



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  
15V-119

**Subject:** Kidde Handheld Fire Extinguisher

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/H3-41/2014-2015  
PREVOST/H3-45/2014-2015  
PREVOST/H3-45 VIP/2014-2015  
PREVOST/X3-45/2014-2015  
PREVOST/X3-45 VIP/2014-2015  
PREVOST/XLII-45/2014-2015

**Mfr's Report Date:** February 26, 2015

**NHTSA Campaign Number:** 15V-119

**Components:**

EQUIPMENT

**Potential Number of Units Affected:** 291

**Problem Description:**

Prevost Cars, Inc. (Prevost) is recalling certain model year 2014-2015 Prevost XLII-45, X3-45, X3-45 VIP, H3-41, H3-45, and H3-45 VIP motorcoaches manufactured July 23, 2013, to November 28, 2014, and equipped with certain Kidde plastic valve disposable handheld fire extinguishers. These fire extinguishers may not fully discharge as designed when the lever is pressed.

**Consequence:**

In the event of a fire, if the fire extinguisher does not work correctly, there is an increased risk of injury to the bus occupants.

**Remedy:**

Prevost will notify owners, and dealers will inspect and replace the fire extinguisher if necessary, free of charge. The recall is expected to begin March 27, 2015. Owners may contact Prevost customer service at 1-877-773-8678. Prevost's number for this recall is SR15-03.

**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).

Please be reminded that under 49 U.S.C. § 30112(a)(3), it is illegal for a manufacturer, to sell, offer for sale, import, or introduce or deliver into interstate commerce, a motor vehicle or item of motor vehicle equipment that contains a safety defect once the manufacturer has notified NHTSA about that safety defect. This prohibition does not apply once the motor vehicle or motor vehicle equipment has been remedied according to the manufacturer's instructions.

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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Enforcement