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Submitted via Email to rmd.odi@dot.gov

Subject: **Recall Campaign SR14-26
Seat Belt**

Dear Jennifer,

On behalf of Prevost, I want to inform you that we have determined that a safety-related defect exists in certain Prevost model vehicles. 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 SR14-26
Subject: Seat Belt

Manufacturer:

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

Component Manufacturer:

Grupo Amaya-Astron
Fulton #6, Fraccionamiento Industrial San Nicolás
Tlalnepantla, Edo. de México, México, C.P. 54030

Models/ Model Years:

Certain vehicles manufactured from May 1, 2010 to November 7, 2013 with Amaya seats with a seat base that can be raised to accommodate wheel chairs.

2010-2013 X3-45 Seated Coaches
2010-2014 H3-45 Coaches

The selection of vehicles was based on the vehicle configuration and seat type.

Recall Population:

The total number of vehicles affected by the recall that were imported in the United States is one hundred forty six (146). The percentage of the population containing the defect is unknown.

Description of the Defect

The seat base when raised and lowered may rub against the seat belt. This presents a risk that the seat belt may be damaged over time and may fail if a crash occurs. If the seat belt fails during a crash, the occupant may be injured.

Chronology:

- 11/25/13 Prevost reports potential seat belt issue to the Volvo Group North America’s Regulatory Affairs department. Investigation opened
- 12/18/13 Volvo Group North America Regulatory Affairs department informs NHTSA of the investigation
- 12/19/13 Meeting with Amaya to share information on potential issue.
- 1/6/14 Amaya conducts test

- 3/25/14 Volvo Group Regulatory Affairs department notifies NHTSA that investigation is complete, and Product Safety Committee meeting scheduled
- 4/10/14 Product Safety Committee determines that a safety-related defect exists
- 4/17/14 Safety –related defect report submitted to NHTSA

To date, there are three reports of damaged belts. There have been no reports of injuries associated with this safety-related defect.

Description of the Remedy

Prevost will contact the owners of the affected vehicles and inspect and replace all damaged seat belts. The seat belt attachment point to the seat will be changed to remove the risk of damage when raising and lowering the seat.

Reimbursement for cost incurred by the owner for “prenotification remedies” will be addressed on a case-by-case basis according to the Volvo Trucks “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.