- 12/18/13 Volvo Group Regulatory Affairs department presents preliminary
information to NHTSA
- 2/12/13 Investigation complete.
- 2/20/14 Information presented to Product Safety Committee. Product Safety
Committee determines that a safety-related defect exists
- 2/28/14 Prevost notifies the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration of the
safety-related defect

To date, there is one field report. There have been no reports of vehicle fires or personal injury.

Description of the Remedy

The recall repair will involve relocating the pressure tank.

Reimbursement for cost incurred by the owner for “prenotification remedies” will be addressed on a case-by-case basis according to the Volvo Group North America’s “General Plan for Reimbursement of Pre-notification Remedies” which was published October 28, 2013.

Recall Communications

Owner notification will occur within 60 days of this notice. An advanced copy of the owner notification letter will be submitted for review and approval prior to release.