

U.S. Department of Transportation

National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

August 21, 2015

BRUNO DIGENNARO Volvo Cars of N.A., LLC 1 VOLVO DRIVE ROCKLEIGH, NJ 07006 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE Washington, DC 20590

NVS-215SM 15V-497

Subject: Inflatable Curtain Air Bag May Improperly Deploy

Dear BRUNO DIGENNARO:

This letter serves to acknowledge Volvo Cars of N.A., LLC'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:

VOLVO/XC90/2016

Mfr's Report Date: August 12, 2015

NHTSA Campaign Number: 15V-497

Components:

AIR BAGS:SIDE/WINDOW

Potential Number of Units Affected: 3,911

Problem Description:

Volvo Cars of N.A., LLC (Volvo) is recalling certain model year 2016 Volvo XC90 vehicles manufactured January 27, 2015, to July 10, 2015. The third row seating side curtain air bags may not fully inflate.

Consequence:

Underinflated air bags may not fully protect third row occupants, increasing the risk of injury in the event of a crash.

Remedy:

Volvo will notify owners, and dealers will modify the D-pillar interior panels to allow full inflation of the third row airbags, free of charge. The manufacturer has not yet provided a notification schedule. Owners may contact Volvo Customer Care at 1-800-458-1552.

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.



NHTSA has received Volvo's draft owner notification letter and approved it for distribution.

Please be reminded of the following requirements:

You are required to submit 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 Sarah Mcshane who may be reached by phone at 202-366-7401, or by email at sarah.mcshane@dot.gov or through the office email at rmd.odi@dot.gov. We look forward to working with you.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Timian

Chief, Recall Management Division Office of Defects Investigations

Enforcement

